

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Florida Department of Health James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program Competition for Tobacco-related Research Grants

November 2, 2012

**The James & Esther King Biomedical 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 tobacco-related 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/jek\\_call](http://floridabiomed.com/jek_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](http://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/king\\_qa.html](http://floridabiomed.com/king_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 Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program for all types of cancer. For more information, go to [www.floridabiomed.com/bc\\_call](http://www.floridabiomed.com/bc_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 James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program, established in section (s.) 215.54602, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, supports research for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of diseases related to tobacco use.

The King Program has five long-term goals:

- Improve the health of Floridians by researching the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of diseases related to tobacco use
- Expand the foundation of biomedical knowledge relating to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of diseases related to tobacco use
- Improve the quality of the state's academic health centers
- Increase the state's per capita funding for biomedical research
- Stimulate economic activity in the state in areas related to biomedical research

Part of Program funding comes from interest earned on a portion of the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund, a fund established with monies received from the tobacco industry through Florida's tobacco lawsuit settlement agreement. The Program also 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.*

### **Tobacco Relatedness**

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to tobacco use or the diseases related to tobacco use. Biomedical and biotechnological research proposals must address the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of diseases related to tobacco use such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease. Social scientific and behavioral proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to tobacco control, tobacco education, prevention of tobacco use, or nicotine addiction; and/or address the health needs of current and/or former tobacco users. Proposals that do not or cannot demonstrate the relatedness between tobacco use and the proposed project 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](http://www.floridabiomed.com) for complete details about the James & Esther King Biomedical Research and Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research programs.**