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1. ABOUT CPRIT

The state of Texas has established the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), which may issue up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to fund grants for cancer research and prevention.

CPRIT is charged by the Texas Legislature to do the following:

- Create and expedite innovation in the area of cancer research and in enhancing the potential for a medical or scientific breakthrough in the prevention of or cures for cancer;
- Attract, create, or expand research capabilities of public or private institutions of higher education and other public or private entities that will promote a substantial increase in cancer research and in the creation of high-quality new jobs in the state of Texas; and
- Develop and implement the Texas Cancer Plan.

1.1. Prevention Program Priorities

Legislation from the 83rd Texas Legislature requires that CPRIT's Oversight Committee establish program priorities on an annual basis. The priorities are intended to provide transparency in how the Oversight Committee directs the orientation of the agency's funding portfolio. The Prevention Program's principles and priorities will also guide CPRIT staff and the Prevention Review Council on the development and issuance of program-specific Requests for Applications (RFAs) and the evaluation of applications submitted in response to those RFAs.

Established Principles:

- Fund evidence-based interventions and their dissemination
- Support the prevention continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary (includes survivorship) prevention interventions

Prevention Program Priorities

- Prioritize populations disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence
- Prioritize geographic areas of the state disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence
- Prioritize underserved populations

2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

2.1. Summary

The ultimate goals of the CPRIT Prevention Program are to reduce overall cancer incidence and mortality and to improve the lives of individuals who have survived or are living with cancer. The ability to reduce cancer death rates depends in part on the application of currently available evidence-based technologies and strategies.

People who use tobacco products or who are regularly around [environmental tobacco smoke](#) have an increased risk of cancer because tobacco products and secondhand smoke contain many chemicals that damage DNA. Tobacco use causes many types of cancer, and there is no safe level of tobacco use. People who quit smoking, regardless of their age, have substantial gains in life expectancy compared with those who continue to smoke. Also, quitting smoking at the time of a cancer diagnosis reduces the risk of death.¹

Tobacco use accounts for at least 30% of all cancer deaths, causing 83% of lung cancer deaths in men, and 76% of lung cancer deaths in women.² Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related mortality in Texas; 9,438 deaths are expected in 2016.³

The **Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Screening (TCL)** award mechanism seeks to fund programs on tobacco prevention and cessation, as well as screening for early detection of lung cancer. Through release of this RFA, CPRIT's goal is to stimulate more programs across the state thereby providing greater access for underserved populations and reducing the incidence and mortality rates of tobacco-related cancers.

This RFA seeks to promote and deliver evidence-based programming designed to significantly increase tobacco cessation among adults and/or prevent tobacco use by youth. In addition to evidence-based interventions for tobacco prevention and cessation, screening to detect cancer early, before it has spread, can reduce lung cancer mortality. For the early detection of lung cancer, the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends annual lung cancer screening with low-dose computerized tomography (LDCT) for persons between the ages of 55 and 77 years old who have a history of heavy smoking (30 pack years or more) and who currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved coverage and reimbursement for lung cancer screening for

individuals 55 to 77 years of age that meet their criteria. CMS also has eligibility criteria for radiologists and facilities delivering the screening services (<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=274>).

CPRIT will support programs screening individuals aged 55 to 77 that follow the CMS criteria for screening, radiologists, and facilities. CMS also requires delivery of smoking cessation counseling if LCDT screening is offered; however, for funding through this mechanism, CPRIT requires that robust evidence-based cessation interventions that go beyond offering only a referral or provision of information about smoking cessation interventions be delivered (see [section 2.3](#) for details).

Programs proposed under this mechanism should be designed to reach and serve as many people as possible. Partnerships with other organizations that can support and leverage resources are strongly encouraged. A coordinated submission of a collaborative partnership program in which all partners have a substantial role in the proposed project is preferred.

2.2. Project Objectives

CPRIT seeks to fund projects that will address objectives listed under Option A **or** Option B:

A. Tobacco Prevention and Cessation for any age group

- Promote and deliver evidence-based programming designed to significantly increase tobacco cessation among adults and/or prevent tobacco use by youth including combustible cigarettes, oral tobacco products and/or electronic devices that deliver nicotine.
- Increase the adoption and sustained implementation of evidence-based strategies by state and local public health agencies designed to reduce tobacco use.
- Increase the adoption and implementation of evidence-based strategies designed to mobilize communities, improve systems and programs to influence societal norms, and encourage and support individuals in adoption of tobacco prevention and cessation behaviors.
- Increase the adoption and sustained implementation of evidence-based strategies by clinicians designed to reduce tobacco use.

- Stimulate the creation, adoption, and implementation of evidence-based strategies and policies designed to significantly improve the effectiveness of health care or other systems in reducing tobacco use among the patients and employees of those systems.
- Focus on underinsured and uninsured population groups by implementation of strategies and activities that may significantly reduce tobacco use and cancer-related disparities.

B. Lung Cancer Screening, Early Detection, and Cessation for individuals 55 to 77 years of age

- Develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to significantly increase use of LDCT screening for earlier detection of lung cancer following the USPSTF criteria and definition of high-risk populations (history of 30 pack years of smoking, individuals between 55 and 77 years of age who currently smoke or who have quit smoking within the past 15 years), as well as meet CMS eligibility criteria for radiologists and facilities.
- Deliver evidence-based programming designed to significantly increase tobacco cessation among adults 55 to 77 years old that are being screened or considered for screening.
- Deliver education for health care providers that includes, but is not limited to, earlier detection of lung cancer, diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer, tobacco cessation programming, and comprehensive behavioral health change initiatives.
- Increase shared decision-making between the health care provider and patients about eligibility, risks, and benefits of lung LDCT screening.
- Stimulate the creation, adoption, and implementation of evidence-based strategies and policies designed to significantly improve the effectiveness of health systems in reducing tobacco use among the patients being screened or considered for screening.
- Focus on underinsured and uninsured population groups by implementation of strategies and activities that may significantly reduce tobacco use and cancer-related disparities.

2.3. Award Description

The Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Screening RFA solicits applications for projects that may be up to 36 months in duration that will deliver evidence-based interventions focused on tobacco prevention (prevent tobacco use or sustained abstinence) and tobacco cessation among youth and/or adults. This RFA will also support LDCT screening for populations eligible for this intervention as defined by CMS if paired with evidence-based cessation interventions for the population to be screened.

As detailed below, projects may propose comprehensive tobacco cessation programs for youth and/or adults, **(Option A)**, or projects may propose programs that include comprehensive tobacco cessation programs plus LDCT lung cancer screening for eligible participants aged 55 to 77, **(Option B)**, but not both.

CPRIT's priorities include a focus on underserved populations and the targeting of areas and populations where significant disparities exist. Projects should propose to develop, adopt, and implement strategies and activities that have the potential to significantly reduce tobacco use and cancer-related disparities and serve underinsured and uninsured population groups. If addressing worksites, projects should focus on worksites that are likely to have limited or no health insurance; eg, part-time or hourly workers. (See priority populations, [section 2.4](#)).

