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CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**RFA P-22.1-EPS**

**Expansion of Cancer Prevention Services to  
Rural and Medically Underserved Populations**

**Please also refer to the Instructions for Applicants document,  
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## **RFA VERSION HISTORY**

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## **1. ABOUT CPRIT**

The State of Texas has established the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), which may issue up to \$6 billion in general obligation bonds to fund grants for cancer research and prevention.

CPRIT is charged by the Texas Legislature to do the following:

- Create and expedite innovation in the area of cancer research and in enhancing the potential for a medical or scientific breakthrough in the prevention of or cures for cancer;
- Attract, create, or expand research capabilities of public or private institutions of higher education and other public or private entities that will promote a substantial increase in cancer research and in the creation of high-quality new jobs in the State of Texas; and
- Develop and implement the Texas Cancer Plan.

### **1.1 Prevention Program Priorities**

Legislation from the 83rd Texas Legislature requires that CPRIT's Oversight Committee establish program priorities on an annual basis. The priorities are intended to provide transparency in how the Oversight Committee directs the orientation of the agency's funding portfolio. The Prevention Program's principles and priorities will also guide CPRIT staff and the Prevention Review Council on the development and issuance of program-specific Requests for Applications (RFAs) and the evaluation of applications submitted in response to those RFAs.

#### **Established Principles**

- Fund evidence-based interventions and their dissemination
- Support the prevention continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary (includes survivorship) prevention interventions

#### **CPRIT's Cross-Program Priorities:**

- Prevention and early detection initiatives
- Translation of Texas research (discoveries) to innovations
- Enhance Texas' research capacity and life science infrastructure

## Prevention Program Priorities

- Prioritize populations disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence
- Prioritize geographic areas of the state disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence
- Prioritize underserved populations
- Prioritize program assessment to identify best practices, use as a quality improvement tool, and guide future program direction

## 2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 Summary

The ultimate goals of the CPRIT Prevention Program are to reduce overall cancer incidence and mortality and to improve the lives of individuals who have survived or are living with cancer. The ability to reduce cancer death rates depends in part on the application of currently available evidence-based technologies and strategies. CPRIT fosters the primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of cancer in Texas by providing financial support for a wide variety of evidence-based risk reduction, early detection, and survivorship interventions.

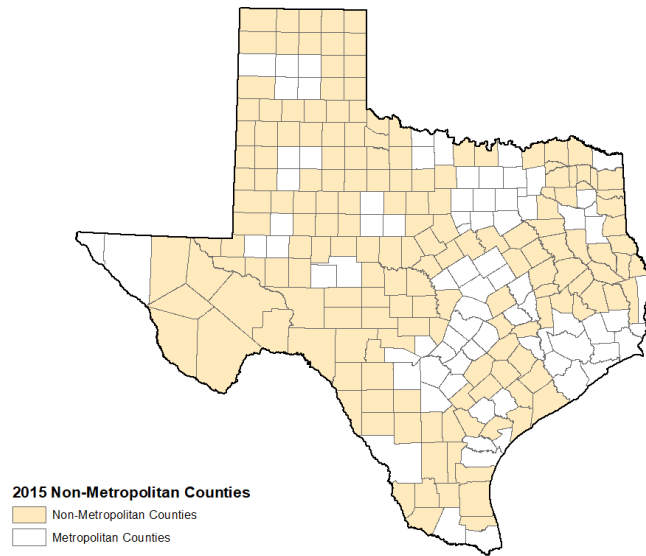
This award mechanism seeks to support the coordination and expansion of evidence-based services to prevent or screen for cancer in underserved populations who do not have adequate access to cancer prevention interventions and health care, bringing together networks of public health and community partners to carry out programs tailored for their communities. Projects should identify cancers that cause the most burden in the community and use evidence-based models to prevent and control these cancers.

**Eligible applicants include only those with currently or previously funded CPRIT Prevention projects.**

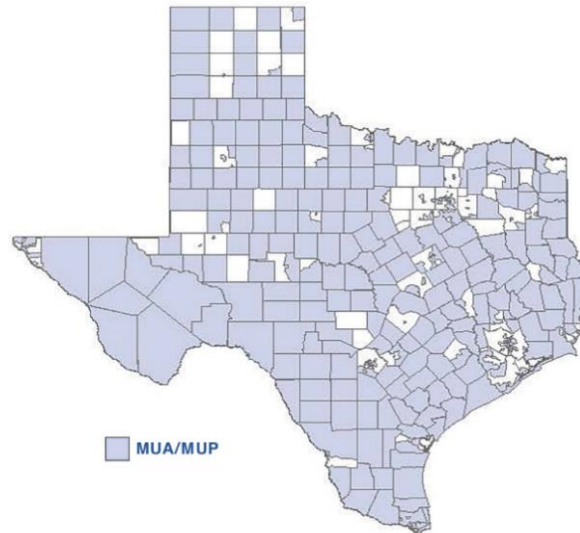
**Initial Expansion:** For the first expansion application, eligible applicants should propose to expand their programs to include additional types of prevention clinical services or to expand current clinical services into additional counties. In either case, the expansion must include the delivery of services to nonmetropolitan (rural) and/or medically underserved counties in the state. These may

be identified via web-based tools from the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and [US Department of Health and Human Services](#).

**Maintenance Expansion:** For a subsequent expansion, additional clinical services and/or expansion to additional counties is optional; however, the counties and the services offered in the first expansion should not be decreased. The number of clinical services delivered during the maintenance expansion must be increased substantially if no further geographic or clinical service expansion is proposed.



## Texas Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) and Populations (MUP)



Data source: US Health Resources and Services Administration Data Warehouse, October 2019

## 2.2 Project Objectives

CPRIT seeks to fund initial expansion evidence-based prevention projects that will do the following:

- Expand an eligible CPRIT project by adding and integrating the delivery of 1 or more of the following to an existing project:
  - Screenings, rescreenings, and diagnostics for breast, cervical, colorectal, lung cancers; hepatitis C virus; genetic risk factors.
  - Vaccinations against HPV and hepatitis B virus.
  - Evidence-based interventions focused on tobacco prevention (prevent tobacco use or sustained abstinence) and tobacco cessation among youth and/or adults.
  - Evidence-based primary prevention or survivorship services aimed at reducing the morbidity associated with cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- Expand an eligible CPRIT project by adding and integrating the delivery of services to additional nonmetropolitan and/or medically underserved counties.



CPRIT seeks to fund maintenance expansion evidence-based prevention projects that will do the following:

- Maintain, at a minimum, clinical service delivery and geographic area expansion as proposed in the previously funded expansion project. Further expansion of clinical services and geographic area is optional.
- Substantially increase the number of clinical services delivered if no further expansion is proposed.

Both initial and maintenance expansion evidence-based prevention projects funded by CPRIT will do the following:

- Coordinate the resources (clinical service providers, community organizations, etc) in nonmetropolitan and medically underserved areas (MUAs) to increase the availability of services and, where providers are available, help connect people with their local health care providers.
- Leverage the infrastructure, networks, and resources that have been put in place by CPRIT-supported projects while minimizing start-up time.
- Deliver comprehensive projects comprising all of the following: public and/or professional education, outreach, delivery of clinical services, navigation services, and system and/or policy improvements.
- Offer effective and efficient systems of delivery of prevention services based on the existing body of knowledge about, and evidence for, cancer prevention in ways that far exceed current performance in a given service area.
- Implement policy changes and/or system improvements that are sustainable over time (eg, decrease wait times between positive screen and diagnostic tests and treatment through improved navigation, reminder systems, etc).

