

# American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical & Translational Research Program (AI/AN CTRP)

## Small Grants for Community Health & Research Capacity Request for Proposals

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Applications being accepted on a rolling basis

Funding Cycle: August 1, 2018–July 31, 2019

The American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical & Translational Research Program (AI/AN CTRP) is requesting proposals to enhance community health and research capacity. Funding will be awarded to support organizations, communities, institutions, and investigators to build research partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities in Montana and Alaska.

### **Project Description:**

The Small Grants for Community Health & Research Capacity is designed to support community-based, collaborative projects that focus on health-related initiatives of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities in Alaska and Montana. The grants seek to build capacity for research partnerships and collaboration by encouraging and supporting community-based organizations in project leadership roles. Awardees will receive a maximum of \$10,000 for direct costs for the approved project. Indirect costs will be limited to up to 10% of direct costs and can be added to the direct cost amount. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis; awarded projects must spend all awarded funds by July 31, 2019.

### **Eligible Organizations:**

1. *Community-based Organizations:*
  - A. Health care organizations, tribal health departments, nonprofit organizations, urban Indian centers, AI/AN schools and health initiatives.
  - B. All organizations must provide a DUNS#
    - Must have a current mission statement
    - Must be located in Montana or Alaska
2. *Partner Organizations or Institutes:*
  - A. Eligible organizations and institutions include, but are not limited to:
    - University of Alaska - Anchorage
    - University of Alaska - Fairbanks
    - Montana State University
    - University of Montana
    - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
    - Southcentral Foundation
    - Tribal Colleges and Universities in Montana and Alaska

- B. *Tribal Colleges and Universities* may serve as both the community-based organization and partner organization or institute, as long as their roles are clearly defined and the proposed activities align with the mission to build capacity for research partnerships.

### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Requirements: (*all criteria must be met to be considered for funding*)
  - A. Project Leaders or Principal Investigators from community-based organizations are designated and demonstrate the ability to complete the implementation, dissemination, and reporting duties of the project.
  - B. Collaborators from partner organizations or institutes are not required, but if they are included, the application demonstrates their ability to fulfill the responsibilities of partnership.
  - C. Project addresses specific health outcomes (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, suicide, mental health, substance abuse use disorders, etc.) through prevention and community-based activities such as education, training, conferences, school events, community needs assessment, awareness campaigns, and capacity-building activities.
  - D. Project activities work toward a long-term goal of bridging community health needs with future research opportunities.
  
2. Priorities: (*although not required, projects will be awarded points for each criterion listed below*)
  - A. Project is community driven.
  - B. Primary organization is a tribal health center, tribal agency, tribal college or university, or other non-profit tribal organization.
  - C. The proposal includes both a Community-based Organization and a Partner Organization.
  - D. Project Leaders from community-based organizations are American Indian or Alaska Native.
  - E. Proposed project activities benefit or involve American Indian or Alaska Native students.
  - F. Proposed project focuses on substance use disorders.
  - G. Letters of support (community organizations, tribal council, and/or academic partner).
  - H. Curriculum Vitae for academic partner (if applicable).

### **Exclusions:**

1. Proposals that include humans as research participants or animals in research are not eligible
2. Awards cannot be made to individuals who are not part of an organization.
3. Staff of the AI/AN Clinical & Translational Research Program may not serve as Project Leader

### **Submission Requirements:**

#### Required Pre-proposal Submission:

1. Proposals can be submitted through the [electronic portal](#). Applicants are required to coordinate with the AI/AN CTRP.

*After registering with an e-mail address and creating a password, the portal requests a*

*preliminary information about the project idea, such as a title, what community you plan on working within, and a short summary of your ideas. The purpose of gathering this information is to be able to match you and your project with the most appropriate AI/AN CTRP members and resources.*

2. Prior to full submission, consultation with Jordan Lewis-CTRP Community Engagement and Outreach Core Director, is required. Note: Jordan Lewis will contact each project leader within 7-10 days after pre-proposal submission.
3. Submit proposals at: <https://aian-applications.health.umt.edu/public/login>

For inquiries, please contact: Dr. Jordan Lewis: [jplewis@alaska.edu](mailto:jplewis@alaska.edu); (907) 786-4708.

If you'd like to be included on announcements and updates regarding this call for applications, please [join our e-list](https://umt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enwKJ8UgraPRaZ) ([https://umt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_enwKJ8UgraPRaZ](https://umt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enwKJ8UgraPRaZ)).