Proposals are encouraged to incorporate evidence-based interventions such as those found in Community Guide to Reducing Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke Exposure; CDC Policies and Practices for Cancer Prevention: Lung Cancer Screening Programs; CDC Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs; and American College of Chest Physicians/American Thoracic Society Policy statement on Components Necessary for High Quality Lung Cancer Screening. In addition USPSTF guidelines and CMS criteria must be met if providing LDCT screening.

Required Components

Option A. Tobacco Prevention and Cessation services

Projects under this option for tobacco prevention and cessation services without LDCT screening must provide:

- Evidence-based tobacco prevention and tobacco cessation education and services for adults and/or youth that include behavioral as well as pharmacotherapy interventions. Effective cessation interventions include individual, group, and telephone counseling as well as FDA-approved cessation medications. Programs may include prevention and cessation of any product that delivers nicotine, including combustible cigarettes, oral tobacco products, and/or electronic devices.

In addition, projects should include SOME combination of the following:

- Evidence-based strategies delivered by public health officials (eg, state or local public health agencies) designed to reduce tobacco use and increase the adoption and sustained implementation of tobacco control programs;
- Evidence-based strategies designed to mobilize communities, improve systems and programs to influence societal norms, and encourage and support individuals in adoption of prevention and cessation behaviors (eg, NCI RTIPS interventions);
- Evidence-based strategies designed to improve the knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of health care providers in providing direct tobacco cessation interventions (eg, 5 A's approach); and
- Evidence-based strategies designed to improve the efficacy/effectiveness of health systems in tobacco cessation, including changes in how health systems approach tobacco cessation (eg, integration into EMRs, clinical workflows, well visit protocols).

Option B. Lung Cancer screening and early detection services plus cessation services

Projects under this option that includes lung cancer LDCT screening and relevant diagnostic interventions in addition to robust evidence-based tobacco cessation interventions must include **ALL** of the following:

- LDCT lung cancer screening must be provided according to CMS and USPSTF guidelines.

- LDCT lung cancer screening facilities and radiologists must meet CMS requirements.
- Education for health care providers that includes, but is not limited to, earlier detection of lung cancer, diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer, tobacco cessation programming, and more comprehensive behavioral health change initiatives.
- Strategic educational initiatives for both the health care provider and patients focused on patient-centered health care that involves shared decision-making about eligibility, risks and benefits, and implementation of lung LDCT.
- The development, adoption and implementation of robust evidence-based tobacco cessation interventions for individuals 55 to 77 years of age before screening as well as post LDCT screening. In cases where screening results are normal, cessation interventions begun before the results of screening are received may increase the motivation to continue with cessation treatments.
- Cessation interventions must be comprehensive and robust and integrated with the screening program. Cessation interventions must involve more than handing out educational materials or referral to either the Quitline or other cessation resources and include behavioral as well as pharmacotherapy interventions. Cessation services offered outside the clinic setting require a formal agreement/memorandum of understanding for patient follow-up and confirmation of behavioral changes for the patients referred. Patient cessation outcomes are to be reported to CPRIT.
- The development, adoption, and implementation of improvements in health and health care systems that can increase the effectiveness of tobacco and cancer control (ie, integration into EMRs, clinical workflow, and well visit protocols).
- The development, adoption, and implementation of procedures and protocols for frequent follow-up of patients to assess not only participation but successful outcomes regarding accessing cessation services, sustained abstinence, and outcomes known to be related to sustained cessation.
- The development, adoption, and implementation of system policies and protocols that include but are not limited to who should be offered screening within the USPSTF guidelines, frequency of screening, who should be followed, and who should proceed to surgical resection.

- Recognizing that there are false positives and false negatives in LDCT screening, the development, adoption, and implementation of evidence-based protocols for abnormal LDCT results.
- Patient navigation into treatment when cancer is diagnosed. Applicants must describe the resources available for treatment of uninsured patients.

CPRIT's services grants are intended to fund prevention interventions that have a demonstrated evidence base and are culturally appropriate for the priority population.

CPRIT recognizes that evidence-based services have been developed but not implemented or tested in all populations or service settings. In such cases, other forms of evidence (eg, preliminary evaluation or pilot project data) that the proposed service is appropriate for the population and has a high likelihood of success must be provided. The applicant must fully describe the base of evidence and any plans to adapt and evaluate the implementation of the program for the specific audience or situation.

CPRIT encourages traditional and nontraditional collaborative partnerships as well as leveraging of existing resources and dollars from other sources. A collaborative partnership is one in which all partners have a substantial role in the proposed project. Letters of commitment describing their role in the partnership are required from all partners.

CPRIT expects measurable outcomes of supported activities, such as a significant increase over baseline (for the proposed service area) in the provision of evidence-based services, changes in provider practice, systems changes, and cost-effectiveness. Applicants must demonstrate how these outcomes will ultimately impact incidence, mortality, morbidity, or quality of life.

Under this RFA, CPRIT **will not** consider the following:

- **Projects focusing solely on case management/patient navigation services.** Case management/patient navigation services must be paired with tobacco prevention or cessation services. Furthermore, while navigation to the point of treatment of cancer is required when cancer is discovered through a CPRIT-funded project, applications seeking funds to provide coordination of care while an individual is in treatment are not allowed under this RFA.

- **Projects focusing on tobacco prevention and cessation education without the delivery of cessation or other clinical services.** Such projects may apply to the Cancer Prevention Promotion and Navigation to Clinical Services RFA.
- **Projects requesting CPRIT funding for Quitline services.** Applicants proposing the utilization of Quitline services should communicate with the Tobacco Prevention and Control program prior to submitting a CPRIT grant application to discuss the services currently offered by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
- **Projects involving prevention/intervention research.** Applicants interested in prevention research should review CPRIT's Research RFAs (available at <http://www.cprit.texas.gov>).⁴

2.4. Priorities

Types of Cancer: Only projects proposing tobacco control interventions and lung cancer screening will be considered for funding.

Priority Populations: The age of the priority population and frequency of screening plans for provision of clinical services described in the application must comply with established and current national guidelines (eg, US Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF], American Cancer Society, American College of Physicians).

Priority populations are subgroups that are underserved and disproportionately affected by cancer. While some insured individuals may fall within these definitions, insured populations are not the target of CPRIT's programs. CPRIT-funded efforts must address 1 or more of these priority populations:

- Underinsured and uninsured individuals;
- Geographically or culturally isolated populations;
- Medically unserved or underserved populations;
- Populations with low health literacy skills;
- Geographic regions or populations of the state with higher prevalence of cancer risk factors (eg, obesity, tobacco use, alcohol misuse, unhealthy eating, sedentary lifestyle);
- Racial, ethnic, and cultural minority populations; or

- Other populations with low screening rates, high incidence rates, and high mortality rates, focusing on individuals never before screened or who are significantly out of compliance with nationally recommended screening guidelines.

Geographic and Population Priority: For applications submitted in response to this announcement, at the programmatic level of review conducted by Prevention Review Council (see [section 5.1](#)), priority will be given to projects that target geographic regions of the state and population subgroups that are not adequately covered by the current CPRIT Prevention project portfolio (see <http://www.cprit.texas.gov/prevention/resources-for-cancer-prevention-and-control> and <http://www.cprit.texas.gov/funded-grants>).

2.5. Specific Areas of Emphasis

CPRIT has identified the following areas of emphasis for this cycle of awards.

