Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2019 Community Engagement in Research Seed Grants
Info Session
February 7, 2019
Goals for the Session

• Seed Grant Program Purpose/Eligibility
• Application and Review Process
• Resources
• Q&A
Community-Engaged Research

- Bidirectional exchange of expertise between academics (scientific experts) & communities (local, cultural, practice experts) resulting in informed decision-making about design/conduct/use of research

- **Broad spectrum**: minimal to equal partnership in all aspects

Principles of Engagement
ARCC 2019 Seed Grant Goals

• Support community-engaged research partnership and project development

• Lay the groundwork for the development of community-engaged research projects/proposals for external funding
2019 Seed Grants- 2 types of awards

- Partnership Development Awards
  - Similar to Partnership Development grants awarded in earlier rounds
  - Up to $5K, Up to 12 months
  - Link to Research Pilot award in future rounds

- Research Pilot Awards
  - Up to $25 (max request, not per year), Up to 24 months
Spectrum of Engagement

May be partnerships or projects to explore

– community-based participatory research (CBPR)

– patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR)

– or other types of engaged research collaborations
  • Including mechanisms for engaging underrepresented communities in clinical research

– Can be focused on any type of research- e.g. public health/population health research, clinical research, etc.
Partnership Development Grants

• Intended to support *newly developing partnerships*

• Possible activities:
  – Relationship building, Exploring areas of shared interest/compatible skills, Engaging addtl. partners
  – Defining roles/responsibilities of partners
  – Developing partnership/engagement infrastructure/processes
  – Building capacity of community and academic partners
  – Planning future collaboration and proposals
Research Pilot Grants

• Intended to support *existing partnerships*

• Required activities:
  
  – **Must** include some form of *data collection* or *analysis*
  
  – Should also include focus on partnership sustainability & capacity
Possible data collection/analysis activities:

– identifying, collecting, and/or analyzing new needs/assets assessment or pilot data

– reviewing and/or interpreting existing data

– developing/pilot testing new interventions
Eligibility

- Applications must be developed & submitted jointly by a community-academic partnership (community/faith/public organization and Northwestern faculty member)

- For assistance in connecting with possible partners, contact ARCC as soon as possible
Priorities

- Alignment with Healthy Chicago 2.0 priorities and/or Northwestern Memorial Hospital Priority Health Needs

- For partnership award: applicants who haven’t received ARCC grant before or are new to engaged research

- For research award: partnerships who previously received/completed ARCC partnership grant
Healthy Chicago 2.0: Research projects should

- Address high hardship & low childhood opportunity areas priorities

- Reference specific objective in plan

- Address specific strategy in plan

- Build on data from HC 2.0 metrics and/or Chicago Health Atlas (www.chicagohealthatlas.org)
Priority Alignment with NMH


• Access to Healthcare Services
• Chronic Disease (including Obesity & Heart Disease)
• Injury & Violence
• Mental Health
Awards

• Not a predetermined number of funded projects (based on submission quality)

• Budget - don’t ask for max if not necessary

• No matching required
Pre-Application Call

• Before submission, **requirement** to talk with ARCC director Jen Brown to discuss fit & feasibility of potential proposal ideas.

• **Mandatory & no later than March 27**

• [jenbrown@northwestern.edu](mailto:jenbrown@northwestern.edu)
Application Submission

- Submission through online NUCATS-NITRO competitions system
- Separate competition/application submission for Partnership Development & Research Pilot
- Online form requires abstract & contact info but majority of application is uploaded documents posted on ARCC site & part of application site
  - Application Form
  - Budget
  - Budget justification
- Online submission must be by NU faculty or staff
- Application can be edited up until deadline
Partnership Development Application

- Project title
- Contact info for submitting partners (community & academic co-PIs)
- Abstract (same as NITRO form)
- Partnership Description
- Partnership Development Activities
- Desired Outcomes
- Priority Focus
- Optional supplemental docs & check boxes
Research Pilot Application

- Project title
- Contact info for submitting partners (community & academic co-PIs)
- Abstract (same as NITRO form)
- Pilot Research Description
- Partnership Description
- Desired Outcomes
- Priority Focus
- Optional supplemental docs & check boxes
Budget

• Must use budget form provided on ARCC website

• No required form for budget justification.

• Split budget (proportions determined by team):
  – $ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic co-PI
  – $ for community partner/related expenses go to community co-PI

Possible expenses

• partnership meetings
• participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/stakeholders
• project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics, collect/analyze data)
Review Process

- Review by experienced faculty & community partners

- Criteria: Strong science and strong collaboration
  - Quality and feasibility of community and academic partner engagement
  - Quality and feasibility of proposed activities
  - Potential for future research collaboration and funding
  - Potential for positive community impact.

- In-person NIH-style review meeting with full group of reviewers

- Applicants will receive feedback on their applications
Guidance from past grants

• Must have **research** focus- not conducting research but planning, preparing, seeking funding for research

• Clearly show community interest/involvement

• Don’t have overly ambitious expectations

• Build on other support, if you have it

• Connect to future research and opportunities

• Incorporate use of ARCC/CCH resources (training, materials, services, etc.)
Timeline

• Discuss idea with ARCC Director

Now until March 27

• Application Deadline

April 11

• Funding decisions communicated

May-June
Other Possible Funding Opps

Voucher & Pilot Programs

- Open to all NU faculty & partners collaborating w/NU faculty
- Focus includes pilot/prep for external funding
- Predominantly for NUCATS ‘services’ e.g. data analysis
- Voucher program
  - Up to $2,500. Ongoing submission. Response within 2 weeks.
  - 500 word application
- Pilot Program
  - Up to $20,000. Submission deadlines: Early Spring 2019
  - 1000 word application
  - Research Dissemination & Implementation pilots
National Resources

- Patient & Family Engagement Rubric
- Sample Patient Engagement Plans

https://www.ccphealth.org/

http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/what-we-mean-engagement

Community-Based Public Health Caucus

PCHP - Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action
Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities

Celebrating 10 years of engagement and action

Mission: to catalyze and support meaningful community and academic engagement across the research spectrum to improve health and health equity
Resources

• Contact ARCC/CCH staff
• Happy to give feedback on drafts if received by March 27
• Sample full proposals- seeking updated samples
• Monthly Resources & Opportunities listing

• Online ARCC Resource Directory
  www.ARCCresources.net
Upcoming

- 2/14: Community-Friendly IRB Certification Training
- 2/28: Conducting Research with Chicago & Evanston Schools
- ARCC 2019 Partnership Award Call for Nominations—due 3/8
- Mid-Late March: ARCC Learning Exchange: Meet the People in Your Network
- 3/19: Creating pre & post-program surveys for program evaluation. Lurie Children’s Evaluation Core
www.ARCConline.net

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