



**Request for Applications:
Community Pilot Project Funding – Central Oregon Research Coalition (CORC)**

KEY DATES

Letter of intent (LOI) deadline	September 3, 2013
LOI decision	September 17, 2013
Full application deadline (if invited)	October 15, 2013
Notification of award	October 30, 2013
Funding must start between	December 1, 2013 – June 1, 2014

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) is now accepting letters of intent to apply for Community Pilot Project Funding. OCTRI's Community & Practice Research (CPR) program seeks to work collaboratively with community organizations, health care practices and researchers to study how best to improve the health of Oregonians. We expect to fund 1 application this year in the amount of \$50,000 for a period of 12 months.

Pilot funds are specifically intended to enable the development of compelling new grant applications (e.g. to NIH, PCORI, CMS, etc.) that will sustain the proposed research activity. The OCTRI funding could allow generation of preliminary data, provide support for collaboration building and program development, or other essential elements needed for the goal of obtaining additional funding. *It is expected that submission of a grant will occur within 12-18 months of the start of this pilot award.*

The purpose of this funding mechanism is to encourage research projects in collaboration with the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) to evaluate the impact and implementation of six key initiatives that have been put into place in alignment with the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) health care transformation plan to achieve the Triple Aim—better health, better care and better value for healthcare dollars.

The Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) began their work in 2009 and was officially created by [Senate Bill 204](#) in 2011 to promote the health of Central Oregon's residents – making Central Oregon the healthiest region in the nation. The Council's mission is "empowering our communities to achieve the highest state of well-being." The COHC serves as the governance entity over the region's Coordinated Care Organization, [PacificSource Community Solutions](#).

Proposals must address a health problem/need as defined by COHC's stated key initiatives.

Initiative, contact and phone	Initiative Description
Maternal Child Health (MCH)	Develop a regional MCH care coordination system incorporating: 1) Expansion of RN Care Coordinator/CHW model for high utilizers into East Cascade Women's Group. 2) Extension of care coordination into the home by expanding nurse home visiting programs
Chronic Pain	Develop a community-wide standard for the treatment of chronic pain and to ensure that resources exist to provide comprehensive management of chronic pain for our patients and providers. Expand and study existing projects and pilot one new approach to chronic pain that will launch in June 2013 and is budgeted for six ten-person cohorts.
Transitions of Care	Develop a comprehensive Hospital Discharge (Community) Follow-up program. Standardize triage and transfer protocols from point of origin (eldercare facilities at any level) through the transport process, and into the ED's acceptance of the patient to address treatment needs. A closely related goal yet to be fully articulated is the transition from the ED back to the eldercare facility. This group will also continue work with the ED Navigation project.
Complex Care Coordination	Create a centralized approach to coordinated care with providers to ensure that identified patients are engaged at the appropriate level of service, and that they are connected with and transitioned between clinical (mental health, behavioral health, dental, medical) and community-based health improvement programs. Includes the Bridges Health complex care clinic project and expanded regional multi-disciplinary care conferences.
Expansion of the Pediatric RN Care Coordination project	Using the platform and metrics developed by the Mosaic RN Care Coordination project, develop and implement an expansion of this program at Central Oregon Pediatric Associates, where approximately +71% of the pediatric CCO enrollees receive services. Metrics include juvenile diabetes, asthma control and ED utilization.
Integrating Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs	In partnership with OHSU, establish an Integrated and Collaborative Program to Improve Health Outcomes for Children with Complex Special Health Care Needs through Coordinated Pediatric Tertiary Care and Community-based Services (the NICHe project).

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Applications must be submitted by an OHSU investigator in partnership with the COHC and the Central Oregon Research Coalition (CORC). Principal investigators must fit the general OHSU guidelines for eligibility http://www.ohsu.edu/research/rda/documents/PI_Eligibility_Awards.pdf.

OHSU applicants must work directly with a co-investigator from Central Oregon. Co-investigators must be a community-based organization from one of the 3 Central Oregon counties (Crook, Jefferson, Deschutes); be a federally recognized Indian tribal government, tribe, or tribal organization; public or government organization; or nonprofit organization. The applicant's organizational mission must include the improvement of health (can include physical, mental health and/or community health), and services provided by applicant organization must include people residing in Central Oregon.

All applicants will need to work with the COHC data analyst/grants liaison on the proposed project. A subcontract to the COHC for a minimum of \$10,000 for data analyst/grant liaison services is required and this amount may be increased if appropriate to the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CORC's director, Dr. Jackilen Shannon, for consultation about potential collaborations and research questions as well as to receive named key initiative contacts.