<u>Primary Prevention</u>
Tobacco Prevention and Control
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable and high-risk populations, including people with mental illness, history of substance abuse, youth, and pregnant women, that have higher tobacco usage rates than the general population. • Areas that have higher smoking rates per capita than other areas of the state. Public Health Regions (PHR) 4, 5, and 9 have significantly higher tobacco use among adults than in other regions of the state.
<u>Secondary Prevention - Screening and Early Detection Services</u>
Lung Cancer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreasing disparities in incidence and mortality rates of lung cancer in racial/ethnic populations. Blacks have higher mortality rates than Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites. • Increasing screening/detection rates in PHR 2, 4, and 5, where the highest rates of cancer incidence and mortality are found.

2.6. Outcome Metrics

The applicant is required to describe final outcome measures for the project. Interim or output measures that are associated with the final outcome measures should be identified in the project plan and will serve as a measure of program effectiveness and public health impact. Applicants are required to clearly describe their assessment and evaluation methodology. **Baseline data for each measure proposed are required.** In addition, applicants should describe how funds from the CPRIT grant will improve outcomes over baseline. If the applicant is not providing baseline data for a measure, the applicant must provide a well-justified explanation and describe clear plans and method(s) of measurement to collect the data necessary to establish a baseline.

Reporting Requirements

Funded projects are required to report quantitative output and outcome metrics (as appropriate for each project) through the submission of quarterly progress reports, annual reports, and a final report.

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- Quarterly progress report sections include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Summary page, including narrative on project progress (required);
 - Services, other than clinical services, provided to the public/professionals;
 - Actions taken by people/professionals as a result of education or training;
 - Clinical services provided (county of residence of client is required); and
 - Precursors and cancers detected.
- Annual and Final progress report sections include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Key accomplishments, including qualitative analysis of policy change and/or lasting systems change and;
 - Progress toward goals and objectives, including percentage increase over baseline in provision of age- and risk-appropriate education and navigation services to eligible individuals in a defined service area; for example:
 - Percentage increase over baseline in number of people served;

- Percentage increase over baseline in number of education and navigation services provided;
 - Percentage increase over baseline in cancers and precancers detected, if applicable;
 - Percentage increase in early-stage cancer diagnoses in a defined service area, if applicable.
- Materials produced and publications;
 - Economic impact of the project.

2.7. Eligibility

- The applicant must be a Texas-based entity, such as a community-based organization, health institution, government organization, public or private company, college or university, or academic health institution.
- The applicant is eligible solely for the grant mechanism specified by the RFA under which the grant application was submitted.
- The designated Program Director (PD) will be responsible for the overall performance of the funded project. The PD must have relevant education and management experience and must reside in Texas during the project performance time.
- The evaluation of the project must be headed by a professional who has demonstrated expertise in the field and who resides in Texas during the time that the project is conducted.
- An applicant is not eligible to receive a CPRIT grant award if the applicant PD, any senior member or key personnel listed on the grant application, or any officer or director of the grant applicant's organization or institution is related to a CPRIT Oversight Committee member.
- The applicant may submit more than 1 application, but each application must be for distinctly different services without overlap in the services provided. Applicants who do not meet this criterion will have all applications administratively withdrawn without peer review.

- If an organization has a current CPRIT grant that is the same or similar to the prevention intervention being proposed, the applicant must explain how the projects are nonduplicative or complementary.
- If the applicant or a partner is an existing DSHS contractor, CPRIT funds may not be used as a match, and the application must explain how this grant complements or leverages existing state and federal funds. DSHS contractors who also receive CPRIT funds must be in compliance with and fulfill all contractual obligations within CPRIT. CPRIT and DSHS reserve the right to discuss the contractual standing of any contractor receiving funds from both entities.
- Collaborations are permitted and encouraged, and collaborators may or may not reside in Texas. However, collaborators who do not reside in Texas are not eligible to receive CPRIT funds. Subcontracting and collaborating organizations may include public, not-for-profit, and for-profit entities. Such entities may be located outside of the state of Texas, but non-Texas-based organizations are not eligible to receive CPRIT funds.
- An applicant organization is eligible to receive a grant award only if the applicant certifies that the applicant organization, including the PD, any senior member or key personnel listed on the grant application, or any officer or director of the grant applicant's organization (or any person related to 1 or more of these individuals within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity), has not made and will not make a contribution to CPRIT or to any foundation created to benefit CPRIT.
- The applicant must report whether the applicant organization, the PD, or other individuals who contribute to the execution of the proposed project in a substantive, measurable way, (whether slated to receive salary or compensation under the grant award or not), are currently ineligible to receive federal grant funds because of scientific misconduct or fraud or have had a grant terminated for cause within 5 years prior to the submission date of the grant application.
- CPRIT grants will be awarded by contract to successful applicants. CPRIT grants are funded on a reimbursement-only basis. Certain contractual requirements are mandated by Texas law or by administrative rules. Although applicants need not demonstrate the ability to comply with these contractual requirements at the time the application is submitted, applicants should make themselves aware of these standards before submitting

a grant application. Significant issues addressed by the CPRIT contract are listed in [section 6](#). All statutory provisions and relevant administrative rules can be found at <http://www.cprit.texas.gov>.

2.8. Resubmission Policy

- **Two resubmissions** are permitted. An application is considered a resubmission if the proposed project is the same project as presented in the original submission. A change in the identity of the PD for a project or a change of title for a project that was previously submitted to CPRIT does not constitute a new application; the application would be considered a resubmission.
- Applicants who choose to resubmit should carefully consider the reasons for lack of prior success. Applications that received overall numerical scores of 5 or higher are likely to need considerable attention. All resubmitted applications should be carefully reconstructed; a simple revision of the prior application with editorial or technical changes is not sufficient, and applicants are advised not to direct reviewers to such modest changes. A 1-page summary of the approach to the resubmission should be included. Resubmitted applications may be assigned to reviewers who did not review the original submission. Reviewers of resubmissions are asked to assess whether the resubmission adequately addresses critiques from the previous review. **Applicants should note that addressing previous critiques is advisable; however, it does not guarantee the success of the resubmission.** All resubmitted applications must conform to the structure and guidelines outlined in this RFA.

2.9. Continuation/Expansion Policy

- For the FY17.2 application receipt cycle, instead of a separate Competitive Continuation/Expansion RFA, an opportunity to apply for a continuation/expansion award is included with each eligible award mechanism. Therefore, a grant recipient that has previously been awarded grant funding from CPRIT may submit an application under this mechanism to be considered for a continuation/expansion grant. The eligibility criteria described in [section 2.7](#) also apply to continuation/expansion applications. Before submitting an application for this award, applicants must consult with the Prevention

Program Office (see [section 7.2](#)) to determine whether it is appropriate for their organization to seek continuation/expansion funding at this time.

