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Grantee Orientation Webinar

Community Partnership Program
Grant Cycle 2025-2

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Agenda

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- Overview of Community Partnership Program
- Project Preparation Period Activities
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- Networking & Collaboration Opportunities
- Communications Toolkit
- Grant Reporting Guidelines
- Important Updates
- Next Steps

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Congratulations!

Tier 1:

Organization	City
Community Pulse Association	Portland
Northwest Medical Foundation of Tillamook	Tillamook
Santiam Hospital & Clinics	Stayton

Congratulations!

Tier 2:

Organization	City
American Cancer Society, Oregon & SW Washington	Portland
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum	The Dalles
HIV Alliance	Eugene

Congratulations!

Tier 3:

Organization	City
Asian Health & Service Center	Portland
Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice	Medford

Community Partnership Program Overview

Program Mission

The mission of the Community Partnership Program is to work hand in hand with Oregon communities as allies in the Knight Cancer Institute's efforts to end cancer as we know it. We will:

Support

- Oregon communities in understanding and addressing their most pressing cancer-related needs.

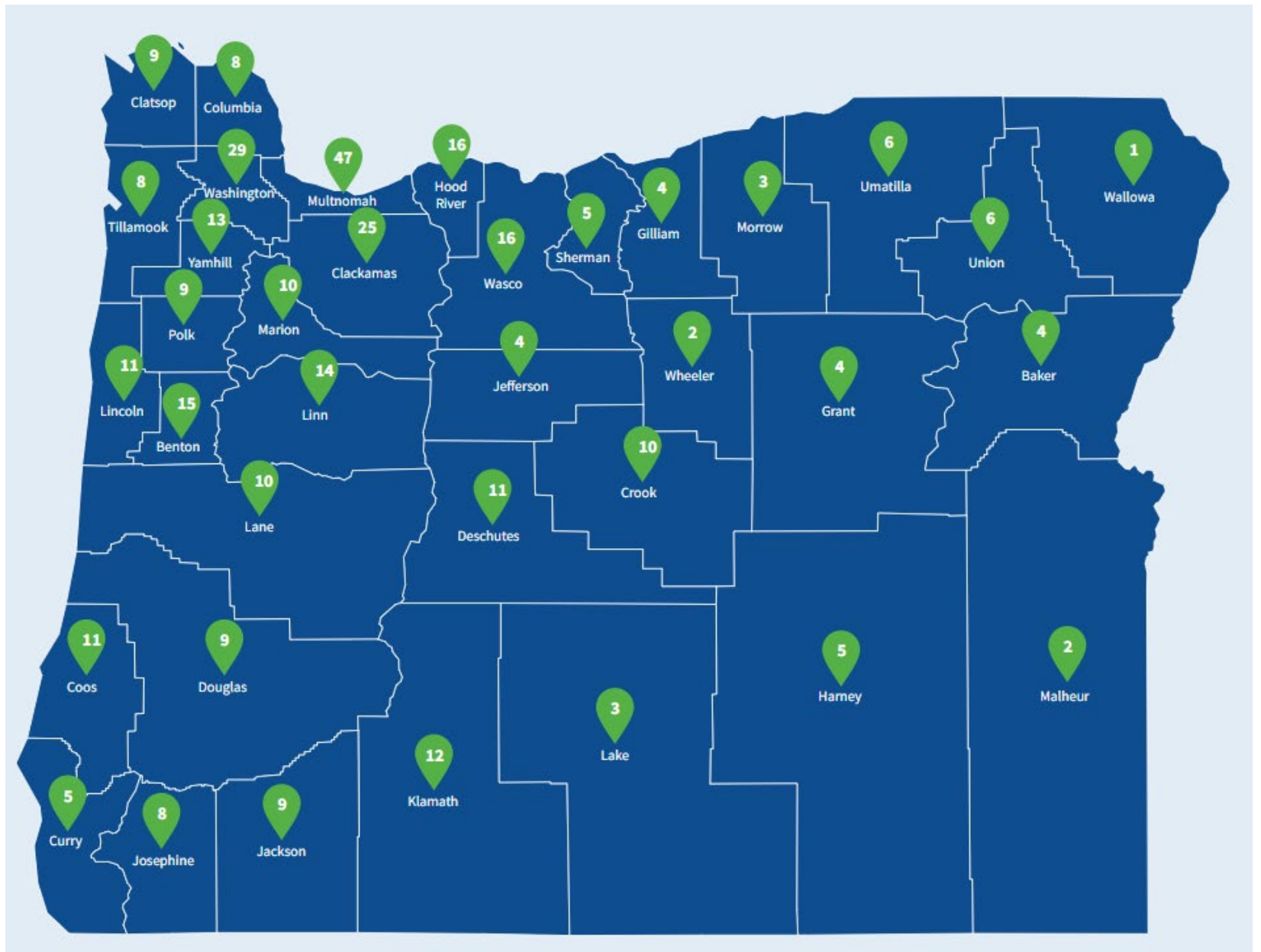
Enhance

- Collaboration between Oregon communities and OHSU to address cancer in Oregon.

