

Californians Linking Action with Science For Prevention of Breast Cancer (CLASP-BC) Phase 2 Planning Grants and Full Awards

Information for Prospective Applicants

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Agenda

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California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP)

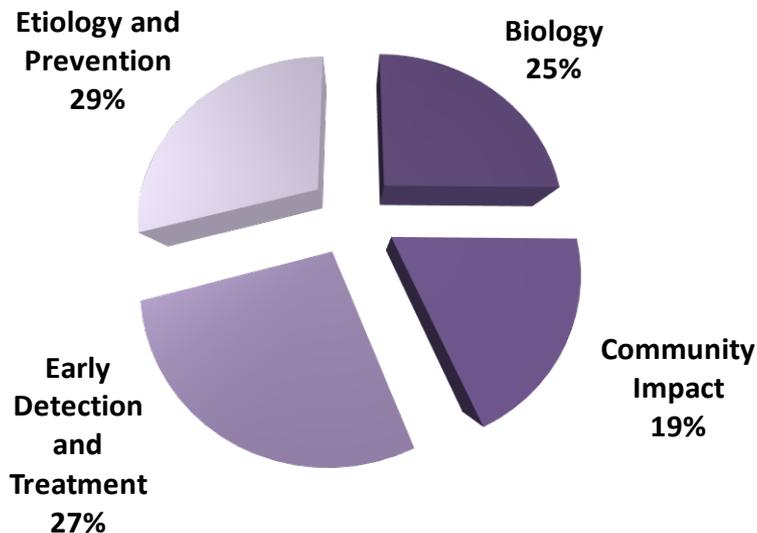
- Founded in 1993
 - breast cancer activists, scientists, clinicians, state legislators, and University of California officials collaborated to win passage in the state legislature of the California Breast Cancer Act.
 - funded by a tax on tobacco products, voluntary state personal income tax form check-off, and individual contributions.
 - tax check-off has drawn over \$13 million for breast cancer research.
- Grown to become one of nation's largest state-funded breast cancer research effort
- Among the largest breast cancer research funders in the world
- Ninety-five percent of our revenue goes directly to funding research and education efforts

Mission: to prevent and eliminate breast cancer by leading innovation in research, communication, and collaboration in the California scientific and lay communities



Since 1994, CBCCRP has funded

- Over 1,200 grants
- Totaling over \$290 million
- To over 840 academic & community researchers
- At over 140 institutions across the state



Program-Directed Initiatives

Vision

To identify and support research strategies that increase understanding of, and **create solutions to**, environmental links to breast cancer and fundamental causes of health disparities in breast cancer.

Goals

- Support a coordinated statewide effort to explore innovative ideas and new theories
- Leverage California's unique and diverse geographic and population resources
- Undertake critical studies that significantly move these fields forward

First round launched in 2004; second round in 2010



Preventing Breast Cancer (PBC):

Community, Population, and Environmental Approaches

In 2015

CBCRP's Council approved a third round of Program Initiatives, devoting 50% of funds (~\$20 million) to:

- Identify and eliminate **environmental contributors** to breast cancer
- Identify and eliminate fundamental causes of **health disparities** with a focus on breast cancer in California
- Develop and test **population-level prevention interventions** that incorporate approaches to address the needs of the underserved and/or populations experiencing disparities in the burden of breast cancer

In 2020

CBCRP began releasing Initiatives based on 10 concept proposals to stimulate research in these three areas

In April 2021

CBCRP issued an RFP for CLASP-BC Phase1 Convener. BCPP received that award.

We have now published the RFPs for Phase 2 of this Initiative:

- Planning Grants – for this year
- Full Awards – starting in 2025

CLASP-BC

Overview

Overall Aim:

To advance the primary prevention of breast cancer by developing, disseminating, implementing, and evaluating high-impact population-based primary prevention interventions to reduce breast cancer risk with a focus on California's culturally, ethnically, and racially diverse and medically underserved communities.

CLASP-BC

Overview

Phase 1 Focus:

1. Understanding the breast cancer concerns and prevention priorities of community leaders, researchers, practitioners, and policy experts across California;
2. Engaging community and opinion leaders, research, practice, and policy specialists in regional California meetings to identify opportunities for working together in breast cancer prevention coalitions based on shared concerns and priorities; and
3. Helping build community-partnered participatory research and dissemination and implementation research capacity and research engagement within these coalitions

Phase 2 will fund the implementation of strategies generated in Phase 1

CLASP-BC Phase 2 Planning Grants Overview

Dates:

RFP available now; Applications open online on May 1; Application deadline June 6; Start date September 1.

Available Funds:

CBCRP intends to fund up to ten planning grants with a maximum direct cost budget of \$25,000 and a duration of six months to help prepare teams to apply for CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards.