- Continuation/Expansion grants are intended to fund continuation or expansion of currently or previously funded projects that have demonstrated exemplary success, as evidenced by progress reports and project evaluations, and desire to further enhance their impact on priority populations. Detailed descriptions of **results, barriers, outcomes, and impact of the currently or previously funded project are required** (see outline of Continuation/Expansion Summary, [section 4.4.8.1](#)).
- Proposed continuation/expansion projects should NOT be new projects but should closely follow the intent and core elements of the currently or previously funded project. Established infrastructure/processes and fully described prior project results are required. Improvements and expansion (eg, new geographic area, additional services, new populations) are strongly encouraged but will require justification. Expansion of current projects into geographic areas not well served by the CPRIT portfolio (see maps at <http://www.cprit.texas.gov/prevention/cprit-portfolio-maps/>), especially rural areas or subpopulations of urban areas that are not currently being served, will receive priority consideration. CPRIT expects measurable outcomes of supported activities, such as a significant increase over baseline (for the proposed service area). It is expected that baselines will have already been established and that continued improvement over baseline is demonstrated in the current application. However, in the case of a proposed expansion where no baseline data exist for the priority population, the applicant must present clear plans and describe method(s) of measurement used to collect the data necessary to establish a baseline. Applicants must demonstrate how these outcomes will ultimately impact cancer incidence, mortality, morbidity, or quality of life.
- CPRIT also expects that applications for continuation **will not** require startup time, that applicants can demonstrate that they have overcome barriers encountered, and that applicants have identified **lasting systems changes** that improve results, efficiency, and sustainability. Leveraging of resources and plans for dissemination are expected and should be well described.

2.10. Funding Information

Applicants may request any amount of funding up to a maximum of \$1.5 million in total funding over a maximum of 36 months for new or continuation/expansion projects. Grant funds may be used to pay for clinical services, navigation services, salary and benefits, project supplies, equipment, costs for outreach and education of populations, and travel of project personnel to project site(s). Requests for funds to support construction, renovation, or any other infrastructure needs or requests to support lobbying will not be approved under this mechanism. Grantees may request funds for travel for 2 project staff to attend CPRIT's biennial conference. Applicants offering screening services must ensure that there is access to treatment services for patients with cancers that are detected as a result of the program and must describe access to treatment services in their application.

While this mechanism will fund diagnostic workup of abnormal LDCT results, applicants are encouraged to find additional sources to support the more costly diagnostic tests that may be needed. Proposed programs should be designed to reach and serve as many people as possible, and costly diagnostic tests could limit the reach of the program. Review of the proposals includes budget considerations such as the cost per person served and whether the budget is appropriate and reasonable and a good investment of Texas public funds.

The budget should be proportional to the number of individuals receiving programs and services, and a significant proportion of funds is expected to be used for program delivery as opposed to program development. In addition, CPRIT seeks to fill gaps in funding rather than replace existing funding, supplant funds that would normally be expended by the applicant's organization, or make up for funding reductions from other sources.

State law limits the amount of award funding that may be spent on indirect costs to no more than 5% of the **total** award amount.

2.11. Opportunity for Applied Research

Since lung cancer screening has only recently become an approved screening tool and may occur in a variety of settings, there remain many questions and opportunities for continued study to optimize the pairing of smoking cessation services with lung cancer screening and to improve the outcomes of lung cancer screening. CPRIT encourages successful applicants to consider how

they might leverage a Prevention grant award and the population being screened to address these or other research questions, and apply to CPRIT's Academic Research program. The CPRIT Academic Research Program will release a Prevention Research IIRA in early 2018.

Examples of potential research questions:

- What are the most effective components of outreach and education strategies designed to influence underserved populations to make good decisions about their health and participate in shared decision-making and lung cancer screening?
- What are the most formidable barriers influencing the initiation of tobacco cessation counseling and lung cancer screening among underserved population groups?
- What are the most effective components of evidence-based cessation interventions delivered in conjunction with LDCT screening?
- What are effective shared decision-making interventions for LDCT?
- What is the cost-effectiveness of LDCT alone and/or in conjunction with various evidence-based interventions for tobacco cessation?
- What are the most effective evidence-based protocols for diagnostic work up of lung nodules in community settings?
- Can risk models be developed to define subgroups that might disproportionately benefit or be harmed with LDCT screening?
- What is the role of biomarkers in LDCT screening?

3. KEY DATES

RFA

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Application

Online application opens December 1, 2016, 7 AM central time

Application due March 2, 2017, 3 PM central time

Application review June 2017

Award

Award notification August 2017

Anticipated start date September 2017

Applicants will be notified of peer review panel assignment prior to the peer review meeting dates.

4. APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

4.1. *Instructions for Applicants* document

It is imperative that applicants read the accompanying instructions document for this RFA (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Requirements may have changed from previous versions.

4.2. Online Application Receipt System

Applications must be submitted via the CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). **Only applications submitted through this portal will be considered eligible for evaluation.** The PD must create a user account in the system to start and submit an application. The Co-PD, if applicable, must also create a user account to participate in the application. Furthermore, the Authorized Signing Official (a person authorized to sign and submit the application for the organization) and the Grants Contract/Office of Sponsored Projects Official (an individual who will help manage the grant contract if an award is made) also must create a user account in CARS. Applications will be accepted beginning at 7 AM central time on December 1, 2016, and must be submitted by 3 PM central time on March 2, 2017. Detailed instructions for submitting an application are in the *Instructions for Applicants* document, posted in CARS. **Submission of an application is considered an acceptance of the terms and conditions of the RFA.**

4.3. Submission Deadline Extension

The submission deadline may be extended for 1 or more grant applications upon a showing of good cause. All requests for extension of the submission deadline must be submitted via email to the CPRIT HelpDesk. Submission deadline extensions, including the reason for the extension, will be documented as part of the grant review process

4.4. Application Components

Applicants are advised to follow all instructions to ensure accurate and complete submission of all components of the application. Refer to the *Instructions for Applicants* document for details.

Submissions that are missing 1 or more components or do not meet the eligibility requirements will be administratively withdrawn without review.

4.4.1. Abstract and Significance (5,000 characters)

Clearly explain the problem(s) to be addressed, the approach(es) to the solution, and how the application is responsive to this RFA. In the event that the project is funded, the abstract will be made public; therefore, no proprietary information should be included in this statement. Initial compliance decisions are based in part upon review of this statement.

The recommended abstract format is as follows (use headings as outlined below):

- **Need:** Include a description of need in the specific service area. Include rates of incidence, mortality, and screening in the service area compared to overall Texas rates. Describe barriers, plans to overcome these barriers, and the priority population to be served.
- **Overall Project Strategy:** Describe the project and how it will address the identified need. Clearly explain what the project is and what it will specifically do, including the services to be provided and the process/system for delivery of services and outreach to the priority population.
- **Specific Goals:** State specifically the overall goals of the proposed project; include the estimated overall numbers of people (public and/or professionals) reached and people (public and/or professionals) served.
- **Innovation:** Describe the creative components of the proposed project and how it differs from current programs or services being provided.
- **Significance and Impact:** Explain how the proposed project, if successful, will have a unique and major impact on cancer prevention and control for the population proposed to be served and for the state of Texas.

4.4.2. Goals and Objectives (700 characters each)

List major outcome goals and **measurable** objectives for each year of the project. Do not include process objectives; these should be included in the project plan only. The maximum number is 4 goals with 3 objectives each. See [Appendix B](#) for instructions on writing outcome goals and objectives.

A baseline and method(s) of measurement are required for each objective. Provide both raw numbers and percent changes for the baseline and target. If a baseline has not been defined, applicants are required to explain plans to establish baseline and describe method(s) of measurement.