- a) Applicants may request budgets up to \$50,000 for one year in direct costs; no indirect costs are available due to the structure of the OCTRI pilot fund. Use of data analyst/liaison services depends on the individual needs of the project but will be expected to be budgeted at a minimum of \$10,000 (as part of the \$50,000). Cost sharing with other sources of funds (e.g. departmental or other non-federally funded support) is strongly encouraged. Cost sharing must be from unrestricted funds and you will need to fill out a [Committed Cost Sharing Agreement](#) with the application.
- b) It is highly unlikely that a project would have a budget of exactly \$50,000. Simply asking for the maximum allowable without clear rationale will be a disadvantage. The project and the budget should be constructed to realistically meet the scientific objectives, and that may require a budget of less than \$50,000. If the project's goals require support of more than \$50,000 the budget should include the non-federally funded sources of the additional support over and above the OCTRI award. Proposals will be critically reviewed from this perspective.
- c) Account for all expenses required to complete the scope of work in the proposal. Your budget must be appropriate for the proposed work, and budgets that make efficient use of support to achieve the goal of funding objectives are desired.
- d) All cost must meet the OMB guidelines for allowability. Allowable costs can include: Personnel, animal care costs, research assays, supplies, and other expenses, such as nursing, routine laboratory measures, biostatistics and informatics support, and generation of preliminary data. Investigator salary and project required travel are allowed, but a clear justification of why they are necessary must be provided (i.e., funds should be used principally to directly support the research). Equipment that is essential for the study, and is not otherwise available, may be requested, but large equipment expenditures are discouraged.

- e) OCTRI has extensive services that may be of use to funded Pilot Projects. The costs for these services can be included in the Pilot Project budget. However, OCTRI Investigator Support and Integration Services will assist with the needed OHSU IRB applications (with compliance preparation and submission for ethical review) at no charge. For more information about OCTRI services, visit www.octri.org or contact OCTRI Research Navigator Program directly at 503-418-9790 or octri@ohsu.edu.

LETTER OF INTENT INSTRUCTIONS (2-page maximum, 11-pt, single-spaced) Please submit a letter that includes each of the bulleted sections listed below.

- Brief summary of the proposed research or evaluation project.
- What key initiative does the proposed project address (as listed above)?
- The proposal should include the type of funding proposal that will result from OCTRI support, and the planned submission date.
- Estimated total direct costs and an outline of the proposed work for the data analyst/grants liaison from COHC.
- Other funding for the project (if applicable).
- Biosketches for key personnel (not included in page limit)

FULL APPLICATION (4-page maximum for sections 1-8) Instructions and an application form will be provided to finalists. The research proposal will include the following elements:

1. Key initiative and Problem/Issue/Need to be addressed
2. Preliminary description of the outreach, research, or partnership-building that your organization needs to do before developing a well-defined research project
3. Other organizations that you plan to engage
4. Methods that will be used to strengthen the partnership's capacity to conduct research
5. Description of the established research partnership
6. Description of the research/evaluation methodology, including how the community will be involved in the process
7. Anticipated impact on the intended population/community, and how that impact would be assessed
8. How will the results from this project be applied to future funding applications?
9. Detailed budget and budget justification (not included in page limit)
10. References cited (not included in page limit)
11. Biosketches for key personnel (not included in page limit)

REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed by OCTRI's Community Practice & Research group and select members of the Central Oregon Health Council's Clinical Advisory Panel, Community Advisory Council and Operations Council. Review criteria include scientific excellence, investigators, innovation, feasibility, and the likelihood of a resulting, successful grant or subsequent funding submission. New collaborations between the COHC and established investigators at OHSU are not required but are highly encouraged. We expect that awardees will be able to submit a grant application for a more significant community-engaged research proposal to one or more external agencies as part of the successful execution of the pilot project. OCTRI should be informed in advance of submitting manuscripts and/or grant applications, as OCTRI funding must be appropriately cited.

LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSION AND QUESTIONS

Submit your letter of intent to OCTRI via a redcap survey at:

<https://octri.ohsu.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=FDVPwY>.

Please direct all questions related to the submission process to the OCTRI Research Navigator Program (503-418-9790, octri@ohsu.edu). Scientific questions and linkages to Central Oregon partners may be directed to CORC Director, Jackilen Shannon (shannoja@ohsu.edu)