Foster

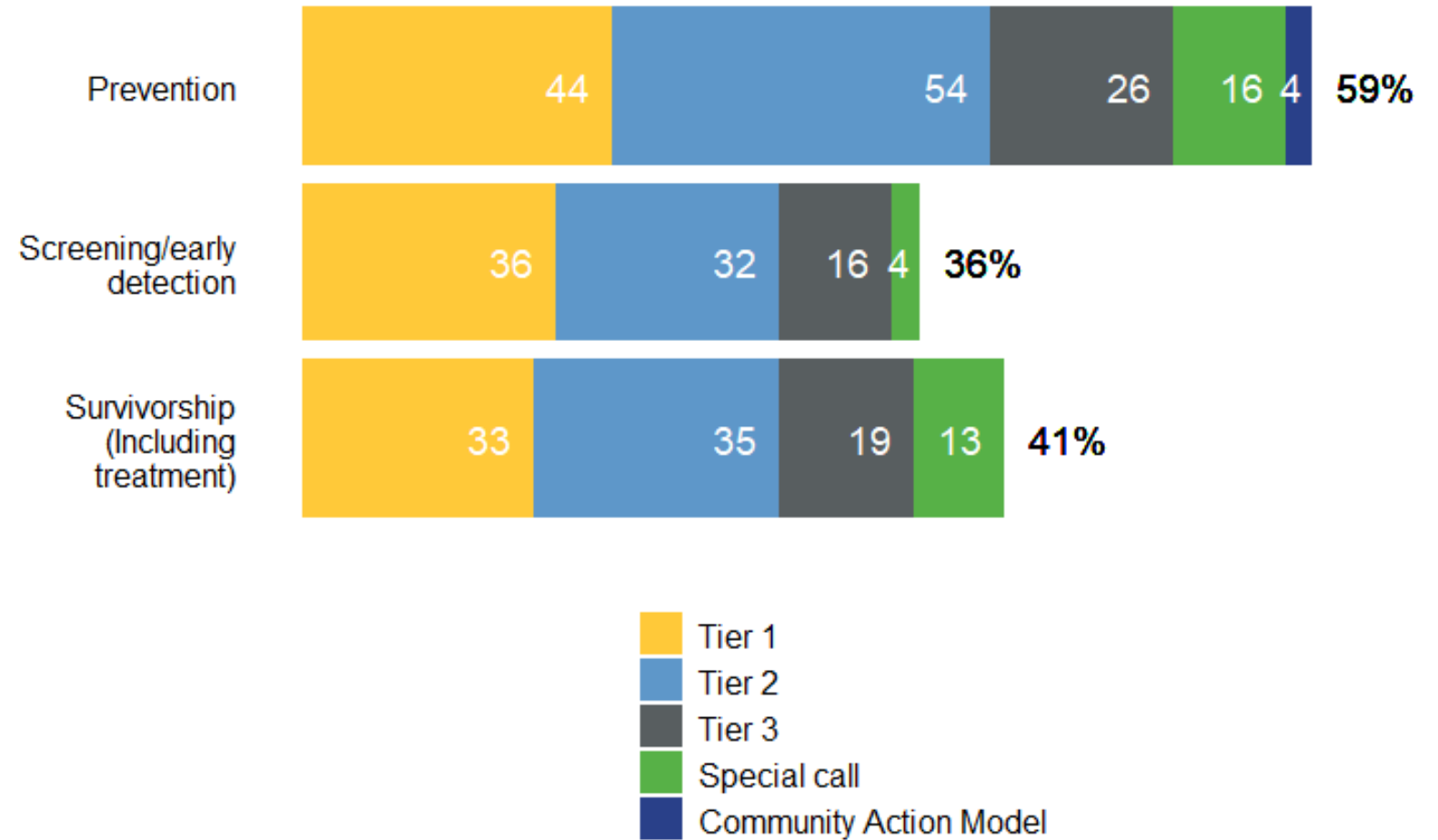
- Skills and abilities of communities to enhance long-term sustainability.