4.4.3. Project Timeline (2 pages)

Provide a project timeline for project activities that includes deliverables and dates. Use Years 1, 2, 3, and Months 1, 2, 3, etc, as applicable instead of specific months or years (eg, Year 1, Months 3-5, not 2017, March-May).

4.4.4. Project Plan (15 pages, fewer pages permissible)

The required project plan format follows. Applicants must use the headings outlined below.

Background: Briefly present the rationale behind the proposed service, emphasizing the critical barriers to current service delivery that will be addressed. Identify the evidence-based service to be implemented for the priority population. If evidence-based strategies have not been implemented or tested for the specific population or service setting proposed, provide evidence that the proposed service is appropriate for the population and has a high likelihood of success. Baseline data for the target population and target service area are required where applicable. Reviewers will be aware of national and state statistics, and these should be used only to compare rates for the proposed service area. Describe the geographic region of the state that the project will serve; maps are appreciated.

Goals and Objectives: Process objectives should be included in the project plan. Outcome goals and objectives will be entered in separate fields in CARS. However, if desired, outcome goals and objectives may be fully repeated or briefly summarized here. See [Appendix B](#) for instructions on writing goals and objectives.

Components of the Project: Clearly describe the need, delivery method, and evidence base (provide references) for the services as well as anticipated results. Be explicit about the base of evidence and any necessary adaptations for the proposed project. Describe why this project is nonduplicative, creative, or unique. If an organization has a current CPRIT grant that is the same or similar to the prevention intervention being proposed, the applicant must explain how the projects are nonduplicative or complementary. Clearly demonstrate the ability to provide the

proposed service and describe how results will be improved over baseline and the ability to reach the priority population. Applicants must also clearly describe plans to ensure access to treatment services should cancer be detected.

Evaluation Strategy: A strong commitment to evaluation of the project is required. Describe the impact on outcome measures and interim output measures as outlined in [section 2.6](#). Describe the plan for outcome and output measurements, including data collection and management methods, data analyses, and anticipated results. Evaluation and reporting of results should be headed by a professional who has demonstrated expertise in the field. If needed, applicants may want to consider seeking expertise at Texas-based academic cancer centers, schools/programs of public health, prevention research centers, or the like. Applicants should budget accordingly for the evaluation activity and should involve that professional during grant application preparation to ensure, among other things, that the evaluation plan is linked to the proposed goals and objectives.

Organizational Qualifications and Capabilities: Describe the organization and its track record and success in providing programs and services. Describe the role and qualifications of the key collaborators/partners in the project. Include information on the organization's financial stability and viability. To ensure access to preventive services and reporting of services outcomes, applicants should demonstrate that they have provider partnerships and agreements (via memoranda of understanding) or commitments (via letters of commitment) in place.

Integration and Capacity Building: CPRIT funds projects that target the unmet needs not sufficiently covered by other funding sources, and full maintenance of the project may not be feasible. This is especially the case when the project involves the delivery of clinical services. Educational and other less costly interventions may be more readily sustained. Full maintenance of a project, the ability of the grantee's setting or community to continue to deliver the health benefits of the intervention as funded is not required; however, efforts toward maintenance should be described.

It is expected that steps toward integration and capacity building for components of the project will be taken and plans for such be fully described in the application. *Integration* is defined as the extent the evidence-based intervention is integrated within the culture of the grantee's setting or community through policies and practice. *Capacity building* is any activity (eg, training,

identification of alternative resources, building internal assets) that builds durable resources and enables the grantee's setting or community to continue the delivery of some or all components of the evidence-based intervention.

Elements of integration and capacity building may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Developing ownership, administrative networks, and formal engagements with stakeholders;
- Developing processes for each practice/location to incorporate services into its structure beyond project funding;
- Identifying and training of diverse resources (human, financial, material, and technological);
- Implementing policies to improve effectiveness and efficiency (including cost-effectiveness) of systems.

Dissemination and Scalability (Expansion): Dissemination of project results and outcomes, including barriers encountered and successes achieved, is critical to building the evidence base for cancer prevention and control efforts in the state. Dissemination methods may include, but are not limited to, presentations, publications, abstract submissions, and professional journal articles, etc.

Describe how the project lends itself to dissemination to or application by other communities and/or organizations in the state or expansion in the same communities.

4.4.5. People Reached (Indirect Contact)

Provide the estimated overall number of people (members of the public and professionals) to be reached by the funded project. The applicant is required to itemize separately the types of indirect noninteractive education and outreach activities, with estimates, that led to the calculation of the overall estimates provided. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

4.4.6. People Served (Direct Contact)

Provide the estimated overall number of direct services delivered to members of the public and to professionals by the funded project. The applicant is required to itemize separately the

education, navigation, and clinical activities/services, with estimates, that led to the calculation of the overall estimate provided. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

4.4.7. References

Provide a concise and relevant list of references cited for the application. The successful applicant will provide referenced evidence and literature support for the proposed services.

4.4.8. Resubmission Summary

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Describe the approach to the resubmission and how reviewers' comments were addressed. Clearly indicate to reviewers how the application has been improved in response to the critiques. Refer the reviewers to specific sections of other documents in the application where further detail on the points in question may be found. When a resubmission is evaluated, responsiveness to previous critiques is assessed. The summary statement of the original application review, if previously prepared, will be automatically appended to the resubmission; the applicant is not responsible for providing this document.

4.4.9. Continuation/Expansion Application Documents

If the project proposed is being submitted for competitive renewal, additional documents in [section 4.4.8.1](#) and [section 4.4.8.2](#) are required.

4.4.8.1 Continuation/Expansion Summary (2 pages)

Upload a summary that outlines the progress made with the original, and if applicable, most recently funded CPRIT award (for projects which have received multiple awards) and outlines the proposed use of continuation/expansion funding and the resulting value for Texas. Applicants must describe and demonstrate that appropriate/adequate progress has been made on the original and/or most recently funded award to warrant further funding.

The continuation/expansion summary must include information for the original funded project, the most recently funded project (if different from the original project, for those projects that have received multiple CPRIT awards), and the proposed continuation/expansion project. Please note that a different set of reviewers from those assigned to the previously funded application may evaluate this application. Applicants should make it easy for reviewers to compare the

original project and the most recently funded project (again, only if different from the original project) with the proposed continuation/expansion project.

Describe how the project has evolved from the original project. In the description, include a discussion of the following:

- The evidence-based intervention, its purpose, and how it was implemented in the priority population. Describe any adaptations made for the population served.
- Project Results and Outcomes: Address how the need for the evidence-based service was met by describing qualitative results, quantitative results and outcomes of the project(s). Explain any barriers or obstacles encountered and strategies used to overcome these.
- Integration and Capacity Building: Describe steps taken toward integration and capacity building for components of the projects.
- Dissemination/Adaptation: Describe how project results were disseminated or plans for future dissemination of results.

4.4.8.2 Goal and Objectives for Most Recently Funded Project (Continuation/Expansion Applications Only)

If a continuation/expansion application is being submitted, goals and objectives must be completed for the original or the most recently funded project. The original project is defined as the first funded project upon which this application is based. If the project has received precisely one CPRIT award, then the original project is also the most recently funded project. If the project has received multiple CPRIT awards, the original project is not the most recently funded project.

