The mission of the CBCRP is to prevent and eliminate breast cancer by leading innovation in research, communication, and collaboration in the California scientific and lay communities.

The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) is pleased to announce the funding of 16 new research projects that will advance our knowledge about the community impact, prevention, etiology, detection, and treatment of breast cancer. With these new awards we are investing $9,941,730 for research projects being performed at 16 institutions and community organizations across the state.

CBCRP supports breast cancer research in California from funds obtained through:

- A portion of a 2¢ per pack State cigarette tax
- Contributions from individuals using the State’s income tax check-off option
- Donations from concerned community members dedicated to defeating breast cancer

CBCRP is administered by the University of California, Office of the President, in Oakland. Our overall objectives, strategies, and priorities are developed with the assistance of a volunteer California Breast Cancer Research Council (BCRC), which sets program priorities and recommends the grants to be funded. The BCRC consists of 16 members: five are representatives of breast cancer survivor/advocacy groups; five are scientists/clinicians; two are members from nonprofit health organizations, one is a practicing breast cancer medical specialist, two are members from private industry, and one is an ex officio member from the California Department of Health Services breast cancer early detection program, “Every Woman Counts.”

CBCRP research funding is organized through several sub-program units including:

- **Community initiatives** supports research grants that incorporate both academic researchers and community group investigators to study a problem specific to a community, but with wider dissemination potential.
- **Core funding** focuses on investigator-initiated traditional grants to support smaller, innovative projects, larger translational grants, and conferences.
- **Program Directed Initiatives** support California Breast Cancer Prevention Initiative projects to identify and eliminate environmental causes of breast cancer; identify and eliminate disparities/inequities in the burden of breast cancer in California; develop population-level interventions (including policy research) on known or suspected breast cancer risk factors and protective measures; and develop target interventions for high-risk individuals, including new methods for identifying or assessing risk. In 2016, CBCRP funded projects in response to the following Initiatives:
  - Science Convener for Program Initiatives (Convener)
  - California’s Breast Cancer Primary Prevention Plan (Primary Prevention)
  - Identify Novel Biological Markers of Breast Cancer Risk Related to Environmental Chemical Exposures (Biomarkers)
  - Improving Breast Cancer Risk Assessment to Identify High-Risk Individuals (Risk Assessment)
- **Policy Initiative** used an open, competitive peer-reviewed process to establish a pool of pre-qualified policy research investigators/teams who are poised to quickly fill knowledge gaps to inform breast cancer relevant policy. The pre-qualified policy investigators/teams contract with CBCRP to generate answers to CBCRP-selected research questions and then effectively deliver those answers to policymakers.

The full abstracts of these newly funded grants, as well as those from previous CBCRP funding cycles, can be found on our website: [www.CABreastCancer.org](http://www.CABreastCancer.org).
Overview of CBCRP Award Types

CBCRP funded new research projects using a variety of award types in 2016:

- **Community Research Collaboration (CRC)** awards bring community organizations—such as breast cancer advocates, community clinics, or organizations serving under-represented women—together with experienced academic scientists to investigate breast cancer problems that are important to that community, using culturally-appropriate research methods. CRC Pilot (18-month) and CRC Full Research awards (three years) are available.

- **Innovative Developmental and Exploratory Awards (IDEAs)** are 12- to 18-month grants for targeted high-risk/high-reward projects. CBCRP incorporates the “critical path” concept, which requires applicants to place their project on a research continuum leading to practical applications. IDEAs are offered to both new and established investigators.

- **Translational Research** awards support projects that overcome barriers and put prior research knowledge to practical use in the patient or community setting.

- **Conference Awards** support a conference, symposium, retreat, or other meeting to link breast cancer researchers, non-breast cancer investigators, and community members for the purpose of stimulating new ideas and collaborations.

- **Program Directed Initiatives** support Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that competitively fund investigator-initiated research responding to the California Breast Cancer Prevention initiative topic and Request for Qualifications (RFQs) that fund grants based on the qualifications of the investigator to undertake CBCRP-defined research projects in close collaboration with CBCRP.