### **2.3 Award Description**

CPRIT's **Expansion of Cancer Prevention Services** grants are intended to fund the expansion of eligible projects that have demonstrated exemplary success, as evidenced by progress reports and project evaluations, and desire to further enhance their impact on priority populations. Detailed descriptions of **established infrastructure, results, barriers, outcomes, and impact of the most recently funded project are required** (see outline of Project Plan, [section 4.4.4](#)).

Projects in the last year of a current grant or previously funded projects may apply for this expansion. Programs must have at least 1 full year of data to report before applying (see [section 2.7](#) eligibility criteria).

This mechanism will fund case management/patient navigation to cancer prevention services, to diagnostic testing, and to treatment. Applicants must ensure that there is access to treatment services for patients with precancer or cancers that are detected as a result of the project and must describe in detail the process for ensuring access to treatment services in their application.

Applicants should not request funds for any of the above components if these components are already being funded from other sources. If clinical services are being provided and paid by others, the applicant must explain and report on the outcomes and services that are delivered to the people navigated by the program.

The following are required components of the project:

- **Initial Expansion:** Expansion to nonmetropolitan/MUA counties and/or offering additional clinical services are required for an initial expansion. To qualify for this Expansion RFA, CPRIT requires applicants to either add the delivery of 1 or more of the following clinical services to their project or to expand to additional nonmetropolitan and/or MUA counties.
  - Screenings and rescreenings for breast, cervical, colorectal, lung cancers; hepatitis C virus; genetic risk factors
  - Vaccinations against HPV; hepatitis B virus
  - Evidence-based interventions focused on tobacco prevention (prevent tobacco use or sustained abstinence) and tobacco cessation among youth and/or adults
  - Evidence-based primary prevention or survivorship services aimed at reducing the morbidity associated with cancer diagnosis and treatment

Expansion of eligible projects into nonmetropolitan/medically underserved geographic areas not well served by the CPRIT portfolio (see maps at <https://www.cprit.texas.gov/our-programs/prevention/portfolio-maps>) will receive priority consideration.

- **Maintenance Expansion:** The clinical service and/or geographic expansion from the previously funded CPRIT expansion project must be maintained, at a minimum. Further expansion is optional. If no further expansion of clinical services and/or geography is

proposed, the number of clinical services delivered must be substantially increased from the initial expansion.

- **Comprehensive Projects:** Comprehensive projects include a continuum of services and systems and policy changes and comprise all of the following: Public and/or professional education and training, outreach, delivery of screening and diagnostic services, navigation services, data collection and tracking, and systems improvement.
- **Evidence Based:** CPRIT's service grants are intended to fund effective and efficient systems of delivery of prevention services based on the existing body of knowledge about and evidence for cancer prevention in ways that far exceed current performance in a given service area. The provision of clinical services, including rescreening at the appropriate interval, must comply with established and current national guidelines (eg, US Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF], American Cancer Society, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [CMS], etc).

If evidence-based strategies have not been implemented or tested for the specific population or service setting proposed, provide evidence that the proposed service is appropriate for the population and has a high likelihood of success. Baseline data (eg, availability of resources and screening coverage) for the target population and target service region are required. If no baseline data exist, the applicant must present clear plans and describe method(s) of measurement used to collect the data necessary to establish a baseline.

**Clinical Service and Community Partner Networks.** Applicants are encouraged to coordinate and describe a coalition of clinical service providers and community partners that can deliver outreach, education, clinical, and navigation services to the most counties and the most people possible in a selected service region. Partnerships with other organizations that can support and leverage resources (ie, community-based organizations, local and voluntary agencies, nonprofit agencies, groups that represent priority populations, etc) are encouraged. Letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding describing their specific role in the partnership will strengthen the application. Leveraging of the infrastructure, existing networks, and other resources that were established for the eligible CPRIT-funded project are expected and should be well described.

**Project Coordination and Technical Assistance.** The overall program should be directed and overseen by the Program Director (PD) who is responsible for establishing and managing the network. Responsibilities of the PD include the following:

- Establishing any necessary subcontracts or memoranda of understanding with project partners and clinical service providers;
- Regularly communicating with partners to discuss progress and barriers, resolve potential problems, and provide technical assistance as needed throughout the duration of the project;
- Meeting all reporting requirements. CPRIT expects measurable outcomes of supported activities, such as a significant increase over baseline (for the proposed service area) in the provision of evidence-based services, changes in provider practice, systems changes, and cost-effectiveness.

If applicable, in cases where the project proposes to work with multiple clinical providers, the PD should facilitate the establishment of standard protocols for all clinical service providers in the network as well as standard systems, policies, and procedures for the participating clinical service providers and organizations. These may include, but are not limited to, patient tracking and timely follow-up of all abnormal screening results and/or diagnoses of cancer.

Under this RFA, CPRIT **will not** consider the following:

- **Continuation of currently funded projects.** Projects must include the required expansion criteria detailed in the RFA.
- **New projects focusing solely on tobacco prevention and/or cessation for any age; these applicants** should apply under CPRIT's Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Screening RFA.
- **New projects focusing on computerized tomography screening for lung cancer.** Applicants with new projects including lung cancer CT screening should apply under CPRIT's Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Screening RFA.
- **New evidence-based cancer prevention services projects;** these applicants should apply under CPRIT's Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention Services RFA.
- **Projects that do not comply with established and current national guidelines and criteria (eg, USPSTF, American Cancer Society, CMS).**

- **Clinical tests/services proposed as part of the project that have not been recommended by the USPSTF due to lack of evidence available to draw reliable conclusions about benefits and harms of the tests. These include, but are not limited to, breast self-exams, clinical breast exams, and PSA tests.**
- **Projects focused solely on systems and/or policy change or solely on education and/or outreach that do not include the delivery of cancer preventive clinical services.**
- **Projects focusing solely on case management/patient navigation services through the treatment phase of cancer.** Case management/patient navigation services must be paired with the delivery of a clinical cancer prevention service and reported to CPRIT.
- **Projects focused solely on counseling services with no additional evidence-based clinical services.**
- **Resources for the treatment of cancer or viral treatment for hepatitis.**
- **Prevention/intervention research.** Applicants interested in prevention research should review CPRIT's Academic Research RFAs (available at <http://www.cprit.texas.gov>).

## 2.4 Priorities

**Types of Cancer:** Applications addressing the services listed in [section 2.2](#) Project Objectives and that are responsive to this RFA will be considered for funding. See [section 2.5](#) for specific areas of emphasis.

The Prevention Program's priorities for funding include the following:

**1) Populations disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence.**

CPRIT programs must address underserved populations. Underserved populations are subgroups that are disproportionately affected by cancer. CPRIT-funded efforts must address 1 or more of these priority populations:

- Underinsured and uninsured individuals
- Medically unserved or underserved populations
- Racial, ethnic, and cultural minority populations
- Populations with low screening rates, high incidence rates, and high mortality rates, focusing on individuals never before screened or who are significantly out of compliance

with nationally recommended screening guidelines (more than 5 years for breast/cervical cancers).

The age of the priority population and frequency of screening for provision of clinical services described in the application must comply with established and current national guidelines (eg, USPSTF, American Cancer Society).

**2) Geographic areas of the state disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence.**

While disparities and needs exist across the state, CPRIT will also prioritize applications proposing to serve geographic areas of the state disproportionately affected by cancer incidence, mortality, or cancer risk prevalence. For this RFA, projects must propose to serve nonmetropolitan and/or MUAs of the state. In addition, projects addressing areas of emphasis (see [section 2.5](#)) will receive priority consideration.

