2022 Spectrum Pilot Grants in Community Engagement

Office of Community Engagement Information Session

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Wei-ting Chen, PhD
Associate Director of Community Partnerships
Office of Community Engagement
Agenda

1. Introduction to the Office of Community Engagement
2. Overview of the 2022 Request for Proposals
3. Eligibility and Requirements
4. Application Timeline
5. Questions
Office of Community Engagement Team

Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD MPH
Faculty Director

Patricia Rodriguez Espinosa, PhD MPH
Associate Director of Research

Wei-ting Chen, PhD
Associate Director of Community Partnerships

Yessica Martinez Mulet, MS
Community Engagement Research Coordinator

Erica Martinez
Community Engagement Research Coordinator

Glenda Estioko
Program Associate
Office of Community Engagement
Established 2005

Our Mission:
To be a national and international leader in developing innovative models of engagement, nurturing community partnerships, and designing and implementing rigorous projects that promote health equity for diverse populations.

How we support:
We are part of the Office of the Senior Associate Dean for Research and Spectrum, and we provide resources and guidance to research teams interested in undertaking community-engaged research.

Website: https://med.stanford.edu/ocene.html
CTSA Community Engagement Aims

1. **Build capacity** among researchers and community partners to support effective engagement in the full spectrum of translational research activities.

2. Develop, evaluate, and disseminate innovative strategies for **community engagement in all phases of the clinical and translational research** process.

3. Establish **community-based support** to promote novel approaches to testing and implementing discoveries for uptake and adoption.

---

**1. Build capacity for community-engaged research**

**2. Advance the science of community engagement**

**3. Foster translation of research into practice**
Facilitate translational science that integrates the community in all phases to promote health equity

Community
- Patients and caregivers
- Community based organizations
- Federally qualified health centers
- Local public health departments
- Policy makers
- Other key stakeholders

Phases of research
- Identification of research priorities
- Research design
- Study implementation
- Analysis
- Translation into practice
Intent of Spectrum Community Engagement Pilot Awards

Provide Seed Funding to Support:

• Development of **new** community-engaged research **partnerships** with shared leadership responsibilities by Stanford researchers and community partners.

• **Generation of pilot data** for community-engaged research studies that will lead to external funding.

• **Implementation and evaluation** of innovative community engagement methods.
What do we mean by “community-engaged” research?

- The projects must have a community engagement component that clearly demonstrates community partners’ input in the design and implementation of the proposed project.
- Community partner with equal decision-making authority is required to be part of proposals as co-investigators.
- The budget allocates sufficient resources to enable and accommodate community partner’s involvement in the research process.
Who is a “community partner”? 

• A “community partner” could be an individual, an organization, or a representative of an organization.

• The community partner should make substantive and meaningful contribution to the proposed project through formulation of research questions, study aims, or shape study design.

• We expect community partners to be appropriately compensated for their time and expertise as reflected in the budget.
What we look for in proposals

- **Advance health equity** and working with under-resourced communities and communities of color, broadly defined.
- Demonstrate knowledge of community-engaged research (CEnR) and/or community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles.
- How the research team plans to work with and incorporate input from community partners throughout the study design and implementation processes.
- How the proposed project is responsive to community partners’ needs.
- How the research team will allocate resources to support community partners’ involvement in the study process.
- How research teams plan to prevent or resolve conflicts that arise during the project period.
Review Process

- OCE staff reviews all applications and advances complete proposals to review panel
- Review panel consists of: OCE Leadership Team, at least one (1) community partner who has received award in the past, and at least one (1) other Spectrum program staff outside of OCE
- Review merit of the entire proposal: narratives for study feasibility and rigor, budget and budget justifications, letters of support...

Scoring criteria (not exhaustive):

- Community Co-PI’s roles and contributions are clearly defined
- Defined how the proposed project will address health equity and working with under-resourced communities
- Demonstrates application of community-engaged research (CEnR) and/or community-based participatory research (CBPR) best practices
- Demonstrate how the research team engages with community partners
- Demonstrate that the proposed project is responsive to community partner needs and use of funds reflect adequate sharing of resources with community partner(s).
- Demonstrate how project team will address potential conflicts between Stanford team and community partners
- Plans for sustainability or additional collaborations are described (i.e., what is this seed grant contributing to in the long-run).
Recommended foundational reading

Recommendation reading for teams new to community-engaged research:


- CDC’s ATSDR: Models and Frameworks for the Practice of Community Engagement

- Policy Link’s Guide for Community-Based Participatory Research
Support for Pilot grantees

- OCE staff will provide or direct awardees to resources or tools that aid the researchers and community partners in developing strong research partnerships.

- Spectrum Community Engagement Pilot Grantees are offered one year of free, in-depth or long-term technical assistance to spur growth for projects to generate future funding and research.
Eligibility Criteria

Who may apply:
● Academic Council Faculty
● Medical Center Line Faculty
● Clinician Educators (*PI Waiver may be needed, please contact assigned RMG contact*)

Important application requirements

Application elements:

● Background, Specific Aims, and Methodology (3-page limit, 11-point; Standard NIH format; upload a single PDF).

● If applicable, include approval numbers for animals and human subjects. If not yet approved, reference eProtocol submission status.

● NIH Biosketches for senior/key personnel at Stanford. Most recent CV/resume for community partners.

● Budget and budget justification.

● Letters of support – **Minimum two (2) letters are required:**
  ○ One from faculty mentor or department chair.
  ○ One from community collaborator. The letter should clearly outline how the proposed project would benefit the community, how community input will be incorporated into the design and implementation of the study, and why additional support is needed for the development of a research partnership.

Application & Pilot Award Timeline

Request for Proposals released: February 22, 2022

Deadline for Proposal Submissions: Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)

Awardees notified: May 2, 2022

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (no cost extensions are NOT allowed)

Typical funding level: $15,000 - $30,000 per project

Detailed application information available at: https://seedfunding.stanford.edu/opportunities/2022-spectrum-community-engagement-pilot-grants
Final thought

CEnR is all about relationships, respecting and honoring each other’s expertise (scientific knowledge and community wisdom) and identifying new ways of solving complex social and medical challenges through research participation.

Detailed application information available at: https://seedfunding.stanford.edu/opportunities/2022-spectrum-community-engagement-pilot-grants
Q & A Time!

Detailed application information available at: https://seedfunding.stanford.edu/opportunities/2022-spectrum-community-engagement-pilot-grants
Contact information

**Pilot Award Staff Lead:**
Wei-ting Chen, PhD, OCE Associate Director of Community Partnerships | weiting.chen@Stanford.edu

**Pilot Award Faculty Lead:**
Lisa Goldman Rosas, OCE Faculty Director | lgrosas@stanford.edu