If the continuation/expansion application is for continuation of an original project, enter the goals and objectives for the original funded project, and progress made toward each goal and objective, in the **Goals and Objectives of Most Recently Funded Project template** form provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>).

If the continuation/expansion application is for a subsequent project (not the original project), complete the **CPRIT Grants Summary template** (see [section 4.4.10](#)) for the original project, regardless of the PD or Co-PD of the original project (who may or may not have changed since the original project). **In addition**, enter the goals and objectives for only the most recently funded project, and progress made toward each goal and objective, in the **Goals and Objectives**

of Most Recently Funded Project template form provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>).

When completing the form, provide an explanation if goals and objectives were not fully met. Include the number and type of each clinical, education, and navigation service delivered as well as the percent change from the initial baseline. If the baseline was 0, report against the baseline that was established during the original project.

4.4.10. CPRIT Grants Summary

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Provide a description of the progress or final results of **all** CPRIT-funded projects of the PD or Co-PD, regardless of their connection to this application. Indicate how the current application builds on the previous work or addresses new areas of cancer prevention and control services. Applications that are missing this document and for which CPRIT records show a PD and/or Co-PD with previous or current CPRIT funds will be administratively withdrawn.

4.4.11. Budget and Justification

Provide a brief outline and detailed justification of the budget for the entire proposed period of support, including salaries and benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual expenses, services delivery, and other expenses. CPRIT funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. Applications requesting more than the maximum allowed cost (total costs) as specified in [section 2.10](#) will be administratively withdrawn.

- **Average Cost of Services:** The average cost of services will be automatically calculated from the total cost of the project divided by the total number of services (refer to [Appendix A](#)). A significant proportion of funds is expected to be used for program delivery as opposed to program development and organizational infrastructure.
- **Personnel:** The individual salary cap for CPRIT awards is \$200,000 per year. Describe the source of funding for all project personnel where CPRIT funds are not requested.
- **Travel:** PDs and related project staff are expected to attend CPRIT's conference. CPRIT funds may be used to send up to 2 people to the conference.
- **Equipment:** Equipment having a useful life of more than 1 year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit must be specifically approved by CPRIT. An applicant does

not need to seek this approval prior to submitting the application. Justification must be provided for why funding for this equipment cannot be found elsewhere; CPRIT funding should not supplant existing funds. Cost sharing of equipment purchases is strongly encouraged.

- **Services Costs:**

- CPRIT reimburses for services using Medicare reimbursement rates. Describe the source of funding for all services where CPRIT funds are not requested.
- CPRIT does not allow recovery of costs related to tests that have not been recommended by the USPSTF.

- **Other Expenses:**

- **Incentives:** Use of incentives or positive rewards to change or elicit behavior is allowed; however, incentives may only be used based on strong evidence of their effectiveness for the purpose and in the priority population identified by the applicant. CPRIT will not fund cash incentives. The maximum dollar value allowed for an incentive per person, per activity or session, is \$25.
- **Costs Not Related to Cancer Prevention and Control:** CPRIT does not allow recovery of any costs for services not related to cancer (eg, health physicals, HIV testing).

- **Indirect/Shared Costs:** Texas law limits the amount of grant funds that may be spent on indirect/shared expenses to no more than 5% of the total award amount (5.263% of the direct costs). Guidance regarding indirect cost recovery can be found in [CPRIT's Administrative Rules](#).

4.4.12. Current and Pending Support and Sources of Funding

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Describe the funding source and duration of all current and pending support for the proposed project, including a capitalization table that reflects private investors, if any. For continuation/expansion applications, information for the original/most recently funded project need not be included here.

4.4.13. Biographical Sketches

The designated PD will be responsible for the overall performance of the funded project and must have relevant education and management experience. The PD/Co-PD(s) must provide a biographical sketch that describes his or her education and training, professional experience, awards and honors, and publications and/or involvement in programs relevant to cancer prevention and/or service delivery.

The evaluation professional must provide a biographical sketch.

Up to 3 additional biographical sketches for key personnel may be provided. Each biographical sketch must not exceed 2 pages and should use the “Prevention Programs: Biographical Sketch” template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>)

Only biographical sketches will be accepted; do not submit resumes and/or CVs.

4.4.14. Collaborating Organizations

List all key participating organizations that will partner with the applicant organization to provide 1 or more components essential to the success of the program (eg, evaluation, clinical services, recruitment to screening).

4.4.15. Letters of Commitment (10 pages)

Applicants should provide letters of commitment and/or memoranda of understanding from community organizations, key faculty, or any other component essential to the success of the program.

5. APPLICATION REVIEW

5.1. Review Process Overview

All eligible applications will be reviewed using a 2-stage peer review process: (1) evaluation of applications by peer review panels and (2) prioritization of grant applications by the Prevention Review Council. In the first stage, applications will be evaluated by an independent review panel using the criteria listed below. In the second stage, applications judged to be meritorious by review panels will be evaluated by the Prevention Review Council and recommended for funding based on comparisons with applications from all of the review panels and programmatic

priorities. Programmatic considerations may include, but are not limited to, geographic distribution, cancer type, population served, and type of program or service. The scores are only 1 factor considered during programmatic review. At the programmatic level of review, priority will be given to proposed projects that target geographic regions of the state or population subgroups that are not well represented in the current CPRIT Prevention project portfolio. Applications approved by Review Council will be forwarded to the CPRIT Program Integration Committee (PIC) for review. The PIC will consider factors including program priorities set by the Oversight Committee, portfolio balance across programs, and available funding. The CPRIT Oversight Committee will vote to approve each grant award recommendation made by the PIC. The grant award recommendations will be presented at an open meeting of the Oversight Committee and must be approved by two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members present and eligible to vote. The review process is described more fully in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, sections 703.6 to 703.8](#).

Each stage of application review is conducted confidentially, and all CPRIT Peer Review Panel members, Review Council members, PIC members, CPRIT employees, and Oversight Committee members with access to grant application information are required to sign nondisclosure statements regarding the contents of the applications. All technological and scientific information included in the application is protected from public disclosure pursuant to Health and Safety Code §102.262(b).

Individuals directly involved with the review process operate under strict conflict-of-interest prohibitions. All CPRIT Peer Review Panel members and Review Council members are non-Texas residents.

An applicant will be notified regarding the peer review panel assigned to review the grant application. Peer Review Panel members are listed by panel on CPRIT's website. **By submitting a grant application, the applicant agrees and understands that the only basis for reconsideration of a grant application is limited to an undisclosed Conflict of Interest as set forth in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, section 703.9](#).**

Communication regarding the substance of a pending application is prohibited between the grant applicant (or someone on the grant applicant's behalf) and the following individuals: an Oversight Committee Member, a PIC Member, a Review Panel member, or a Review Council

member. Applicants should note that the CPRIT PIC comprises the CPRIT Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Scientific Officer, the Chief Prevention and Communications Officer, the Chief Product Development Officer, and the Commissioner of State Health Services. The prohibition on communication begins on the first day that grant applications for the particular grant mechanism are accepted by CPRIT and extends until the grant applicant receives notice regarding a final decision on the grant application. The prohibition on communication does not apply to the time period when preapplications or letters of interest are accepted. Intentional, serious, or frequent violations of this rule may result in the disqualification of the grant application from further consideration for a grant award.