**Geographic and Population Balance in Current CPRIT portfolio**

At the programmatic level of review conducted by the Prevention Review Council (see [section 5.1](#)), priority will be given to projects that target geographic regions of the state and population subgroups that are not adequately covered by the current CPRIT Prevention project portfolio (see <https://www.cprit.texas.gov/our-programs/prevention/portfolio-maps> and <https://www.cprit.texas.gov/grants-funded?search=prevention>).

**2.5 Specific Areas of Emphasis**

Applications addressing any of the services listed in [section 2.2](#) and that are responsive to this RFA will be considered. For those services, CPRIT has identified the following areas of emphasis for this cycle of awards.

<b><u>Primary Prevention</u></b>
<b>HPV Vaccination</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increasing access to, delivery of, and completion of the HPV vaccine regimen to males and females through evidence-based intervention efforts in all areas of the state.<sup>1</sup></li></ul>

<b>Tobacco Prevention and Control</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable and high-risk populations, including people with mental illness, history of substance abuse, youth, and pregnant women, that have higher tobacco usage rates than the general population.</li> <li>• Areas that have higher smoking rates per capita than other areas of the state. Public Health Regions (PHR) 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 have significantly higher tobacco use among adults than in other regions of the state.</li> </ul>
<b>Liver Cancer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening for HBV infection and HCV infection in populations at high risk of infection.</li> <li>• Increasing screening rates in PHR 8, 9, 10, and 11. Incidence and mortality rates are highest in PHR 10 and 11.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b><u>Secondary Prevention - Screening and Early Detection Services</u></b>
<b>Colorectal Cancer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreasing disparities in incidence and mortality rates of colorectal cancer in racial/ethnic populations. Blacks have the highest incidence and mortality rates, followed by non-Hispanic Whites and Hispanics.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Increasing screening/detection rates in PHR 2, 4, 5, and 9, where the highest rates of cancer incidence and mortality are found.</li> <li>• Decreasing incidence and mortality rates in nonmetropolitan counties. Incidence and mortality rates are higher in nonmetropolitan counties compared with metropolitan counties.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Lung Cancer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreasing disparities in incidence and mortality rates of lung cancer in racial/ethnic populations. Blacks have higher mortality rates than Hispanics and non-Hispanic Whites.</li> <li>• Increasing screening/detection rates in PHR 2, 4, and 5, where the highest rates of cancer incidence and mortality are found.</li> </ul>
<b>Breast Cancer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreasing disparities in mortality rates of breast cancer in racial/ethnic populations. The mortality rate is significantly higher in Blacks than in other populations.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Increasing screening/detection rates in medically underserved areas of the state.</li> </ul>
<b>Cervical Cancer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreasing disparities in incidence and mortality rates of cervical cancer in racial/ethnic populations. Hispanics have the highest incidence rates while Blacks have the highest mortality rates.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Increasing screening/detection rates in medically underserved areas of the state.</li> </ul>

## 2.6 Outcome Metrics

Applicants are required to clearly describe their assessment and evaluation methodology. The applicant is required to describe final outcome measures for the project. Output measures that are associated with the final outcome measures should be identified in the project plan and will serve as a measure of program effectiveness. Planned policy or system changes/improvements should be identified and the plan for qualitative analysis described. **Baseline data for each measure proposed are required.** In addition, applicants should describe how funds from the CPRIT grant will improve outcomes over baseline. If the applicant is not providing baseline data for a measure, the applicant must provide a well-justified explanation and describe clear plans and method(s) of measurement to collect the data necessary to establish a baseline.

### Reporting Requirements

Funded projects are required to report quantitative output and outcome metrics (as appropriate for each project) through the submission of quarterly progress reports, annual reports, and a final report.

If clinical services are being paid for and provided by others, the applicant is required to report on the number of clinical services and outcomes (eg, screenings/diagnostics, vaccinations, cancer precursors, cancers detected) that are delivered to the people navigated by the program.

- Quarterly progress report sections include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Summary page, including narrative on project progress (required);
  - Services, other than clinical services, provided to the public/professionals;
  - Actions taken by people/professionals as a result of education or training;
  - Clinical services provided (county of residence of client is required); and
  - Precursors and cancers detected.
- Annual and final progress report sections include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Key accomplishments, **including qualitative analysis of policy change and/or lasting systems change;**
  - Progress toward goals and outcome objectives, including percentage increase over baseline in provision of age- and risk-appropriate comprehensive preventive services to eligible individuals in a defined service area;
  - Materials produced and publications; and
  - Economic impact of the project.



## 2.7 Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include only those with currently or previously funded CPRIT Prevention projects that comply with established and current national guidelines, including tobacco cessation, lung cancer screening, primary prevention, and survivorship projects previously funded through other Prevention Program RFAs (see CPRIT Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention Services and Tobacco Control and Lung Cancer Screening RFAs).
- To justify the expansion, applicants must leverage the infrastructure and networks of the most recently funded CPRIT project.
- Applicants may submit an expansion application before the end of the currently funded project but should time their submission during the last year of the current project to ensure minimal overlap of funding. Unexpended funds from the original project will not carry forward to the expansion project. To apply for an expansion of a current project, projects must have at least 1 full year of results and data.
- The applicant must be a Texas-based entity that previously received CPRIT funding through Prevention Program RFAs.
- The applicant is eligible solely for the grant mechanism specified by the RFA under which the grant application is submitted.
- The designated PD will be responsible for the overall performance of the funded project. The PD must have relevant education and management experience and must reside in Texas during the project performance time.
- The evaluation of the project must be headed by a professional who has demonstrated expertise in the field and who resides in Texas during the time that the project is conducted.
- If the applicant or a partner is an existing Department of State Health Services (DSHS) contractor, CPRIT funds may not be used as a match, and the application must explain how this grant complements or leverages existing state and federal funds. DSHS contractors who also receive CPRIT funds must be in compliance with and fulfill all contractual obligations within CPRIT. CPRIT and DSHS reserve the right to discuss the contractual standing of any contractor receiving funds from both entities.
- Collaborations are permitted and encouraged, and collaborators may or may not reside in Texas. However, collaborators who do not reside in Texas are not eligible to receive CPRIT

funds. Subcontracting and collaborating organizations may include public, not-for-profit, and for-profit entities. Such entities may be located outside of the State of Texas, but non-Texas-based organizations are not eligible to receive CPRIT funds.

- An applicant is not eligible to receive a CPRIT grant award if the applicant PD, any senior member or key personnel listed on the grant application, or any officer or director of the grant applicant's organization or institution is related to a CPRIT Oversight Committee member.
- An applicant organization is eligible to receive a grant award only if the applicant certifies that the applicant organization, including the PD, any senior member or key personnel listed on the grant application, or any officer or director of the grant applicant's organization, (or any person related to 1 or more of these individuals within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity), has not made and will not make a contribution to CPRIT or to any foundation created to benefit CPRIT.
- The applicant must report whether the applicant organization, the PD, or other individuals who contribute to the execution of the proposed project in a substantive, measurable way (whether slated to receive salary or compensation under the grant award or not) are currently ineligible to receive federal grant funds because of scientific misconduct or fraud or have had a grant terminated for cause within 5 years prior to the submission date of the grant application.
- CPRIT grants will be awarded by contract to successful applicants. CPRIT grants are funded on a reimbursement-only basis. Certain contractual requirements are mandated by Texas law or by administrative rules. Although applicants need not demonstrate the ability to comply with these contractual requirements at the time the application is submitted, applicants should make themselves aware of these standards before submitting a grant application. Significant issues addressed by the CPRIT contract are listed in [section 6](#). All statutory provisions and relevant administrative rules can be found [on the CPRIT website](#).

