

## **Funding Organizations with Approved Peer Review and Funding Systems**

As described in the 2013 Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) Guidelines, eligibility criteria for applying for a CCSG application and for meeting the minimum standard to be considered a research program require specific minimum levels of “peer reviewed, funded research projects.” In addition, peer reviewed, funded research projects always have access to CCSG shared resources.

To be considered as a “peer reviewed, funded project,” the responsible funding agency or organization should meet the general NIH standards of peer review and funding. These include meeting three criteria: (1) a peer review system which uses primarily external reviewers and is free of conflict-of-interest; (2) a ranking or rating system in the review process based on the scientific merit of the proposed research; and (3) a funding system based primarily on the peer review ranking or rating of the research applications.

In addition to research grants, contracts and cooperative agreements from the NIH, the organizations listed below generally employ a system of external review and funding that complies closely with the NIH standard. All funded, multi-year research projects (equivalent in size and complexity to an NIH R01) from these organizations (excluding contracts, pilot projects, and feasibility studies) are eligible (1) to count toward the minimum research base of a cancer center, (2) to have access to CCSG shared resources, and (3) to count toward the minimum number of grants needed to constitute a research program of the center as defined in the 2013 CCSG Guidelines:

1. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
2. American Cancer Society (ACS), ( national office only)
3. American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR)
4. American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR)
5. California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
6. Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
7. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
8. Central Office of the Veterans Administration (VA) - excluding local/regional awards and “block” grants
9. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
10. The Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI)
11. Florida Biomedical Research Program (FBRP)
12. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
13. Howard Hughes Medical Foundation
14. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
15. Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)
16. Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)
17. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
18. National Science Foundation (NSF)

19. Prevent Cancer Foundation
20. Susan G. Komen for the Cure
21. The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP)
22. The California Tobacco Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP)
23. U.S. Army (DOD) special research programs \*

**\*Note:** Grants funded through the U.S. Army's, (DOD) special research programs in ovarian, breast and prostate cancer may also be listed in the category of peer reviewed funded grants.