Funded
projects have
impacted all
36 Oregon
counties



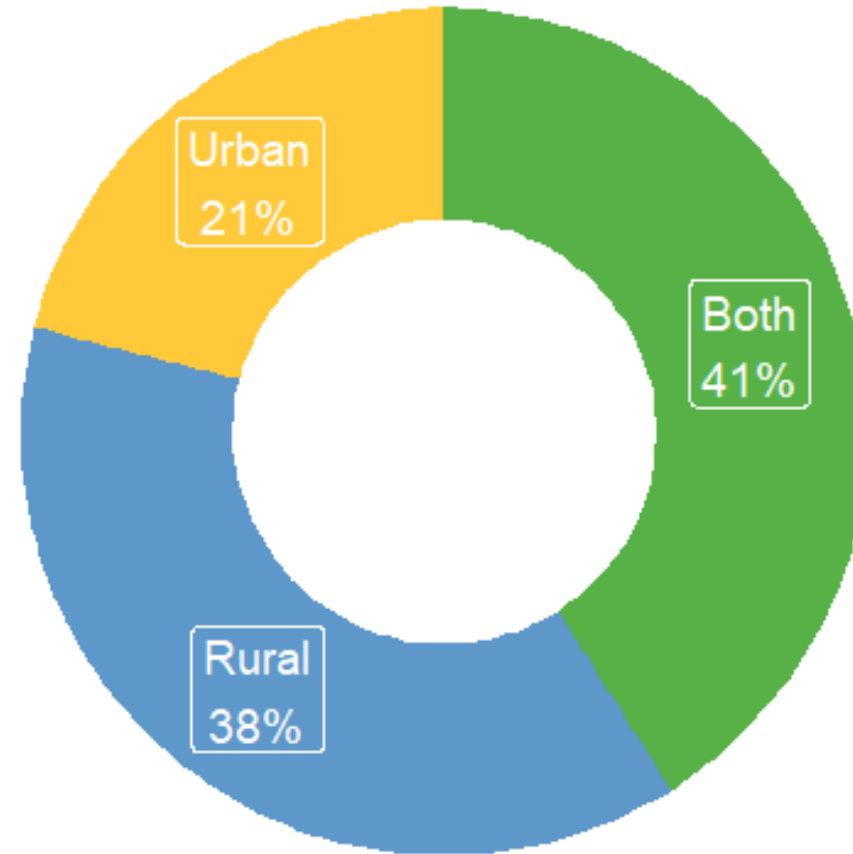
Cancer Continuum and Tier

Funded projects span the cancer continuum



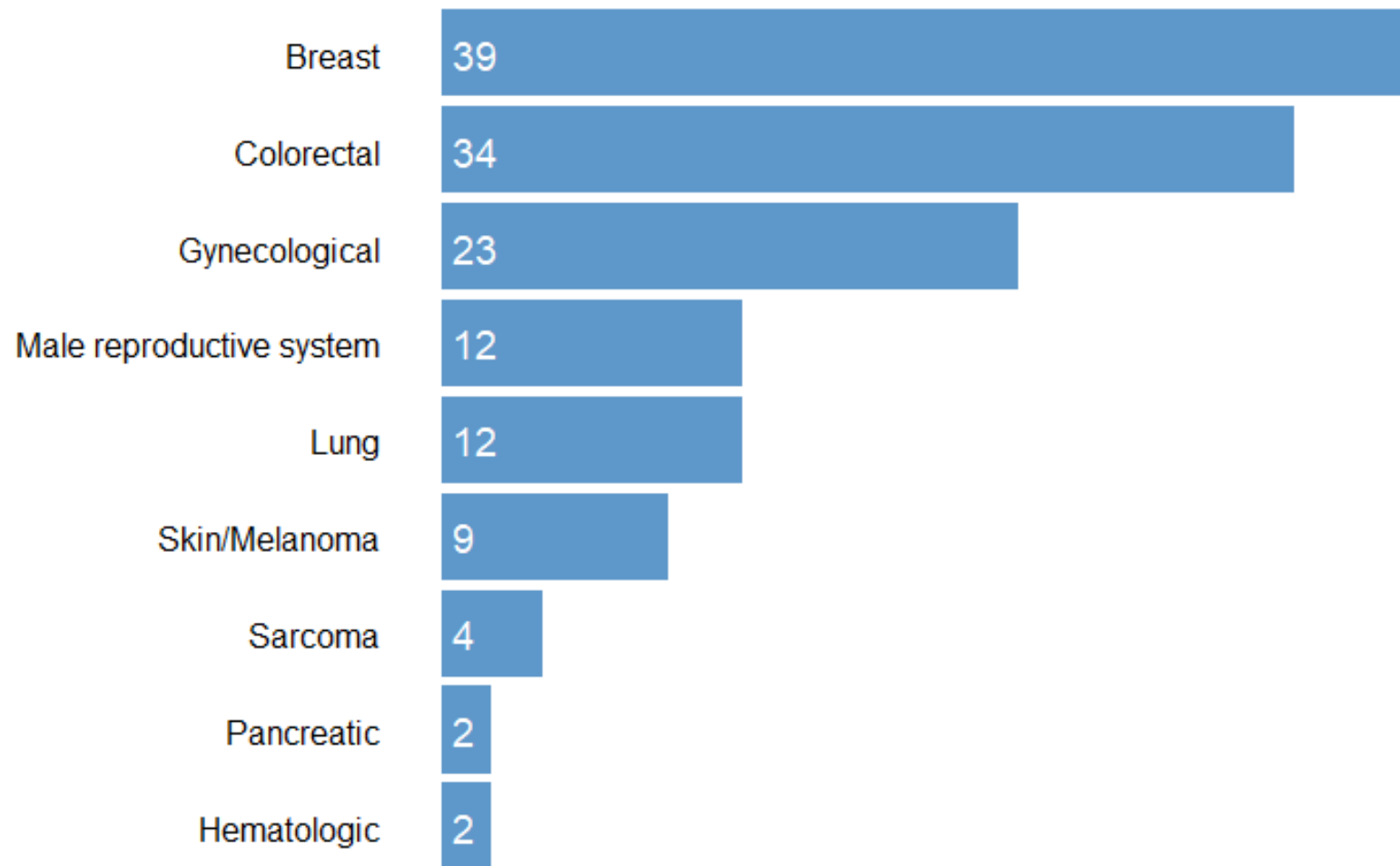
Geography

79% of funded projects include a focus on rural areas



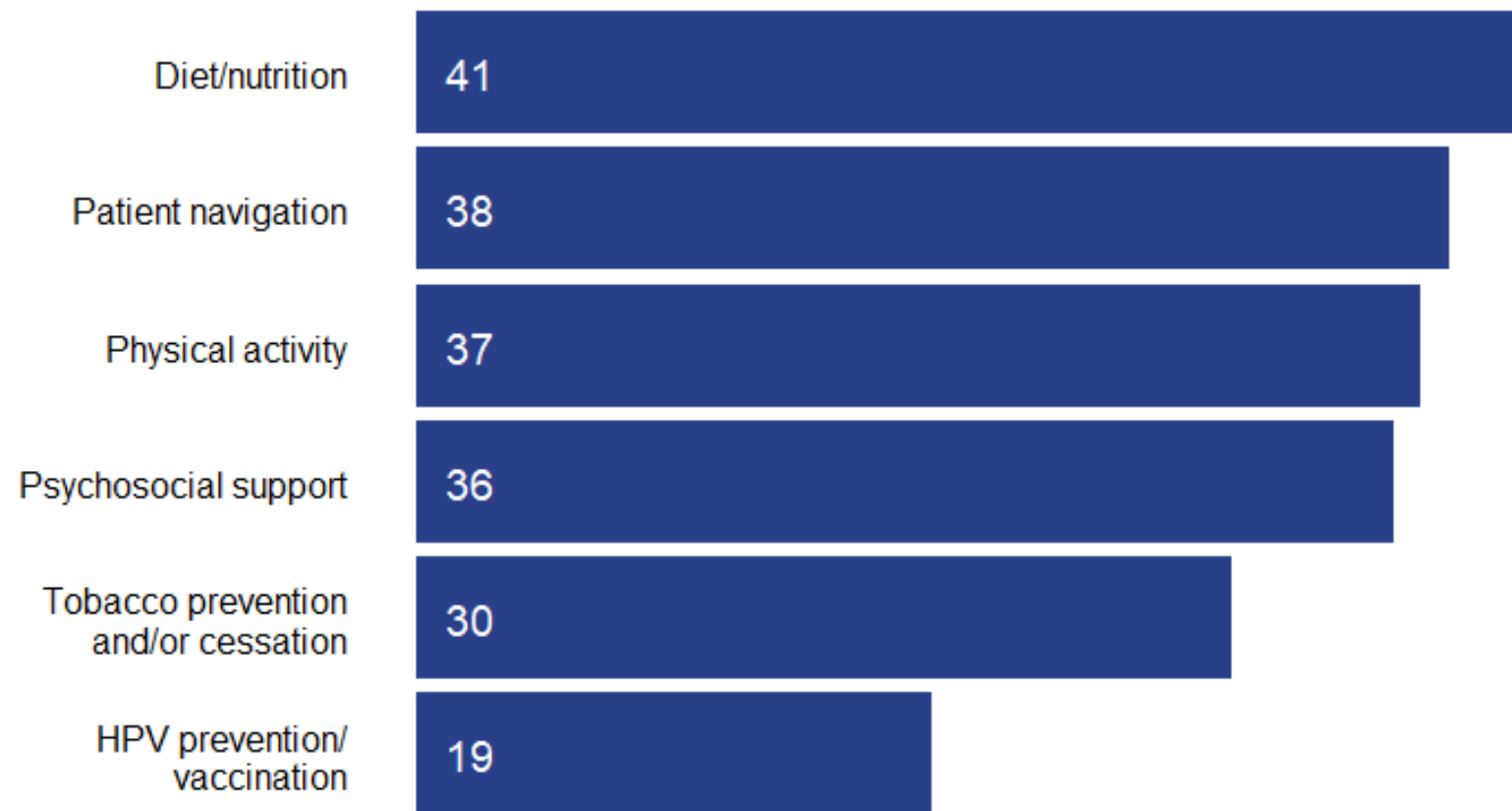
Cancer Type

90 proposals focus on specific cancers



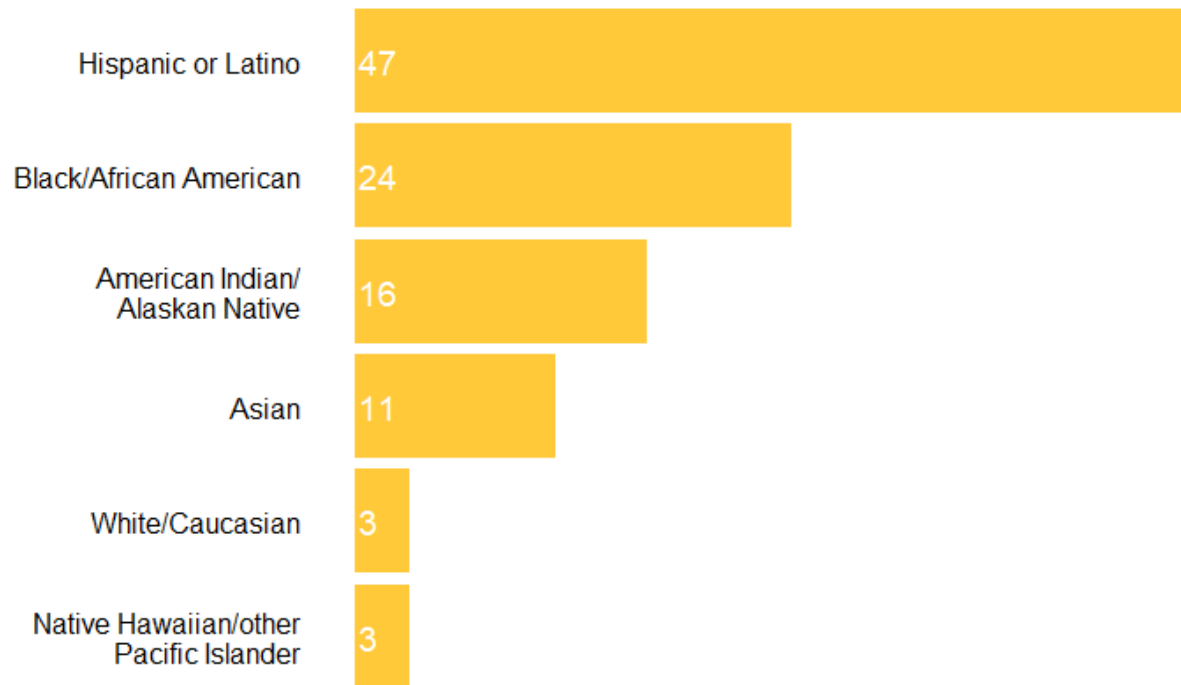
Cancer- related Topic