## 2.8 Resubmission Policy

- **One resubmission** is permitted. An application is considered a resubmission if the proposed project is the same project as presented in the original submission. A change in the identity of the PD for a project or a change of title for a project that was previously

submitted to CPRIT does not constitute a new application; the application would be considered a resubmission.

- Applicants who choose to resubmit should carefully consider the reasons for lack of prior success. Applications that received overall numerical scores of 5 or higher are likely to need considerable attention. All resubmitted applications should be carefully reconstructed; a simple revision of the prior application with editorial or technical changes is not sufficient, and applicants are advised not to direct reviewers to such modest changes. A 1-page summary of the approach to the resubmission should be included. Resubmitted applications may be assigned to reviewers who did not review the original submission. Reviewers of resubmissions are asked to assess whether the resubmission adequately addresses critiques from the previous review. **Applicants should note that addressing previous critiques is advisable; however, it does not guarantee the success of the resubmission.** All resubmitted applications must conform to the structure and guidelines outlined in this RFA.

## 2.9 Funding Information

The amount of funding that applicants may request is dependent on the primary focus of the project and on the type of expansion (see [section 2.2](#) and [section 2.3](#)). Use the table below to determine the maximum amount of funding and the maximum number of years that may be requested.

Project Focus	Expansion Type	Maximum Amount of Funding	Maximum Duration
Cancer screenings/diagnostics	Initial	\$2 million	3 years
Cancer screenings/diagnostics	Maintenance	\$2.5 million	5 years
Healthy living/obesity control	Initial or Maintenance	\$1 million	3 years
HPV/hepatitis B screening and vaccination/hepatitis C screening	Initial	\$2 million	3 years
HPV/hepatitis B screening and vaccination/hepatitis C screening	Maintenance	\$2.5 million	5 years
Survivor care	Initial or Maintenance	\$1 million	3 years
Tobacco cessation	Initial or Maintenance	\$2 million	3 years

Lung cancer screening and tobacco cessation	Initial	\$2 million	3 years
Lung cancer screening and tobacco cessation	Maintenance	\$2.5 million	5 years

A **significant expansion** in the geographic area and/or clinical services provided for the initial expansion, or number of clinical services delivered for any subsequent expansion, as described in [section 2.3](#), is required. Grant funds may be used to pay for clinical services, navigation services, salary and benefits, project supplies, equipment, costs for outreach and education of populations, and travel of project personnel to project site(s). Applicants must ensure that there is access to treatment services for patients with precancers or cancers that are detected as a result of the program and must describe access to treatment services in their application.

Requests for funds to support construction or renovation or requests to support lobbying will not be approved under this mechanism. Cost sharing for equipment purchases is encouraged. Grantees may request funds for travel for 2 project staff to attend CPRIT’s conference.

The budget should be proportional to the number of individuals receiving programs and services, and a significant proportion of funds is expected to be used for program delivery as opposed to program development. In addition, CPRIT funding should not be used to replace existing funding, supplant funds that would normally be expended by the applicant’s organization, or make up for funding reductions from other sources.

State law limits the amount of award funding that may be spent on indirect costs to no more than 5% of the **total** award amount.

### 3. KEY DATES

<b>RFA release</b>	May 7, 2021
<b>Online application opens</b>	June 3, 2021, 7 AM central time
<b>Application due</b>	September 1, 2021, 4 PM central time
<b>Application review</b>	September 2021–January 2022
<b>Award notification</b>	February 2022
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	March 1, 2022

Applicants will be notified of peer review panel assignment prior to the peer review meeting dates.

## 4. APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### 4.1 *Instructions for Applicants* document

It is **imperative** that applicants read the accompanying instructions document for this RFA that will be available June 3, 2021 (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Requirements may have changed from previous versions.

### 4.2 Online Application Receipt System

Applications must be submitted via the CPRIT Application Receipt System (CARS) (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). **Only applications submitted through this portal will be considered eligible for evaluation.** The PD must create a user account in the system to start and submit an application. The Co-PD, if applicable, must also create a user account to participate in the application. Furthermore, the Application Signing Official (a person authorized to sign and submit the application for the organization) and the Grants Contract/Office of Sponsored Projects Official (an individual who will help manage the grant contract if an award is made) also must create a user account in CARS. Applications will be accepted beginning at 7 AM central time on June 3, 2021, and must be submitted by 4 PM central time on September 1, 2021. Detailed instructions for submitting an application are in the *Instructions for Applicants* document, posted on CARS. **Submission of an application is considered an acceptance of the terms and conditions of the RFA.**

### 4.3 Submission Deadline Extension

The submission deadline may be extended for 1 or more grant applications upon a showing of good cause. All requests for extension of the submission deadline must be submitted via email to the [CPRIT Helpdesk](#) within 24 hours of the submission deadline. Submission deadline extensions, including the reason for the extension, will be documented as part of the grant review process records.

### 4.4 Application Components

Applicants are advised to follow all instructions to ensure accurate and complete submission of all components of the application. Refer to the *Instructions for Applicants* document for details.

**Submissions that are missing 1 or more components or do not meet the eligibility requirements may be administratively withdrawn without review.**

#### **4.4.1 Abstract and Significance (5,000 characters)**

Clearly explain the problem(s) to be addressed, the approach(es) to the solution, and how the application is responsive to this RFA. In the event that the project is funded, the abstract will be made public; therefore, no proprietary information should be included in this statement. Initial compliance decisions are based in part upon review of this statement.

**The abstract format is as follows (use headings as outlined below):**

- **Need:** Include a description of need in the specific service area. Include rates of incidence, mortality, and screening in the service area compared to overall Texas rates. Describe barriers, plans to overcome these barriers, and the priority population to be served.
- **Overall Project Strategy:** Describe the project and how it will address the identified need. Clearly explain what the project is and what it will specifically do, including the services to be provided and the process/system for delivery of services and outreach to the priority population.
- **Specific Goals:** State specifically the overall goals of the proposed project; include the estimated overall numbers of clinical services delivered and number of people (public and/or professionals) served.
- **Significance and Impact:** Explain how the proposed project, if successful, will have a major impact on cancer prevention and control for the population proposed to be served and for the State of Texas.

#### **4.4.2 Goals and Objectives (700 characters each)**

List only major **outcome goals** and **measurable objectives** for each year of the project. **Do not include process objectives**; these should be described in the project plan only. Include the proposed metric within both the stated Objective **and** the Measure sections (eg, Measure: 2,000 individuals, age 9-12, will initiate HPV vaccination during the grant period). Applications may be returned for revision if the proposed metric is not included within the Measure section. Refer to the *Instructions for Applicants* document for details.

The maximum number is 3 goals with 3 outcome objectives each. Projects will be evaluated annually on progress toward outcome goals and objectives. See [Appendix B](#) for instructions on writing outcome goals and objectives.

A baseline and method(s) of measurement are required for each objective. Provide both raw numbers and percent changes for the baseline and target. If a baseline has not been defined, applicants are required to explain plans to establish baseline and describe method(s) of measurement.

#### **4.4.3 Project Timeline (2 pages)**

Provide a project timeline for project activities that includes deliverables and dates. Use Years 1, 2, 3 and Months 1, 2, 3, etc, as applicable (eg, Year 1, Months 3-5), instead of specific months or years. Month 1 is the first full month of the grant award.

#### **4.4.4 Project Plan (12 pages; fewer pages permissible)**

*The required project plan format follows. Applicants must use the headings outlined below.*

**Background:** Briefly present the rationale behind the proposed service, emphasizing the critical barriers to current service delivery that will be addressed. Identify the evidence-based service to be implemented for the priority population. Describe the race, ethnicity, age, and other defining characteristics of the population to be served.