- **Policy Awards** support teams of on-call investigators that have been pre-screened through an RFQ to conduct rapid response research to policy questions identified by CBCRP with the assistance of the Policy Research Advisory Group. $150,000 is allocated annually and may be dedicated to one team or spread out over multiple teams, depending on the complexity of the topics and the potential for impact of the projects.
LOI and Application Submissions and Review

IDEA and Translational Research Awards applications must pass through a letter of intent (LOI) screening process conducted by our Council to select projects that best meet our award type and programmatic criteria. We view this as a benefit to both the applicants and Program in terms of reducing the effort to prepare full applications and CBCRP’s corresponding peer review costs.

Table 1. LOI submission and approval results

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<th>Award Type</th>
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<td>IDEA</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>71%</td>
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After the LOI process, the full application data is shown in the table below.

Table 2. 2016 full application submissions by award type and priority issue

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<td>Etiology &amp; Prevention</td>
<td>Community Impact</td>
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<td>1</td>
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### Table 3. 2016 grant distribution by award type

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<td>IDEA</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>2 (7%)</td>
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<td>Translational</td>
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<td>Community Research Collaboration (CRC) - Pilot</td>
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<td>3 (33%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Community Research Collaboration (CRC) - Full</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1 (50%)</td>
<td>$723,500</td>
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<td>1 (100%)</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
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<td>Program-Directed Initiatives+</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>6 (40%)</td>
<td>$5,918,705</td>
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<tr>
<td>Policy Initiative Awards*</td>
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<td>1 (33%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>63</strong></td>
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* Dollar amounts for some awards in this category are still under negotiation and may change.

* Two of the three teams submitting policy initiative RFQs were selected to be included in the pool. A grant and supplement was issued to one team in the 2015-2016 funding cycle.

### Table 4. 2016 grant distribution by priority issue

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<td>23</td>
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<td>Community Impact*</td>
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<td>Detection, Prognosis &amp; Treatment</td>
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<td>Biology of the Breast Cell</td>
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Community Initiatives Grants

**Building Mixtec Community Capacity for Breast Health, Phase 3**
Award type: Community Research Collaboration Award - Full
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Annette Maxwell  
UCLA  
$534,659

Sandra Young  
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project  
$188,841

Total Award: $723,500

**Rethink Plastic**
Award type: Community Research Collaboration Award - Pilot
Priority Area: Etiology and Prevention

Barbara Cohn  
Public Health Institute  
$146,352

Sandra Curtis  
Earth Island Institute  
$14,668

Marie Loverde  
Public Health Institute  
$12,747

Total Award: $173,767

**Tribal Research Initiative for Breast cancer Awareness and Learning (TRIBAL)**
Award type: Community Research Collaboration Award - Pilot
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Emmett Chase  
K’ima:w Medical Center  
$82,500

Moon S. Chen, Jr  
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center  
$93,750

Total Award: $176,250

**Using Telenavigators to Support Rural Breast Cancer Patients**
Award type: Community Research Collaboration Award - Pilot
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Susan Ferrier  
Connecting to Care  
$110,037

Scarlett Gomez  
Cancer Prevention Institute of California  
$94,179

Total Award: $204,216
Core Funding Grants

Breast Cancer Care: Pilot Forum for Mental Health Providers
Award type: CBCRP Conference
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Irene Wapnir
Stanford University
$25,000

Implementing Systematic Distress Screening in Breast Cancer
Award type: Translational Research Award
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Erin Hahn
Kaiser Permanente Southern California
$1,199,287

Preclinical Analysis of MAD28 in Inflammatory Breast Cancer
Award type: IDEA Award
Priority Issue: Detection/Prognosis/Treatment

Emmanuel Theodorakis
UCSD
$210,715

Technologies for Augmented Reality Breast Surgery
Award type: IDEA Award
Priority Issue: Detection/Prognosis/Treatment

Bruce Daniel
Stanford University
$235,100

Preventing Tumor Progression in Women with High-Risk DCIS
Award type: Translational Research Award
Priority Issue: Detection/Prognosis/Treatment

Thea Tlsty
UCSF
$956,774

Denotes awards that have been supported in part through voluntary contributions from California taxpayers

