Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2020 Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants
Partnership Development
Info Session
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, lived experience experts) to increase value of research for improving health equity

- **Broad spectrum**: minimal to equal partnership in all aspects
ARCC 2020 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
2020 Seed Grants- 2 types of awards

• Partnership Development Awards
  – Up to $5K, Up to 12 months
  – Two cycles in 2020

• 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
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 2.0/2025 priorities and/or Northwestern Memorial Hospital 2019 Priority Health Needs

• Applicants who haven’t received ARCC grant before or are new to engaged research

• Focus on equity
Priority Alignment with HC2.0

**Healthy Chicago 2.0/2025:** Research projects should

- Address high hardship & low childhood opportunity areas priorities (pages 4 & 5)
- Reference specific goal in plan & how advancing goal
- Address root causes of health (pages 15-27 in plan)
- Informed by data from Chicago Health Atlas ([www.chicagohealthatlas.org](http://www.chicagohealthatlas.org)) and/or HC2025 data compendium
Priority Alignment with NMH


• Access to Healthcare & Community Resources
• Social Determinants of Health
  – Economic Vitality & Workforce Development
  – Structural Inequities
  – Violence and Community Safety
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 May 14**

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

- Significance of issue to be addressed
- Brief description of partnership (history/capacity/roles)
- Brief description of grant aims & activities. Including:
  - how grant award will lead to: sustained partnership, future research collaboration & funding, positive community impact
  - timeline & milestones
  - potential hurdles & how they will be addressed
- Alignment with priority(ies)
- Budget & budget justification
Budget

- Must use budget form provided on ARCC website
- No required form for budget justification.
- Split budget (proportions determined by partnership):
  - $ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic lead
  - $ for community partner/related expenses go to community lead

Possible expenses
- partnership meetings, training
- participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/stakeholders
- project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics)
Review Process

• Review by experienced faculty & community partners

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

• 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

• Focus on equity

• 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
- Application Deadline
- Funding decisions communicated

Deadlines

- Now until May 14
- May 22
- Late June
Resources

- Contact ARCC/CCH staff
- Happy to give feedback on drafts received by May 14
- Sample full proposals
- Monthly Resources & Opportunities listing
- Monthly ARCC Community Office Hours
- Online ARCC Resource Directory www.ARCCresources.net
Other Possible Funding Opps

**Voucher & Pilot Programs**

- Open to all NU faculty & partners collaborating w/NU faculty
- **Voucher**: Up to $2,500. 500 word application. Ongoing submission. Response within 2 weeks.
- **Pilot**: Up to $25,000. 1000 word application. Next deadline: Summer 2020
  - *Research Dissemination & Implementation pilots*

**Practice-Based Seed Grants**

- Support for primary care clinicians/practices & NU researchers on partnership development ($10K) or research collaboration ($25K)
- **Deadline**: March 6, 2020
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Celebrating 12 years of engagement and action

www.ARCConline.net
Center for Community Health

Consultations & Stakeholder-Academic Resource Panels (ShARPs)

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

Dissemination & Implementation Program
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