If evidence-based strategies have not been implemented or tested for the specific population or service setting proposed, provide evidence that the proposed service is appropriate for the population and has a high likelihood of success. Baseline data for the priority population and target service area are required where applicable.

Reviewers will be aware of national and state statistics, and these should be used only to compare rates for the proposed service area. Describe the geographic region of the state that the project will serve; maps are encouraged.

**Goals and Objectives:** Process objectives should be included in the project plan. Outcome goals and objectives will be entered in separate fields in CARS. However, if desired, outcome goals and objectives may be fully repeated or briefly summarized here. See [Appendix B](#) for instructions on writing goals and objectives.

**Components of the Project:** Clearly describe the need, delivery method, and evidence base (provide references) for the services as well as anticipated results. Be explicit about the base of evidence and any necessary adaptations for the proposed project. Describe why this project is nonduplicative. Describe how the proposed project leverages the infrastructure, networks, and resources that have been put in place by the most recently funded CPRIT project while minimizing start-up time.

**Clearly describe and differentiate between the ongoing project components in the previous project and any new components; include counties served and number of clinical services provided in the original or initial expansion project as compared to the current application.**

It is important to distinguish between Texas counties where the project proposes to deliver services and counties of residence of population served (see [Appendix A](#) for definitions and *Instructions for Applicants*). Only counties with service delivery should be listed in the Geographic Area to be Served section of the application. Projecting counties of residence of population served is not required but may be described in the project plan.

Clearly demonstrate the ability to provide the proposed service and describe how results will be improved over baseline and the ability to reach the priority population. Describe the method(s) that will be used to recall for appropriate rescreening those individuals who have been screened through this project. Describe any planned policy changes or system improvements.

If clinical services are being paid for and provided by others, the applicant must explain and report on the number of clinical services and outcomes (eg, screenings/diagnostics, vaccinations, cancer precursors, cancers detected) that are delivered to the people navigated by the program. Applicants must also clearly and thoroughly describe **access to treatment** services should precancer or cancer be detected. Include how and by whom any positive screening results will be delivered to a program participant.

**Evaluation Strategy:** A strong commitment to evaluation of the project is required. Describe the plan for outcome and output measurements, including qualitative analysis of policy and system changes. Describe data collection and management methods, data analyses, and anticipated results. Evaluation and reporting of results should be headed by a professional who has demonstrated expertise in the field. If needed, applicants may want to consider seeking expertise at Texas-based academic cancer centers, schools/programs of public health, or the like. Applicants should budget



accordingly for the evaluation activity and should involve that professional during grant application preparation to ensure, among other things, that the evaluation plan is linked to the proposed goals and objectives.

**Organizational Qualifications and Capabilities:** Describe the organization and its track record and success in providing health programs and services. Describe the role and qualifications of the key collaborators/partners in the project. Include information on the organization's financial stability and viability. The applicant should demonstrate how the organizational environment will contribute to a successful project. If equipment or physical resources are required to carry out the project, the applicant should describe the availability of these resources and the organizational capacity to use the equipment. To ensure access to preventive services and reporting of services outcomes, applicants should demonstrate that they have provider partnerships and agreements (via memoranda of understanding) or commitments (via letters of commitment) in place.

CPRIT acknowledges that full maintenance and sustainability of projects when CPRIT funding ends may not be feasible, especially in cases involving the delivery of clinical services. However, it is important to consider sustainability early in the life cycle of a project, particularly regarding organizational characteristics and processes that are modifiable.

Washington University in St Louis has developed a useful tool ([Program Sustainability Assessment Tool](#)) to assess program capacity for sustainability. The tool assesses several factors that contribute to program sustainability. These factors include environmental support, funding stability, partnerships, organizational capacity, program evaluation, program adaptation, communication, and strategic planning. Applicants are not required to use this tool; however, it provides practical guidance on factors that should be considered and should be included in the application to describe a program's organizational capacity for sustainability.

It is expected that steps toward building sustainability capacity for the program will be taken and plans for such be briefly described in the application. The applicant should assess and describe the factors that will contribute to the organization's capacity to facilitate sustainability.

**Dissemination and Replication:** Dissemination of project results and outcomes, including barriers encountered and successes achieved, is critical to building the evidence base for cancer prevention and control efforts in the state. Dissemination efforts should consider the message, source, audience, and channel (Brownson, R.C., et al. [J Pub Health Manag Pract. 24\(2\):102-111](#),

March/April 2018). Dissemination methods may include, but are not limited to, presentations at workshops and seminars, one-on-one meetings, publications, news media, social media, etc.

While passive dissemination methods are common (eg, publications, presentations at professional meetings), plans should include some active dissemination methods (eg, meetings with stakeholders, blogs, social media). Applicants should describe their dissemination plans. The plans should include the kinds of audiences to be targeted and methods for reaching the targeted audiences.

Replication by others is an additional way to disseminate the project. For applicable components, describe how the project or components of the project lend themselves to application by other communities and/or organizations in the state or expansion in the same communities. Describe what components of this project can be adapted to a larger or lower-resource setting. Note that some programs may have unique resources and may not lend themselves to replication by others.

#### **4.4.5 People Reached (Indirect Contact)**

Provide the estimated overall number of people (members of the public and professionals) to be reached by the funded project. The applicant is required to itemize separately the types of indirect noninteractive education and outreach activities, with estimates, that led to the calculation of the overall estimates provided. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

#### **4.4.6 Number of Services Delivered (Direct Contact)**

Provide the estimated overall number of services directly delivered to members of the public and to professionals by the funded project. Each individual service should be counted, regardless of the number of services one person receives. The applicant is required to itemize separately the education, navigation, and clinical activities/services, with estimates, that led to the calculation of the overall estimate provided. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

#### **4.4.7 Number of Clinical Services Delivered**

Provide the estimated overall number of clinical services directly delivered to members of the public by the funded project. Each individual clinical service should be counted, regardless of the number of services one person receives. Separately itemize the clinical services, with estimates, that led to the calculation of the overall estimate provided. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

#### **4.4.8 Number of Unique People Served (Direct Contact)**

Provide the estimated overall number of unique members of the public and professionals served by the funded project. One person may receive multiple services but should only be counted once here. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for definitions.

#### **4.4.9 References**

Provide a concise and relevant list of references cited for the application. The successful applicant will provide referenced evidence and literature support for the proposed services.

#### **4.4.10 Resubmission Summary**

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Describe the approach to the resubmission and how reviewers' comments were addressed. Clearly indicate to reviewers how the application has been improved in response to the critiques. Refer the reviewers to specific sections of other documents in the application where further detail on the points in question may be found. When a resubmission is evaluated, responsiveness to previous critiques is assessed.

The summary statement of the original application review, if previously prepared, will be automatically appended to the resubmission; the applicant is not responsible for providing this document.

#### **4.4.11 Most Recently Funded Relevant Project Summary (3 pages)**

Upload a summary that outlines the progress made with the most recently funded relevant CPRIT award. Applicants must describe results and outcomes of the most recently funded relevant award and demonstrate why further funding is warranted.

Please note that a different set of reviewers from those assigned to the previously funded application may evaluate this application. Applicants should make it easy for reviewers to compare the most recently funded relevant project with the proposed expansion project.

In the description include the following:

- Describe the evidence-based intervention, its purpose, and how it was implemented in the priority population. Describe any adaptations made for the population served.
- List approved goals and objectives of the most recently funded grant.

- For each objective, provide milestones/target dates and target metrics as compared to actual completion dates and metrics.
- Include a discussion of objectives not fully met. Explain any barriers encountered and strategies used to overcome these.
- For the most recently funded relevant project, describe major activities; significant results, including major findings, developments, or conclusions (both positive and negative); and key outcomes. If the project has not yet ended, provide projections for completion dates and final metrics.
- Describe steps taken toward sustainability for components of the project. Fully describe systems or policy improvements and enhancements.
- Describe how project results were disseminated or plans for future dissemination of results.