5.2. Review Criteria

Peer review of applications will be based on primary scored criteria and secondary unscored criteria, identified below. Review panels consisting of experts in the field and advocates will evaluate and score each primary criterion and subsequently assign an overall score that reflects an overall assessment of the application. The overall evaluation score will not be an average of the scores of individual criteria; rather, it will reflect the reviewers' overall impression of the application and responsiveness to the RFA priorities.

5.2.1. Primary Evaluation Criteria

Impact and Innovation

- Do the proposed services address an important problem or need in cancer prevention and control? Do the proposed project strategies support desired outcomes in cancer incidence, morbidity, and/or mortality? Does the proposed project demonstrate creativity, ingenuity, resourcefulness, or imagination? Does it take evidence-based interventions and apply them in innovative ways to explore new partnerships, new audiences, or improvements to systems? For continuation/expansion projects, does the proposed project build on its initial results (baseline)? Does it go beyond the initial project to address what the applicant has learned or explore new partnerships, new audiences, or improvements to systems?
- Does the program address adaptation, if applicable, of the evidence-based intervention to the priority population? Is the base of evidence clearly explained and referenced?

- Does the program address known gaps in prevention services and avoid duplication of effort?
- If applicable, have collaborative partners demonstrated that the collaborative effort will provide a greater impact on cancer prevention and control than the applicant organization's effort separately?
- Will the project reach and serve an appropriate number of people based on the budget allocated to providing services and the cost of providing services?

Project Strategy and Feasibility

- Does the proposed project provide services specified in the RFA?
- Are the overall program approach, strategy, and design clearly described and supported by established theory and practice? Are the proposed objectives and activities feasible within the duration of the award? Has the applicant convincingly demonstrated the short- and long-term impacts of the project?
- Are possible barriers addressed and approaches for overcoming them proposed?
- Are the priority population and culturally appropriate methods to reach the priority population clearly described?
- If applicable, does the application demonstrate the availability of resources and expertise to provide case management, including follow-up for abnormal results and access to treatment?
- Does the program leverage partners and resources to maximize the reach of the services proposed? Does the program leverage and complement other state, federal, and nonprofit grants?

Outcomes Evaluation

- Are specific goals and measurable objectives for each year of the project provided?
- Are the proposed outcome measures appropriate for the services provided, and are the expected changes clinically significant?
- Does the application provide a clear and appropriate plan for data collection and management and data analyses?

- Are clear baseline data provided for the priority population, or are clear plans included to collect baseline data?
- If an evidence-based intervention is being adapted in a population where it has not been implemented or tested, are plans for evaluation of barriers, effectiveness, and fidelity to the model described?
- Is the qualitative analysis of planned policy or system changes described?

Organizational Qualifications and Capabilities

- Do the organization and its collaborators/partners demonstrate the ability to provide the proposed preventive services? Does the described role of each collaborating organization make it clear that each organization adds value to the project and is committed to working together to implement the project?
- Have the appropriate personnel been recruited to implement, evaluate, and complete the project?
- Is the organization structurally and financially stable and viable?

Integration and Capacity Building

- Does the applicant describe steps that will be taken and components of the project that will be integrated into the organization through policies and practices?
- Does the applicant describe steps that will be taken or components of the project that will remain (eg, trained personnel, identification of alternative resources, building internal assets) to continue the delivery of some or all components of the evidence-based intervention once CPRIT funding ends?

5.2.2. Secondary Evaluation Criteria

Budget

- Is the budget appropriate and reasonable for the scope and services of the proposed work?
- Is the cost per person served appropriate and reasonable?
- Is the proportion of the funds allocated for direct services reasonable?
- Is the project a good investment of Texas public funds?

Dissemination and Scalability

- Are plans for dissemination of the project's results and outcomes, including barriers encountered and successes achieved, clearly described?
- Some programs may have unique resources and may not lend themselves to replication by others. If applicable, does the applicant describe a plan for scalability/expansion of all or some components of the project by others in the state?

6. AWARD ADMINISTRATION

Texas law requires that CPRIT grant awards be made by contract between the applicant and CPRIT. CPRIT grant awards are made to institutions or organizations, not to individuals. Award contract negotiation and execution will commence once the CPRIT Oversight Committee has approved an application for a grant award. CPRIT may require, as a condition of receiving a grant award, that the grant recipient use CPRIT's electronic Grant Management System to exchange, execute, and verify legally binding grant contract documents and grant award reports. Such use shall be in accordance with CPRIT's electronic signature policy as set forth in [chapter 701, section 701.25](#).

Texas law specifies several components that must be addressed by the award contract, including needed compliance and assurance documentation, budgetary review, progress and fiscal monitoring, and terms relating to revenue sharing and intellectual property rights. These contract provisions are specified in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, which are available at www.cprit.texas.gov. Applicants are advised to review CPRIT's administrative rules related to contractual requirements associated with CPRIT grant awards and limitations related to the use of CPRIT grant awards as set forth in [chapter 703, sections 703.10, 703.12](#).

Prior to disbursement of grant award funds, the grant recipient organization must demonstrate that it has adopted and enforces a tobacco-free workplace policy consistent with the requirements set forth in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, section 703.20](#).

CPRIT requires the PD of the award to submit quarterly, annual, and final progress reports. These reports summarize the progress made toward project goals and address plans for the upcoming year and performance during the previous year(s). In addition, quarterly fiscal reporting and reporting on selected metrics will be required per the instructions to award

recipients. Continuation of funding is contingent upon the timely receipt of these reports. Failure to provide timely and complete reports may waive reimbursement of grant award costs and may result in the termination of the award contract.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

7.1. HelpDesk

HelpDesk support is available for questions regarding user registration and online submission of applications. Queries submitted via email will be answered within 1 business day. HelpDesk staff are not in a position to answer questions regarding the scope and focus of applications. Before contacting the HelpDesk, please refer to the *Instructions for Applicants* document (posted on December 1, 2016), which provides a step-by-step guide to using CARS.

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM central time

Tel: 866-941-7146

Email: Help@CPRITGrants.org

7.2. Program Questions

Questions regarding the CPRIT Prevention program, including questions regarding this or any other funding opportunity, should be directed to the CPRIT Prevention Program Office.

Tel: 512-305-8417

Email: Help@CPRITGrants.org

Website: www.cprit.texas.gov

8. WEBINAR TO ANSWER APPLICANT QUESTIONS

CPRIT will host a webinar to provide an overview of this RFA and a demonstration of CARS. A programmatic and technical question-and-answer session will be included. Applicants should sign up for CPRIT's electronic mailing list at <http://www.cprit.texas.gov/about-cprit/newsletter> to ensure that they receive notification of this webinar.

