

ANNOUNCEMENT

Florida Department of Health Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program Competition for Cancer Research Grants

November 2, 2012

The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program announces the opening of competitions and release of the Calls for Grant Applications for **Bridge Grants and **Technology Transfer Feasibility Grants**.**

All researchers from Florida public and private colleges and universities, and established research institutions operating within Florida are eligible to apply.

While the Program does not intend to abandon its longstanding commitment to support Florida's early-career researchers, it is not issuing a Call for New Investigator Research grants at this time. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council is undertaking a review of and consulting with various research partners and stakeholders, including state government leadership, about the most impactful ways to invest our precious resources. As soon as these new directions are clear, the Program will give the research community as much advance notice of the objectives and focus of future Calls for Grant Application as possible.

Grant Types and Timelines

1. Bridge Grants

The intent of the Bridge mechanism is to provide interim support for promising cancer investigator-initiated research projects that have been highly rated by national panels of peer reviewers in recent federal competitions but were not funded due to budgetary constraints. Allowable federal competitions include those conducted by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, the National Science Foundation, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Maximum Award Amount: \$200,000

Award Period: 1 year

Competition Start: on or near November 2, 2012

Competition End/Applications Due: January 18, 2013

Anticipated Award Announcements: April 1, 2013 and June 7, 2013

Anticipated Grant Start: May 1, 2013 or July 1, 2013

2. Technology Transfer Feasibility (TTF) Grants

TTF Grants offer early stage funding in order to develop intellectual property and improve its commercial potential and competitiveness for later development activities, including company formation or partnering with private interests. Projects should be designed to establish the technical/scientific merit and feasibility needed to attract commercial interest.

Maximum Award Amount: \$100,000

Award Period: 1 year

Competition Start: on or near November 2, 2012

Competition End/Applications Due: January 18, 2013

Anticipated Award Announcements: April 1, 2013 and June 7, 2013

Anticipated Grant Start: May 1, 2013 or July 1, 2013

TTF Grant applications will undergo scientific peer review and funding decisions will be based upon those scientific merit scores.

What Happens Next?

- Review the Calls for Grant Applications at http://floridabiomed.com/bc_call. The Calls include application instructions; please review these as you are completing the application to ensure compliance with all application requirements.
- Register at www.floridabiomed.com/login.html to gain access to the GrantEase online application system. All applications must be submitted via GrantEase.
- The question and answer period for submitting programmatic questions is now open. The Calls for Grant Applications provide the question/answer process and timeframes. Please thoroughly review the Calls and the currently posted questions and answers (at http://floridabiomed.com/bc_qa.html) before submitting your programmatic question. Anytime you need technical assistance, contact Solix at (816) 347-9449.
- The same grant types are also being offered through the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program for diseases related to tobacco use. For more information, go to http://www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call.
- If you know other people who would be interested in receiving information on this or other research opportunities through this Program, we encourage you to forward this email to them. They can click on the following link to subscribe to receive Program notices: [subscribe](#).

General Program Information

The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program, established in section (s.) 381.922, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, seeks to advance progress toward cures for all types of cancer regardless of cause through grants awarded using a peer-reviewed competitive process.

The Bankhead-Coley Program has three long-term goals:

1. Significantly expand cancer research capacity in the State.
2. Improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks.
3. Reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups.

The Program receives a portion of the revenues deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund from the cigarette user fee imposed by s. 210.02, *F.S.*

Cancer Relatedness

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to cancer. Biomedical and biotechnological research projects must address the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of cancer. Social scientific and behavioral proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. Proposed projects that do not or cannot demonstrate a close relationship with advancing progress toward cures for cancer or endeavor to dramatically improve cancer morbidity or mortality will not be funded.

National Cancer Institute Designation

The James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program have received the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as a funding organization with approved peer review and funding systems. This designation means that institutions can include cancer-related Program awards (with the exception of Shared Instrument Grants) in the required research base for Cancer Center Support and the NCI Cancer Center designation. It also provides external validation of our grant awards process.

Visit www.floridabiomed.com for complete details about the James & Esther King Biomedical Research and Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research programs.