162 projects focus on one or more cancer-related topics



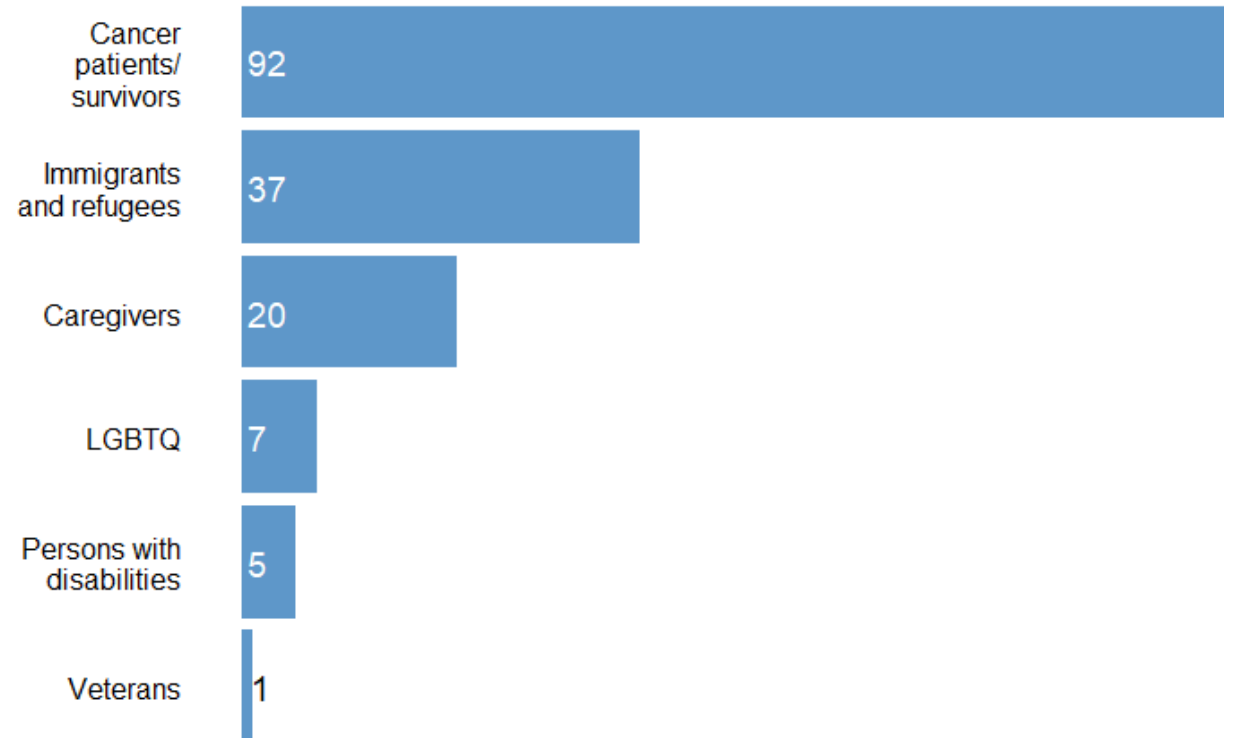
Race and/or ethnicity

86 funded projects focus on a particular race and/or ethnicity



Unique Populations

131 projects target at least one unique population



Project Preparation Period

Technical Assistance Support

Project Preparation Period

Now through **February 1, 2026:**

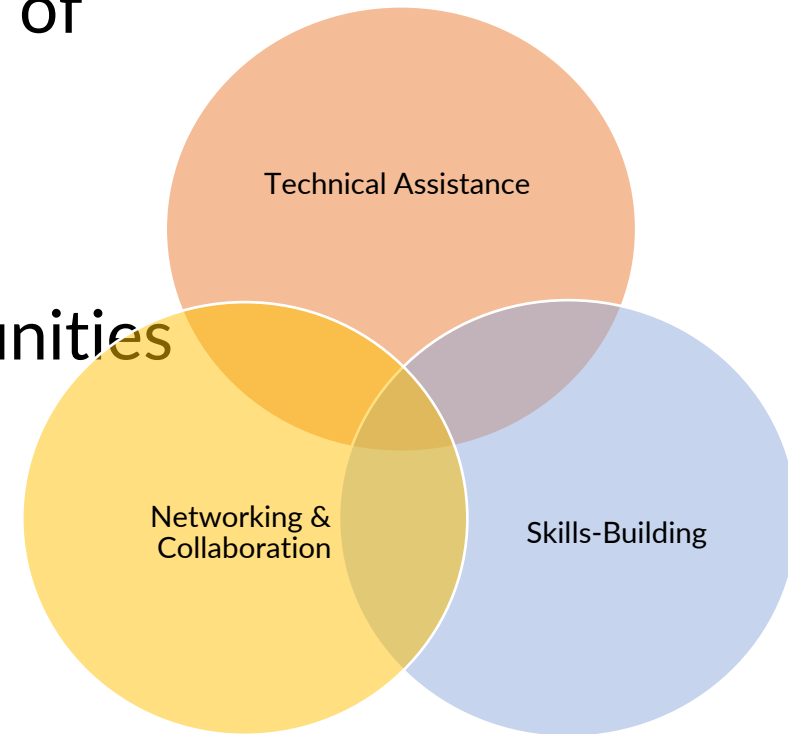
- Technical assistance and completing administrative requirements
- Completion time varies from project to project

Activities:

- Sign award agreement and submit current W-9 via online portal
- Participate in individual kick-off meeting to:
 - Finalize evaluation tools and plan
 - Discuss training topics of interest
 - Review research determination checklist
- Submit Research Determination Checklist and/or Request for Determination to IRB to determine if human subjects research; full study submission if applicable