9. RESOURCES

- The Texas Cancer Registry. <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tcr> or contact the Texas Cancer Registry at the Department of State Health Services.
- The Community Guide. <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html>
- Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. <http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov>
- Guide to Clinical Preventive Services: Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/guide/>
- Brownson, R.C., Colditz G.A., and Proctor, E.K. (Editors). *Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health: Translating Science to Practice*. Oxford University Press, March 2012
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: The Program Sustainability Assessment Tool: A New Instrument for Public Health Programs. http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2014/13_0184.htm
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Using the Program Sustainability Tool to Assess and Plan for Sustainability. http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2014/13_0185.htm
- Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network: Putting Public Health Evidence in Action Training Workshop. <http://cpcrn.org/pub/evidence-in-action/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Distinguishing Public Health Research and Public Health Nonresearch. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/integrity/docs/cdc-policy-distinguishing-public-health-research-nonresearch.pdf>

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ARCHIVE

APPENDIX A: KEY TERMS

- **Activities:** A listing of the “who, what, when, where, and how” for each objective that will be accomplished
- **Capacity Building:** Any activity (eg, training, identification of alternative resources, building internal assets) that builds durable resources and enables the grantee’s setting or community to continue the delivery of some or all components of the evidence-based intervention
- **Clinical Services:** Number of clinical services such as screenings, diagnostic tests, vaccinations, counseling sessions, or other evidence-based preventive services delivered by a health care practitioner in an office, clinic, or health care system (Other examples include genetic testing or assessments, physical rehabilitation, tobacco cessation counseling or nicotine replacement therapy, case management, primary prevention clinical assessments, and family history screening.)
- **Education Services:** Number of evidence-based, culturally appropriate cancer prevention and control education and outreach services delivered to the public and to health care professionals (Examples include education or training sessions [group or individual], focus groups, and knowledge assessments.)
- **Evidence-Based Program:** A program that is validated by some form of documented research or applied evidence (CPRIT’s website provides links to resources for evidence-based strategies, programs, and clinical recommendations for cancer prevention and control. To access this information, visit [http://www.cprit.texas.gov/prevention/resources-for-cancer-prevention-and-control.](http://www.cprit.texas.gov/prevention/resources-for-cancer-prevention-and-control))
- **Goals:** Broad statements of general purpose to guide planning (Outcome goals should be few in number and focus on aspects of highest importance to the project.)
- **Integration:** The extent the evidence-based intervention is integrated within the culture of the grantee’s setting or community through policies and practice
- **Navigation Services:** Number of unique activities/services that offer assistance to help overcome health care system barriers in a timely and informative manner and facilitate cancer screening and diagnosis to improve health care access and outcomes (Examples

include patient reminders, transportation assistance, and appointment scheduling assistance.)

- **Objectives:** Specific, **measurable**, actionable, realistic, and timely projections for outcomes; example: “Increase screening service provision in X population from Y% to Z% by 20xx” (Baseline data for the priority population must be included as part of each objective.)
- **People Reached (Indirect contact):** Number of members of the public and/or professionals reached via indirect noninteractive public or professional education and outreach activities, such as mass media efforts, brochure distribution, public service announcements, newsletters, and journals (This category includes individuals who would be reached through activities that are directly funded by CPRIT as well as individuals who would be reached through activities that occur as a direct consequence of the CPRIT-funded project’s leveraging of other resources/funding to implement the CPRIT-funded project.)
- **People Served (Direct Contact):** Number of services delivered to members of the public and/or professionals—direct, interactive public or professional education, outreach, training, navigation service, or clinical service, such as live educational and/or training sessions, vaccine administration, screening, diagnostics, case management/navigation services, and physician consults. One individual may receive multiple services (This category includes individuals who would be served through activities that are directly funded by CPRIT as well as individuals who would be served through activities that occur as a direct consequence of the CPRIT-funded project’s leveraging of other resources/funding to implement the CPRIT-funded project.)

APPENDIX B: WRITING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Develop well-defined outcome goals and objectives.

Goals provide a roadmap or plan for where a group wants to go. Goals can be long term (over several years) or short term (over several months). Goals should be based on needs of the community and evidence-based data.

Goals should be:

- Believable – situations or conditions that the group believes can be achieved
- Attainable – possible within a designated time
- Tangible – capable of being understood or realized
- On a timetable – with a completion date
- Win-Win – beneficial to individual members and the coalition

Objectives are measurable steps toward achieving the goal. They are clear statements of specific activities required to achieve the goal. The best objectives have several characteristics in common – S.M.A.R.T. + C:

- Specific – they tell how much (number or percent), who (participants), what (action or activity), and by when (date)
 - Example: 115 uninsured individuals age 50 and older will complete colorectal cancer screening by March 31, 2018.
- Measurable – specific measures that can be collected, detected, or obtained to determine successful attainment of the objective
 - Example: How many screened at an event? How many completed pre/post assessment?
- Achievable – not only are the objectives themselves possible, it is likely that your organization will be able to accomplish them
- Relevant to the mission – your organization has a clear understanding of how these objectives fit in with the overall vision and mission of the group
- Timed – developing a timeline is important for when your task will be achieved

- Challenging – objectives should stretch the group to aim on significant improvements that are important to members of the community

Evaluate and refine your objectives

Review your developed objectives and determine the type and level of each using the following information:

There are 2 types of objectives:

- Outcome objectives – measure the “what” of a program; should be in the Goals and Objectives form ([see section 4.4.2](#))
- Process objectives – measure the “how” of a program; should be in the project plan only ([see section 4.4.4](#))

There are 3 levels of objectives:

- Community-level – objectives measure the planned community change
- Program impact – objectives measure the impact the program will have on a specific group of people
- Individual – objectives measures participant changes resulting from a specific program, using these factors:
 - Knowledge – understanding (know screening guidelines; recall the number to call for screening)
 - Attitudes – feeling about something (will consider secondhand smoke dangerous; believe eating 5 or more fruits and vegetable is important)
 - Skills – the ability to do something (complete fecal occult blood test)
 - Intentions – regarding plan for future behavior (will agree to talk to the doctor, will plan to schedule a Pap test)
 - Behaviors (past or current) – to act in a particular way (will exercise 30+ minutes a day, will have a mammogram)

Well-defined outcome goals and objectives can be used to track, measure, and report progress toward achievement.

Summary Table

	Outcome – Use in Goals and Objectives	Process – Use in Project Plan only
Community-level	<p>WHAT will change in a community</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of CPRIT funding, FIT (fecal immunochemical tests) will be available to 1,500 uninsured individuals age 50 and over through 10 participating local clinics and doctors.</i></p>	<p>HOW the community change will come about</p> <p><i>Example: Contracts will be signed with participating local providers to enable uninsured individuals over age 50 have access to free colorectal cancer screening in their communities.</i></p>
Program impact	<p>WHAT will change in the target group as a result of a particular program</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of this project, 200 uninsured women between 40 and 49 will receive free breast and cervical cancer screening.</i></p>	<p>HOW the program will be implemented to affect change in a group/population</p> <p><i>Example: 2,000 female clients, between 40 and 49, will receive a letter inviting them to participate in breast and cervical cancer screening.</i></p>
Individual	<p>WHAT an individual will learn as a result of a particular program, or WHAT change an individual will make as a result of a particular program</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of one-to-one education of 500 individuals, at least 20% of participants will participate in a smoking cessation program to quit smoking.</i></p>	<p>HOW the program will be implemented to affect change in an individual's knowledge or actions</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of one-to-one counseling, all participants will identify at least 1 smoking cessation service and 1 smoking cessation aid.</i></p>