Denotes Faith Fancher Research Award recipient. Faith Fancher was a long-time television news anchor and personality with KTVU (Oakland) who waged a very public battle against breast cancer. She also was the founding member of the CBCRP Executive Team, which formed in 2001 to help raise the visibility and fundraising profile of our program. Faith passed away in October 2003 after a six-year struggle with breast cancer. In Faith’s honor, and to commemorate all that she did for breast cancer education and research, we have created this annual award. The selected grant reflects the values that Faith held most closely and extends the work that Faith did for all women facing breast cancer.
Program-Directed Research

A Prospective Study of Phthalates, BPA, and Risk of Breast Cancer
Award type: CBCPI Biomarkers - Request for Proposals
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Anna H. Wu
University of Southern California
$1,603,826

California's Breast Cancer Primary Prevention Plan
Award type: CBCPI Primary Prevention - Request for Qualifications
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Nancy Buermeyer
The Breast Cancer Fund
$345,000

Epigenetic Markers for Pesticide Exposure and Cancer Risk
Award type: CBCPI Biomarkers - Request for Proposals
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Hannah Park
UC Irvine
$1,249,970

Germline EDC Exposure & Breast Cancer Risk in the 3Gs Study
Award type: CBCPI Risk Assessment - Request for Proposals
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Barbara Cohn
Public Health Institute
$1,071,257 (under negotiation)

PAHs and Puberty in Girls at Increased Breast Cancer Risk
Award type: CBCPI Biomarkers - Request for Proposals
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Esther John
Cancer Prevention Institute of California
$1,519,889

Partnership to Advance Breast Cancer Research
Award type: CBCPI Convener - Request for Qualifications
Priority Issue: Etiology and Prevention

Heather Sarantis
Commonweal
$128,763

Policy Initiative

Access to Breast Cancer Oncology Care in California
Award type: Policy Award – Request for Bids
Priority Issue: Community Impact of Breast Cancer

Ninez Ponce
UCLA
Award: $92,416
Supplement: $26,000

Total Award: $118,416
The following 16 California research institutions and community organizations were awarded new CBCRP funding in the 2015-2016 grant cycle. Community Research Collaboration (CRC) grants may be split between institutions.

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CBCRP thanks the participants in our 2016 review committees for their service and dedication to our Program!

In the first phase of the funding process, grant applications were peer reviewed and scored for scientific merit by review committees using a model that follows established practice at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Each committee is composed of scientists and advocates from outside California. The Committee Chair leads the review process and is a senior researcher. Scientific Reviewers have broad expertise in topics associated with individual applications. Breast cancer Advocate Reviewers are women active in breast cancer advocacy organizations, and many of them are also living with the disease. Advocates bring their personal knowledge and commitment to the review process. Each committee also includes a California Advocate Observer, who does not review or vote, but represents California’s advocacy community. The observer gains insight into our process and provides feedback to the Program. When additional expertise is needed, an Ad Hoc Member is brought in to the review a particular application not covered by the other committee scientist reviewers.

CBCRP uses a scientific merit scoring system that rates individual components (e.g., approach, innovativeness, impact). This allows our expert reviewers and Council to better differentiate applications that might otherwise appear identical. Depending on the award type, we use four or five scientific merit components in the peer review process.

We triage some applications that score in the lower range of a committee’s portfolio using the preliminary scores of the assigned reviewers. Applications in the upper range of a committee’s portfolio all receive full committee discussion, as do any of the lower scoring applications nominated to full review by one reviewer.

Applications that were not triaged were rated by CBCRP’s Council for programmatic responsiveness. Combinations of the following criteria were used:

- Responsiveness to CBCRP’s priority issues and award type (or initiative)
- Strength of individual scientific merit component scores (e.g., innovation for IDEA applications)
- Underfunded topic
- Quality of the lay abstract
- Inclusion of advocates in the funded research
- Addressing the needs of the underserved
- Critical path/translation (IDEA and Translational Research Award), or dissemination and translational potential (CRC)

This two-tiered evaluation and funding process ensures both scientific excellence and relevance of the research to CBCRP’s mission and goals.
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