Grantee Resources

- **Technical Assistance:** OHSU-supported assistance to build capacity of grantees in evaluation planning and human subjects protection oversight
- **Skills-Building:** Opportunities to increase knowledge of best practices for community cancer research and programming
- **Networking & Collaboration :** OHSU-hosted opportunities for collaboration and peer-to-peer learning



Networking & Collaboration

Project Specific

- Technical assistance kick-off meeting
- Mid-project check-ins

Peer-to-Peer

- Workshops and trainings

Program –wide Activities

- Quarterly grantee newsletter
- Grantee conference (if applicable)
- Grantee resources page: recordings of prior trainings and reporting information

Project-Specific

Technical Assistance kick-off calls

Mid-project check-ins:

- 5-6 months into project
- **Projects in action:** Let us know of scheduled grantee activities we can attend/observe.



Peer-To-Peer

Grantee workshops and trainings

- Virtual trainings with dedicated time for grantee networking to discuss common successes, challenges, etc.



Program-wide Activities

Grantee newsletter

- Updates on upcoming opportunities, trainings, funding opportunities, etc.

Grantee Conference (if applicable)



Communications Toolkit

An opportunity to promote the work your organization will be doing in your community. We want your hard work to be recognized!

- Guidelines for funding announcements and sharing project results
- OHSU branding logistics
- Social media prompts
- Acquiring quotes + approvals from OHSU

Are there opportunities to share about your work through local media? Contact us with ideas/questions!



Updated: June 2025

Communications Toolkit for organizations funded through the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program

Increasing awareness of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program's funded projects is crucial to the program's success. We encourage you to promote your funded project in your community. Share your news using the following communication guidelines and see the tips and advice below for announcing newly funded project and end-of-project results.

Guidelines for all Communications

Acknowledgement of Funding Source

All communication materials (including materials translated from English into another language) about the funded project, including, but not limited to media releases, newsletters, publications, websites, brochures, social media, video and radio should include an acknowledgement that funding for the project is provided in part by the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program. When requested please provide an electronic copy of any communications materials created as a result of this opportunity.

The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute may be referred to as a collaborator or supporter on funded projects but may not be referred to as a partner.

Logo Usage

The OHSU and OHSU Knight Cancer Institute logos may not be used without permission. The logos are not available for use on media releases, websites or other communication materials produced about projects funded through the Community Partnership Program.

Program Name Usage

The Community Partnership Program should be referred to on first reference as the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program. After first reference, the program should be referred to as the Community Partnership Program.

Program Description

Sharing a description of the Community Partnership Program in communication materials is encouraged; please use the following language when doing so:

The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program is designed to build sustainable collaborations with Oregon communities by providing grants and other resources to foster development of community-identified cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and survivorship projects. The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute has made a decade-long commitment to invest in this program to develop robust, sustainable programs that benefit the health of all Oregonians. Additional information about the program is available on the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute's [website](#).

Quotes

If your organization would like to include a quote from an OHSU Knight Cancer Institute representative in a media release or other communication, please contact us to discuss your needs, and allow five business days to receive an approved quote.

Final Project Report (FPR) Guidelines

The report has three-steps:

1. First-time grantees are encouraged to contact us to set up a FPR consult 30 days prior to due date.

In the Online Portal:

2. Submit the final project report in the online portal
3. Submit all supporting documents

Final Project Report Guidelines

Projects are required to report on:

- Objectives
- Reach (# of participants, both unique and cumulative)
- Evaluation/assessment (tools used, associated preliminary findings)
- Collaboration/partnerships
- Strengths, successes and benefits
- Barriers, challenges, lessons learned
- Sustainability & future plans
- Technical assistance support

Report guidelines available on Grantee Resources webpage

- Online form available 90 days prior to project end date
- Final reports due 30 days after project period end date

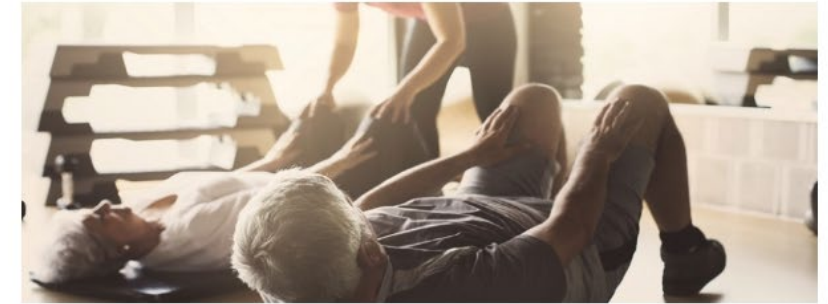
Grantee Resources Page

1. Orientation webinar
2. Communications toolkit
3. Research Determination Checklist and Request for Determination guidance and templates
4. No cost extension and final project report instructions
5. Grantee conference information

[View the grantee resources page on our website.](#)

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Resources for Community Partnership Program Grantees



Who to Contact

Please email project-related questions to KnightCancerCRO@ohsu.edu, and the relevant team member will respond.

- For questions related to project programming, grant terms, no-cost extensions, final project reports or updating project contacts in our system, a Community Partnership Program team member will reach out.
- For questions on how best to collect data and/or analyze results, the evaluation team will respond.

[See a list of Community Partnership Program staff and leadership plus read their bios.](#)

Project Resources

See below for documents and guidance for Community Partnership Program grantees. These resources will be useful at many stages during your grant.