Eligibility:

- Any individual or organization in California may apply.
- The research must be conducted primarily in California and the interventions in California communities.

Requirements for Planning Grants

Applicants for Planning Grants are required to:

- set out their initial ideas for a Full Award;
- outline the relevance of these ideas to the CLASP-BC Initiative;
- describe the coalition they have gathered or are planning to gather to undertake the Full Award;
- describe the strengths, resources, and assets of the community that will support their work in the Planning Grant phase;
- describe the timeline and activities for planning grant funds and how these will help plan for and develop the Full Award application

CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards Overview

Dates:

RFP is available on website now for information. Applications open online in September 2024 with an application deadline of March 6, 2025 and a start date of August 1, 2025.

Available Funds:

CBCRP intends to fund up to three awards with a maximum direct cost budget of \$1,200,000 and a duration of three years.

Eligibility:

- California coalitions of community leaders, researchers, policy makers and health practitioners.
- The research must be conducted primarily in California and the interventions in California communities.

CLASP-BC Phase 2

Full Awards Aims

Support Dissemination and Implementation Research Projects that:

1. Expand upon existing primary prevention efforts into two or more California jurisdictions;
2. Focus on disadvantaged, high risk communities with unmet social needs;
3. Actively engage the leadership of local community-based organizations with research scientists, public health and/or community health practitioners, and legislative/executive policy influencers/makers as partners; and rigorously evaluate the impact of these expanded collaborative efforts.
4. Include and update annually a sustainability plan for successful dissemination and implementation approaches.
5. Collaboratively disseminate results of dissemination and implementation research through community, practice, and policy presentations as well as peer-reviewed publications

Community Involvement and Focus

- The use of the principles of Community Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) will be central to successful applications.
- All applications should be CPPR project led by co-Pis within the coalitions of the community, research, practice and policy organizations applying.
- At least one co-PI should be a community representative.

Planning Grant Evaluation Process



CLASP-BC Phase 2 Planning Award Review Criteria & Definitions 1

Responsiveness	How responsive are the initial ideas for the Phase 2 Full Project to the stated intent of the CLASP-BC Initiative? Are these ideas relevant to the goals of the Initiative?
Impact and Feasibility	Is there a coherent plan for using the Planning Grant funds to develop the Full Award application? Would the funding fill a vital gap in the organization's capacity to submit an application? Will these activities likely lead to a competitive Full Award Application?

CLASP-BC Phase 2 Planning Award Review Criteria & Definitions 2

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Do the initial ideas for the Phase 2 Full project address inequities and/or the specific needs of communities who are underserved as they bear a disproportionately high burden of health-related problems due to factors related to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, sexual orientation, physical or cognitive limitations, age, occupation and/or other factors? How they could affect systems change for historically disenfranchised groups.
Partnership and Collaboration	How well described is the coalition the applicants have gathered or are planning to gather to apply for the Full Award? Are the strengths resources and assets of the community that will support the work in the Planning Grant phase well described? Does the team propose a sound approach to partnership? Do they plan to include community members representing groups that are underrepresented in breast cancer research?

Simplified Application for Planning Grants

- No scientific abstract or assurances required
- 5 page plan and simple budget at Initial Application (LOI in SmartSimple).
- If selected for funding, updated Full Application with detailed budget and full project personnel list needed before funding can be disbursed

Form/Attachment	Description
Lay Abstract	Max 2400 characters
Budget and Justification	At initial application enter \$25,000 and overview justification.
Planning Grant Plan	Max 5 pages – suggested content in the RFP
Biosketches	Max 5 pages each

Planning Grants Important Dates

	Date
Initial Applications due (LOI)	June 6, 2024 (12 pm noon PT)
Updated Full Applications due	July 15, 2024
Final Approval	August 1, 2024
Project start date	September 1, 2024

How to submit a proposal in SmartSimple

Research Grants Program Office (RGPO) Contracts and Grants Unit (C&G)

- C&G works in collaboration with CBCRP, serving as interface on administrative and procedural aspects your **Application** submission and review process.
- Contact information:
 - **Email: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu** (Best method)
 - SmartSimple application system:
<https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu>

CLASP-BC Phase 2 Planning Grants: Questions and Additional Information

Applications are due no later than June 6, 2024 (12 pm noon PT)!

Useful links:

- SmartSimple application system: <https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu>
- Webinar: “[How to submit a proposal in SmartSimple](#)”
- CLASP-BC Phase 2 Planning Grants: <https://www.cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/sri/clasp-bc-phase-2-planning.html>
- CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards: <https://www.cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/sri/clasp-bc-phase-2-full.html>
- Additional funding opportunities: [cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/index.html](https://www.cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/index.html)

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For questions about Smart Simple, technical issues, or application instructions and forms, contact Research and Grants Program Office Contracts and Grants unit:

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