#### 4.4.12 CPRIT Grants Summary

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Provide a listing of **all** projects funded by the CPRIT Prevention program for the PD and the Co-PD, regardless of their connection to this application.

#### 4.4.13 Budget and Justification

Provide a brief outline and detailed justification of the budget for the entire proposed period of support, including salaries and benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual expenses, services delivery, and other expenses. CPRIT funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Applications requesting more than the maximum allowed cost (total costs) as specified in [section 2.9](#) will be administratively withdrawn.

Clearly describe any organizational cost-sharing or pro-bono contributions related to this project, as well as any attempts made or successes to secure other state/federal funds.

- **Average Cost per Service:** The average cost per service will be automatically calculated from the total cost of the project divided by the total number of services delivered (refer to [Appendix A](#)). A significant proportion of funds is expected to be used for program delivery as opposed to program development and organizational infrastructure.

- **Average Cost per Person:** The average cost per person will be automatically calculated from the total cost of the project divided by the total number of unique people served (refer to [Appendix A](#)).
- **Average Cost per Clinical Service:** The average cost per clinical service will be automatically calculated from the total cost of the project divided by the total number of clinical services delivered (refer to [Appendix A](#)).
- **Personnel:** The individual salary cap for CPRIT awards is \$200,000 per year. Describe the source of funding for all project personnel where CPRIT funds are not requested.
- **Travel:** PDs and related project staff are expected to attend CPRIT's conference. CPRIT funds may be used to send up to 2 people to the conference.
- **Equipment:** Equipment having a useful life of more than 1 year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit must be specifically approved by CPRIT. An applicant does not need to seek this approval prior to submitting the application. Justification must be provided for why funding for this equipment cannot be found elsewhere; CPRIT funding should not supplant existing funds. Cost sharing of equipment purchases is strongly encouraged.
- **Services Costs:**
  - CPRIT reimburses for services using Medicare reimbursement rates. Describe the source of funding for all services where CPRIT funds are not requested. If clinical services are being paid for and provided by others, the applicant is required to explain and report on the number of clinical services and outcomes (eg, screenings/diagnostics, vaccinations, cancer precursors, cancers detected) that are delivered to the people navigated by the program.
  - CPRIT does not allow recovery of costs related to tests that have not been recommended by the USPSTF, including breast self-exams, clinical breast exams, and PSA tests; the Task Force has concluded there is not enough evidence available to draw reliable conclusions about the additional benefits and harms of these tests. (See <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/>)
- **Other Expenses:**
  - **Incentives:** Use of incentives or positive rewards to change or elicit behavior is allowed; however, incentives may only be used based on strong evidence of their effectiveness for the purpose and in the priority population identified by the applicant.

CPRIT will not fund cash incentives. The maximum dollar value allowed for an incentive per person, per activity or session, is \$25.

- **Costs Not Related to Cancer Prevention and Control:** CPRIT does not allow recovery of any costs for services not related to cancer (eg, health physicals, HIV testing) other than those required prior to the clinical services proposed in the project.
- **Indirect/Shared Costs:** Texas law limits the amount of grant funds that may be spent on indirect/shared expenses to no more than 5% of the total award amount (5.263% of the direct costs). Guidance regarding indirect cost recovery can be found in [CPRIT's Administrative Rules](#).

#### 4.4.14 Current and Pending Support and Sources of Funding

Use the template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>). Describe the funding source and duration of **all** current and pending support for the proposed project, including a capitalization table that reflects private investors, if any.

#### 4.4.15 Biographical Sketches

The designated PD will be responsible for the overall performance of the funded project and must have relevant education and management experience. The PD/Co-PD(s) must provide a biographical sketch that describes his or her education and training, professional experience, awards and honors, and publications and/or involvement in programs relevant to cancer prevention and/or service delivery.

- Use the Co-PD Biographical Sketch section **ONLY** if a Co-PD has been identified.
- The evaluation professional must provide a biographical sketch in the Evaluation Professional Biographical sketch section.
- Up to 3 additional biographical sketches for key personnel may be provided in the Key Personnel Biographical Sketch section.

Each biographical sketch must not exceed 5 pages and should use either the “Prevention Programs: Biographical Sketch” template provided on the CARS (<https://CPRITGrants.org>) or the NIH Biographical Sketch format. Only biographical sketches will be accepted; do not submit resumes and/or CVs. If a position is not yet filled, please upload a job description.

#### **4.4.16 Collaborating Organizations**

List all key participating organizations that will partner with the applicant organization to provide 1 or more components essential to the success of the program (eg, evaluation, clinical services, recruitment to screening). Please be sure to also include anyone listed as key personnel and/or listed under the Current & Pending Support section.

#### **4.4.17 Letters of Commitment (10 pages)**

Applicants should provide letters of commitment and/or memoranda of understanding from community organizations, key faculty, or any other component essential to the success of the program. Letters should be specific to the contribution of each organization.

### **5. APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **5.1 Review Process Overview**

All eligible applications will be reviewed using a 2-stage peer review process: (1) evaluation of applications by peer review panels and (2) prioritization of grant applications by the Prevention Review Council. In the first stage, applications will be evaluated by an independent review panel using the criteria listed below. In the second stage, applications judged to be meritorious by review panels will be evaluated by the Prevention Review Council and recommended for funding based on comparisons with applications from all of the review panels and programmatic priorities.

Programmatic considerations may include, but are not limited to, geographic distribution, cancer type, population served, and type of program or service. The scores are only 1 factor considered during programmatic review. At the programmatic level of review, priority will be given to proposed projects that target geographic regions of the state or population subgroups that are not well represented in the current CPRIT Prevention project portfolio.

Applications approved by Review Council will be forwarded to the CPRIT Program Integration Committee (PIC) for review. The PIC will consider factors including program priorities set by the Oversight Committee, portfolio balance across programs, and available funding. The CPRIT Oversight Committee will vote to approve each grant award recommendation made by the PIC. The grant award recommendations will be presented at an open meeting of the Oversight Committee and must be approved by two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members present and

eligible to vote. The review process is described more fully in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, sections 703.6 to 703.8](#).

Each stage of application review is conducted confidentially, and all CPRIT Peer Review Panel members, Review Council members, PIC members, CPRIT employees, and Oversight Committee members with access to grant application information are required to sign nondisclosure statements regarding the contents of the applications. All technological and scientific information included in the application is protected from public disclosure pursuant to Health and Safety Code §102.262(b).

Individuals directly involved with the review process operate under strict conflict-of-interest prohibitions. All CPRIT Peer Review Panel members and Review Council members are non-Texas residents.

An applicant will be notified regarding the peer review panel assigned to review the grant application. Peer Review Panel members are listed by panel on CPRIT's website. **By submitting a grant application, the applicant agrees and understands that the only basis for reconsideration of a grant application is limited to an undisclosed conflict of interest as set forth in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, section 703.9](#).**

Communication regarding the substance of a pending application is prohibited between the grant applicant (or someone on the grant applicant's behalf) and the following individuals: an Oversight Committee member, a PIC member, a Review Panel member, or a Review Council member. Applicants should note that the CPRIT PIC comprises the CPRIT Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Scientific Officer, the Chief Prevention and Communications Officer, the Chief Product Development Officer, and the Commissioner of State Health Services. The prohibition on communication begins on the first day that grant applications for the particular grant mechanism are accepted by CPRIT and extends until the grant applicant receives notice regarding a final decision on the grant application. The prohibition on communication does not apply to the time period when preapplications or letters of interest are accepted. Intentional, serious, or frequent violations of this rule may result in the disqualification of the grant application from further consideration for a grant award.