[Contact us if you have any questions.](#)

Grantee Orientation Webinars

The following PDFs include a link to view a recording of the relevant new grantee orientation.

- [2025-1 Grantee Orientation Webinar](#)
- [2024-2 Grantee Orientation Webinar](#)
- [2024-1 Grantee Orientation Webinar](#)
- [2023-2 Grantee Orientation webinar](#)
- [2023-1 Grantee Orientation webinar](#)

Human Subjects Research Documents

- [Research Determination Checklist v. 5-22v3](#)
- [Maintaining Compliance Instructions v. 5-22](#)

Request for IRB Determination:

- [Request for Determination template v.11-21](#)

Communications Toolkit

Grantees should refer to the most recent edition of the Communications Toolkit when creating documents or generating media content.

- [Communications Toolkit v. 6-2025](#)

Final Project Reports

- All projects: [Final Project Report guidance notes v.6-2025](#)
- Tier 1 only: [Tier 1 Action Planning toolkit v.10-2019](#)

Important Information

Distribution of Grant Funds

- Dependent on research determination and if applicable, IRB approvals – *this can take up to several weeks/months*
- If human subjects research: 10% funds payments distributed; remaining balance submitted upon receipt of IRB approval documentation
- Once checklist/determination has been received AND grantee has completed award acceptance paperwork, funds will be released.

Project Start/End Dates

- Start: February 1, 2026
- End: January 31, 2027 (final reports due 30 days later)

No Cost Extensions

- Available to all grantees in good standing
- We will notify you when time to apply (90 days prior to end date)

Part II: Human Subjects Protection

Gina Sommerville
Evaluation Research Data Analyst

Evaluation Team



Chelsea Ruder, M.P.H.
(she/her)



Gina Sommerville, M.P.H.
(she/her)

Evaluation Support

Support for all grantees (included in your grant)

- Provide guidance on feasibility and measurability of outcomes
- Recommend tools for data collection
- Provide guidance on evaluation approach
- Support IRB process
- Facilitate evaluation-related trainings and resources
- Provide evaluation drop-in hours before any deadlines

Budgeted support

- Dependent on agreed upon scope of work

What is Human Subjects Protection?

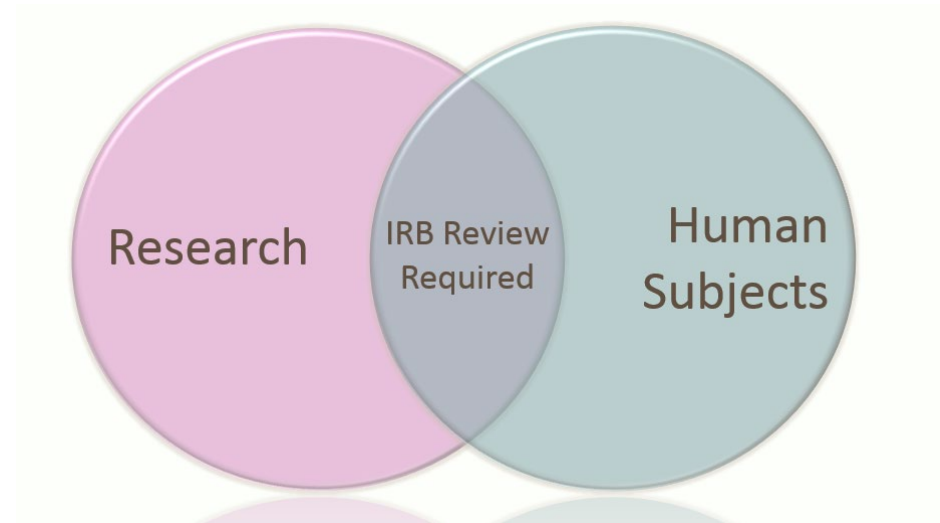
The steps taken to be sure people who choose to participate in a research project are protected from any potential harm that may result from their participation.



Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Among other things, IRBs are responsible for:

- ❑ Protecting the rights and welfare of all human subjects or research participants
- ❑ Providing approval and oversight for all projects determined to be human subjects research
- ❑ Ensuring compliance with federal regulations



QI/Evaluation or Research

What is the difference?

Definition of Research

A systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. ([45 CFR 46.102\(d\)](#))

General Characteristics of Quality Improvement vs. Research

Quality Improvement

- Implement change according to mandates of hospital's Clinical QI program
- Improve process or delivery of care with established/accepted methods
- Implement systematic monitoring to ensure existing quality standards are met
- All participants receive standard of care
- Improve performance in a specific program

Research

- May be funded by an external research agency
- Answer a research question/tests a hypothesis
- Uses research design: Group comparisons, randomization, control groups, prospective comparison, cross-sectional, case-control, etc.
- Develops new paradigms or untested methods, establishes a new clinical practice standard
- Follows a protocol that overrides clinical decision-making
- Develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge

HSR Key Components for CPP Projects

Purpose

Generalizability

OHSU Involvement

Does your project aim to address a need **within** your specific community and/or organization?

Is it your **intention** that the results of this project be applicable only to your community and/or organization?

“What about the data we collect?”

Only collect data necessary to accomplish your project aims

Store all information securely and give access to those that need it

And just a note

Anonymous vs confidential does not impact whether or not it is research

- **Anonymous:** no identifiable is collected and linked to responses
- **Confidential:** identifiers collected and may be linked to responses but not reported or shared

Human Subjects Protection Process



Completing the Research Determination Checklist



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CPP) RESEARCH DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

CPP Staff Use Only

Organization: _____
Submission ID: _____
Staff Reviewed: _____
☐ No RFD required
☐ RFD required

Project Purpose

☐ This project is a public health project, program evaluation, and/or quality improvement/quality assurance project.

