

American Indian-Alaska Native Clinical Translational Research Program (AI-AN CTRP)

Special Request for Proposals

Small Grants for Community Health and Research Capacity

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Applications are accepted any time before May 31, 2019

The American Indian Alaska Native Clinical Translational Research Program (AI-AN CTRP) is announcing a special request for proposals to enhance community health and research capacity. Funding will be awarded to support organizations, communities, institutions, and investigators to build research partnerships.

Project Description:

The Small Grants for Community Health and Research Capacity is designed to support community-based, collaborative projects that focus on health initiatives of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI-AN) communities that are located in Alaska or Montana. The grants seek to build capacity for research partnerships and collaboration between community-based organizations and academic research partners. 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; funded projects may start as early as August 1, 2018 and all funds must be spent by July 31, 2019.

Priority will be given to proposals that address substance abuse, including, but not limited to, methamphetamine and opioid addiction. Proposals addressing all priority health issues in AI-AN communities will be considered; set aside funds are available for the special emphasis area on addiction.

Eligibility:

1. Initiatives that include humans as research participants or animals in research are not eligible for this award.
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 Leaders.
4. Community-based organization must provide confirmation of a formal collaboration or partnership with an academic institution.

Community-based Organizations:

- Include health care organizations, tribal health organizations, tribal colleges and universities (TCUs), and Nonprofit organizations (501c3 status). All organizations must provide a DUNS #
- Must have a current mission statement
- Must be located in Montana or Alaska

Partner Organizations or Institutes:

- Eligible organizations and institutions include, but are not limited to:
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities in Montana and Alaska
 - University of Alaska Anchorage
 - University of Alaska Fairbanks
 - University of Montana
 - Montana State University
 - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
 - Southcentral Foundation
 - Tribal Health Organizations

5. Tribal colleges 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 organization are designated and demonstrate the ability to complete the implementation, dissemination, and reporting duties of the project.
- B. Collaborators from partner organization or institutes are designated and
 - (1) Demonstrate the ability to fulfill the responsibilities of partnership and
 - (2) Provide a letter or support that identifies their specific involvement in proposed activities.
- C. Project addresses specific health outcomes (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, suicide, mental health, opioid abuse, substance abuse, etc.) through prevention and community-based activities such as education, training, conferences, school events, community needs assessment, awareness campaigns, and capacity-building activities for academic-community partnership.
- 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. Project Leaders from community-based organizations are American Indian or Alaska Native.
- D. Partner organizations or institutes 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 abuse.
- G. Proposed project aims to build capacity for research partnerships between community-based organizations and academic research partners.

Submission Requirements:

Required Pre-proposal Submission:

1. The [electronic portal](#) is designed to facilitate the communication and submission of proposals. Applicants for Community and Small awards are required to coordinate with the Community Engagement and Outreach (CEO) core prior to submitting an application.
 - 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 CEO core members and resources.
2. Prior to full submission, consultation with the AI-AN CTRP Community Engagement and Outreach Core (CEOC) is required. Contact Tony Ward, CEO core director for more information: Tony.ward@umontana.edu or 406.243.4092. Note: the CEOC will contact each project leader within 7-10 days after pre-proposal submission.
3. Application materials should be submitted here: <https://aian-applications.health.umt.edu/public/login>

Contact Richard White, AI-AN CTR Program Coordinator, for additional questions.
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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_enwKJ8UrgraPRaZ) (https://umt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enwKJ8UrgraPRaZ)