## 5.2 Review Criteria

Peer review of applications will be based on primary scored criteria and secondary unscored criteria, identified below. Review panels consisting of experts in the field and advocates will evaluate and score each primary criterion and subsequently assign an overall score that reflects an overall assessment of the application. The overall evaluation score will not be an average of the scores of individual criteria; rather, it will reflect the reviewers' overall impression of the application and responsiveness to the RFA priorities.

### 5.2.1 Primary Evaluation Criteria

#### Impact

- Do the proposed services address an important problem or need in cancer prevention and control? Do the proposed project strategies support desired outcomes in cancer incidence, morbidity, and/or mortality? Do the proposed project strategies reach a priority population (eg, low income, minority, rural) at high risk of cancer?
- For the proposed expansion, does the project build on its initial results (baseline)? Does it go beyond the initial project to address what the applicant has learned or explore new partnerships, new audiences, or improvements to systems?
- Will the project reach and serve/impact an appropriate number of people based on the budget allocated to providing services and the cost of providing services?
- If applicable, have partners demonstrated that the collaborative effort will provide a greater impact on cancer prevention and control than the applicant organization's effort separately?
- Does the program address adaptation, if applicable, of the evidence-based intervention to the priority population? Is the base of evidence clearly explained and referenced?

#### Project Strategy and Feasibility

- Does the proposed project provide services specified in the RFA?
- Are the overall program approach, strategy, and design clearly described and supported by established theory and practice? Are the proposed objectives and activities feasible within the duration of the award? Has the applicant convincingly demonstrated the short- and long-term impacts of the project?
- Has the applicant proposed policy changes and/or system improvements?

- Are possible barriers addressed and approaches for overcoming them proposed?
- Are the priority population and culturally appropriate methods to reach the priority population clearly described?
- If applicable, does the application demonstrate the availability of resources and expertise to provide case management, including follow-up for abnormal results and access to treatment?
- Does the program leverage partners and resources to maximize the reach of the services proposed? Does the program leverage and complement other state, federal, and nonprofit grants?

### **Outcomes Evaluation**

- Are specific outcome goals and measurable objectives for each year of the project provided?
- Are the proposed outcome measures appropriate for the services provided, and are the expected changes clinically significant?
- If clinical services are being paid for and provided by others, does the applicant explain the methods used to collect data and report on these clinical services and outcomes?
- Does the application provide a clear and appropriate plan for data collection and management and data analyses?
- Are clear baseline data provided for the priority population, or are clear plans included to collect baseline data?
- If an evidence-based intervention is being adapted in a population where it has not been implemented or tested, are plans for evaluation of barriers, effectiveness, and fidelity to the model described?
- Is the qualitative analysis of planned policy or system changes described?

### **Organizational Qualifications and Capabilities**

- Do the organization and its collaborators/partners demonstrate the ability to provide the proposed preventive services?

- Does the described role of each collaborating organization make it clear that each organization adds value to the project and is committed to working together to implement the project?
- Have the appropriate personnel been recruited to design, implement, evaluate, and complete the project?
- Is the organization structurally and financially stable and viable?
- Does the applicant describe their current activities and the program's organizational capacity for sustainability?
- Does the applicant describe steps that will be taken toward building internal capacity and partnerships?
- Does the applicant describe a plan for systems changes that are sustainable over time; eg, improve results, provider practice, efficiency, cost-effectiveness?

### **5.2.2 Secondary Evaluation Criteria**

#### **Budget**

- Is the budget appropriate and reasonable for the scope and services of the proposed work?
- Is the cost per person served appropriate and reasonable?
- Is the proportion of the funds allocated for direct services reasonable?
- Is the project a good investment of Texas public funds?

#### **Dissemination and Replication**

- Are plans for dissemination of the project's results and outcomes, including target audiences and methods, clearly described?
- Are active dissemination strategies included and described in the plan?
- Does the applicant describe whether and/or how the project lends itself to replication of all or some components of the project by others in the state?

## **6. AWARD ADMINISTRATION**

Texas law requires that CPRIT grant awards be made by contract between the applicant and CPRIT. CPRIT grant awards are made to institutions or organizations, not to individuals. Award contract negotiation and execution will commence once the CPRIT Oversight Committee has

approved an application for a grant award. CPRIT may require, as a condition of receiving a grant award, that the grant recipient use CPRIT's electronic Grant Management System to exchange, execute, and verify legally binding grant contract documents and grant award reports. Such use shall be in accordance with CPRIT's electronic signature policy as set forth in [chapter 701, section 701.25](#).

Texas law specifies several components that must be addressed by the award contract, including needed compliance and assurance documentation, budgetary review, progress and fiscal monitoring, and terms relating to revenue sharing and intellectual property rights. These contract provisions are specified in [CPRIT's Administrative Rules](#). Applicants are advised to review CPRIT's administrative rules related to contractual requirements associated with CPRIT grant awards and limitations related to the use of CPRIT grant awards as set forth in [chapter 703, sections 703.10, 703.12](#).

Prior to disbursement of grant award funds, the grant recipient organization must demonstrate that it has adopted and enforces a tobacco-free workplace policy consistent with the requirements set forth in CPRIT's Administrative Rules, [chapter 703, section 703.20](#).

CPRIT requires the PD of the award to submit quarterly, annual, and final progress reports. These reports summarize the progress made toward project goals and address plans for the upcoming year and performance during the previous year(s). In addition, quarterly fiscal reporting and reporting on selected metrics will be required per the instructions to award recipients. Continuation of funding is contingent upon the timely receipt of these reports. Failure to provide timely and complete reports may waive reimbursement of grant award costs and may result in the termination of the award contract.

## **7. CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Helpdesk**

Helpdesk support is available for questions regarding user registration and online submission of applications. Queries submitted via email will be answered within 1 business day. Helpdesk staff are not in a position to answer questions regarding the scope and focus of applications. Before contacting the helpdesk, please refer to the *Instructions for Applicants* document (posted on June 3, 2021), which provides a step-by-step guide to using CARS.

**Hours of operation:** Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM central time

**Tel:** 866-941-7146

**Email:** [Help@CPRITGrants.org](mailto:Help@CPRITGrants.org)

## 7.2 Program Questions

Questions regarding the CPRIT Prevention program, including questions regarding this or any other funding opportunity, should be directed to the CPRIT Prevention Program Office.

**Tel:** 512-305-8417

**Email:** [Help@CPRITGrants.org](mailto:Help@CPRITGrants.org)

**Website:** [www.cprit.texas.gov](http://www.cprit.texas.gov)

## 8. RESOURCES

- The Texas Cancer Registry. <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr> or contact the Texas Cancer Registry at the Department of State Health Services.
- The Community Guide. <https://www.thecommunityguide.org/>
- Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. <http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov>
- Guide to Clinical Preventive Services: Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/guide/>
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## APPENDIX A: KEY TERMS

- **Activities:** A listing of the “who, what, when, where, and how” for each objective that will be accomplished.
- **Capacity Building:** Any activity (eg, training, identification of alternative resources, building internal assets) that builds durable resources and enables the grantee’s setting or community to continue the delivery of some or all components of the evidence-based intervention.
- **Clinical Services:** Number of clinical services such as screenings, diagnostic tests, vaccinations, counseling sessions, or other evidence-based preventive services delivered by a health care practitioner in an office, clinic, or health care system. Other examples include genetic testing or assessments, physical rehabilitation, tobacco cessation counseling or nicotine replacement therapy, case management, primary prevention clinical assessments, and family history screening.
- **Counties of Residence of Population Served:** Counties where the project does not plan to have a physical presence but people who live in these counties have received services. This includes counties of residence of people or places of business of professionals who participate in or receive education, navigation, or clinical services. Examples include people traveling to receive services as a result of marketing and programs accessible via the website or social media. These counties may be described in the project plan and must be reported in the quarterly progress report.
- **Counties with Service Delivery:** Counties where an activity or service will occur and the project has a physical presence for the services provided. Examples include onsite outreach and educational activities and delivery of clinical services through clinics, mobile vans, or telemedicine consults. These counties must be entered in the Geographic Area to be Served section of the application.
- **Education Services:** Number of evidence-based, culturally appropriate cancer prevention and control education and outreach services delivered to the public and to health care professionals. Examples include education or training sessions (group or individual), focus groups, and knowledge assessments. One individual may receive multiple education services.