Generalizability

- ☐ This project aims to address a need within my specific community and/or organization.
☐ We do not intend for the results of this project will be applicable in other communities and/or organizations.

OHSU Involvement

- ☐ OHSU will act as a funder and provide general technical assistance (e.g., evaluation support) via the Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program.
☐ OHSU will not intervene or interact with human subjects or participants for the project.
☐ OHSU will not obtain individually identifiable private information about human subjects or participants for the project.
☐ OHSU will not obtain informed consent of individuals for participation in the project.

Protected Health Information

☐ This project may collect health information and/or identifiable information (including but not limited to name and contact information) of participants. Only data necessary to accomplish project aims will be collected. All information will be securely stored and managed by our organization, in accordance with any applicable HIPAA regulations.

If all of the above statements apply to your project, no further oversight is needed.

Any changes to your project may require a submission to the Institutional Review Board (IRB). It is normal for the scope and/or direction of a grant funded project to change. We encourage all grantees to adapt project activities as needed and to collect the data necessary to successfully meet their objectives. Our intent is to support organizations by ensuring the appropriate level of protection and oversight from OHSU's IRB throughout the duration of the project.

Examples that may require a reassessment include but are not limited to:

- Changing the overall intent of the project (e.g., from quality improvement to research)
- Changing plans around how results will be used and/or shared

If you're proposing a change to your project's design, scope, and/or data collection methods, follow the steps below:

- Contact the CPP team at KnightCancerCRO@OHSU.edu to discuss the change. They can help determine whether additional steps need to be taken.
- Project activities involving human subjects (including participant recruitment, data collection, etc.) must wait until it is determined whether the project needs to go through further OHSU IRB determination. You will be notified when your project activities can resume by CPP staff.

Name of Primary Contact

Signature of Primary Contact

Date

Possible Checklist Outcomes

- **No**, your project is not considered human subjects research based on what you reported to CPP
 - No further IRB action needed, unless project design changes
- **Potentially**, your project may be considered human subjects research or it is unclear based on what you reported to CPP
 - Submit a Request for Determination (RFD) form to the OHSU IRB
 - You will receive a formal determination from the IRB whether the project is considered research or not

We will support your team through this multi-step process!

Completing the Request for Determination Form

Request for Determination Form

Version **PEFarris-OCTRI+Knight Tool**
Publish date March 27, 2020



Research Integrity Office
Mail Code L106-RI
Portland, Oregon 97239-3098
Phone: 503.494.7887
Fax: 503.346.6808

Community PI Name: Add name of person responsible for project oversight eIRB _____
Research Navigator Name: _____
Project Title: [CPP IRB Pilot] Add project title

INSTRUCTIONS

Use this form when:

- You are not sure if your project requires human subjects' protection (Institutional Review Board=IRB) oversight, or
- You would like a formal determination from the IRB as to whether the project requires human subjects' protection oversight, or
- You are conducting genetic research with samples, information or data that are not individually identifiable to the research team.

Complete the entire form unless your response to a particular question instructs you to skip ahead.

Upload the form to the eIRB in place of, or in addition to, a protocol (your project's plan).

If your project meets the definition of Research (Section 1), includes Human Subjects (Section 2), and OHSU is Engaged in the research (Section 3), you should submit a new study with a full protocol instead of submitting this form.

Section One – Research | Evaluation | Study

Your project goal is to prove or study whether a new idea can help or improve something; this is research. Research is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to **generalizable knowledge**.

- ☐ This project is research. → **Skip to Section Two.** Only select this box if the intent of your project is specifically research.
- ☐ I don't think this project is research, or I am not sure. → **Answer the questions below:** Select this box if you aren't sure and would like the IRB to make this determination. This is the recommended option to select.

1.1. Is this a case study of a single patient or a case series of three or fewer patients? If so, describe. *Note: Inclusion of more than three patients is generally considered research.* The answer here is typically 'No,' unless your project will involve three or fewer participants.

1.1.1. If yes, will it involve testing of biological specimens for non-clinical purposes? If so, describe.

1.2. Is this a quality improvement/quality assurance, program evaluation, or public health project? If so, explain. (These types of activities may not meet the definition of research. See the Quality Improvement or Research? Quick Guide on the IRB Policies and Forms web page for more information.) Briefly describe the overall intent of your project (can pull from question 1 on CPP proposal). If this is a continuation, reference that this project builds on a previously funded CPP project. The CPP team will then add the IRB number for your previously reviewed project.

Possible RFD Outcomes

➤ **No**, your project is not considered human subjects research by OHSU IRB

- No further IRB action needed, unless project design changes

➤ **Yes**, your project is considered human subjects research by OHSU IRB

- Submit additional documents and information about project to the IRB

We will support your team through this multi-step process!

Follow Up and Payment

Project Changes

- If you plan to make changes to the design or intent or your project, reach out to us. Depending on the changes, you may need to complete an RFD, but we will support you through this process.

To move forward for payment:

- Must confirm project (via checklist) does not meet definition of research involving human subjects OR receive IRB approval OR a not human subjects research determination from the IRB

Next Steps

1. **Award Agreement:** Receive, sign and return along with current W-9 form in online portal
2. **Technical Assistance Support**
 - Respond to kick-off scheduling email
 - Review and draft Research Determination Checklist
 - Review Communications Toolkit

Contact Info:

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CPP General Support	
knightcancercro@ohsu.edu	
(503) 418-8077	

Any Questions?

Thank you!
