



## Our Funding Strategy

The CBCRP takes two paths to support critical breast cancer research in California. The first path supports investigator-initiated research projects that focus on highly innovative ideas, career development, and community participation. Seventy percent of our available funds are applied to these projects, which address the following topics:

- The Community Impact of Breast Cancer: The Social Context
- Etiology and Prevention: Finding the Underlying Causes
- Biology of the Breast Cell: The Basic Science of the Disease
- Detection, Prognosis, and Treatment: Delivering Clinical Solutions

The remaining 30 percent of our yearly funding is set aside for our second path, which has created program-initiated research on the critical topics of defining the influence of the environment and lifestyle on breast cancer and uncovering the reasons for the unequal burden (disparities) of breast cancer. An intensive evaluation identified these gaps in our research knowledge, and we are convening a task force comprised of researchers and advocates to determine how California's resources can be leveraged to make the biggest leaps forward in tackling breast cancer and launch high-impact program initiatives to close these research gaps.

California should be able to make headway into these issues because of the extensive infrastructure in place in the state as well as the diversity of its geography and population. Established California databases—such as the California Cancer Registry, the Pesticide Use Report Database, the California Digital Conservation Atlas, the Proposition 65 chemical list, and the Pesticide Illness Surveillance Database—and the regional variations in the California landscape offer an excellent opportunity to investigate the environmental relationship to breast cancer. The racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity in California communities will allow us to investigate the unequal burden of breast cancer and the influence of lifestyle on the disease. Finally because California has a vast research infrastructure involving both academic and for-profit research institutions, the resources are in place to answer these questions.

More information about our Special Research Initiatives and our Core Funding Efforts can be found online at [www.CABreastCancer.org](http://www.CABreastCancer.org).