- **Evidence-Based Program:** A program that is validated by some form of documented research or applied evidence. CPRIT’s website provides links to resources for evidence-based strategies, programs, and clinical recommendations for cancer prevention and control. To access this information, visit <https://www.cprit.state.tx.us/our-programs/prevention>.
- **Goals:** Broad statements of general purpose to guide planning. Outcome goals should be few in number and focus on aspects of highest importance to the project. ([Appendix B](#))
- **Integration:** The extent the evidence-based intervention is integrated within the culture of the grantee’s setting or community through policies and practice.
- **Navigation Services:** Number of unique activities/services that offer assistance to help overcome health care system barriers in a timely and informative manner and facilitate cancer screening and diagnosis to improve health care access and outcomes (Examples include patient reminders, transportation assistance, and appointment scheduling assistance). One individual may receive multiple navigation services.
- **Number of Clinical Services:** Number of [clinical services](#) delivered directly to members of the public by the funded project. One individual may receive multiple clinical services.
- **Number of Services (Direct Contact):** Number of services delivered directly to members of the public and/or professionals—direct, interactive public or professional education, outreach, training, navigation service, or clinical service, such as live educational and/or training sessions, vaccine administration, screening, diagnostics, case management/navigation services, and physician consults. One individual may receive multiple services.
- **Objectives:** Specific, measurable, actionable, realistic, and timely projections for outcomes; example: “Increase screening service provision in X population from Y% to Z% by 20xx.” Baseline data for the priority population must be included as part of each objective. ([Appendix B](#)). The proposed metric should be included in **both** the objective and the measure (eg, Measure: 2,000 individuals, age 9-12, will initiate HPV vaccination during the grant period).
- **People Reached (Indirect Contact):** Number of members of the public and/or professionals reached via indirect noninteractive public or professional education and outreach activities, such as mass media efforts, brochure distribution, public service

announcements, newsletters, and journals. (This category includes individuals who would be reached through activities that are directly funded by CPRIT as well as individuals who would be reached through activities that occur as a direct consequence of the CPRIT-funded project's leveraging of other resources/funding to implement the CPRIT-funded project).

- **Unique People Served (Direct Contact):** Number of unique members of the public and/or professionals served via direct, interactive public or professional education, outreach, training, navigation service, or clinical service. This category includes individuals who would be served through activities that are directly funded by CPRIT as well as individuals who would be served through activities that occur as a direct consequence of the CPRIT-funded project's leveraging of other resources/funding to implement the CPRIT-funded project.

## APPENDIX B: WRITING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

List only major **outcome goals** and **measurable objectives** for each year of the project. **Do not include process objectives**; these should be described in the project plan only. Include the proposed metric within **both** the stated objective and the measure (eg, Measure: 2,000 individuals, age 9-12, will initiate HPV vaccination during the grant period).

The maximum number is 3 goals with 3 objectives each. Projects will be evaluated annually on progress toward **outcome** goals and objectives.

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**Develop well-defined goals and objectives.**

**Goals** provide a roadmap or plan for where a group wants to go. Goals can be long term (over several years) or short term (over several months). Goals should be based on needs of the community and evidence-based data.

Goals should be:

- Believable – situations or conditions that the group believes can be achieved
- Attainable – possible within a designated time
- Tangible – capable of being understood or realized
- On a timetable – with a completion date
- Win-Win – beneficial to individual members and the coalition

**Objectives** are measurable steps toward achieving the goal. They are clear statements of specific activities required to achieve the goal. The best objectives have several characteristics in common – S.M.A.R.T. + C:

- Specific – they tell how much (number or percent), who (participants), what (action or activity), and by when (date)
  - Example: 115 uninsured individuals age 50 and older will complete colorectal cancer screening by March 31, 2018.
- Measurable – specific measures that can be collected, detected, or obtained to determine successful attainment of the objective

- Example: How many screened at an event? How many completed pre/post assessment?
- Achievable – not only are the objectives themselves possible, it is likely that your organization will be able to accomplish them
- Relevant to the mission – your organization has a clear understanding of how these objectives fit in with the overall vision and mission of the group
- Timed – developing a timeline is important for when your task will be achieved
- Challenging – objectives should stretch the group to aim on significant improvements that are important to members of the community

### **Evaluate and refine your objectives**

Review your developed objectives and determine the type and level of each using the following information:

#### **There are 2 types of objectives:**

- Outcome objectives – measure the “what” of a program; should be in the Goals and Objectives form (see [section 4.4.2](#))
- Process objectives – measure the “how” of a program; should be in the project plan only (see [section 4.4.4](#))

#### **There are 3 levels of objectives:**

- Community-level – objectives measure the planned community change
- Program impact – objectives measure the impact the program will have on a specific group of people
- Individual – objectives measures participant changes resulting from a specific program, using these factors:
  - Knowledge – understanding (know screening guidelines; recall the number to call for screening)
  - Attitudes – feeling about something (will consider secondhand smoke dangerous; believe eating 5 or more fruits and vegetable is important)
  - Skills – the ability to do something (complete fecal occult blood test)
  - Intentions – regarding plan for future behavior (will agree to talk to the doctor, will plan to schedule a Pap test)

- Behaviors (past or current) – to act in a particular way (will exercise 30+ minutes a day, will have a mammogram)

**Well-defined outcome goals and objectives can be used to track, measure, and report progress toward achievement.**

**Summary Table**

	<b>Outcome – Use in Goals and Objectives</b>	<b>Process – Use in Project Plan only</b>
<b>Community-level</b>	<p>WHAT will change in a community</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of CPRIT funding, fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) will be available to 1,500 uninsured individuals age 50 and over through 10 participating local clinics and doctors.</i></p>	<p>HOW the community change will come about</p> <p><i>Example: Contracts will be signed with participating local providers to enable uninsured individuals over age 50 have access to free colorectal cancer screening in their communities.</i></p>
<b>Program impact</b>	<p>WHAT will change in the target group as a result of a particular program</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of this project, 200 uninsured women between 40 and 49 will receive free breast and cervical cancer screening.</i></p>	<p>HOW the program will be implemented to affect change in a group/population</p> <p><i>Example: 2,000 female clients, between 40 and 49, will receive a letter inviting them to participate in breast and cervical cancer screening.</i></p>
<b>Individual</b>	<p>WHAT an individual will learn as a result of a particular program, or WHAT change an individual will make as a result of a particular program</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of one-to-one education of 500 individuals, at least 20% of participants will participate in a smoking cessation program to quit smoking.</i></p>	<p>HOW the program will be implemented to affect change in an individual’s knowledge or actions</p> <p><i>Example: As a result of one-to-one counseling, all participants will identify at least 1 smoking cessation service and 1 smoking cessation aid.</i></p>