

TRDRP 2027 Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award (CPPRA) Applicant Informational Webinar

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Webinar Overview

Programmatic Overview

- About TRDRP
- CPPRA Initiative
- Application and Review Process
- Guidance to Applicants

Q & A (end of this webinar)

SmartSimple Application Overview and Webinar Slides will be available on the TRDRP website: <https://www.trdrp.org/what-we-fund/>

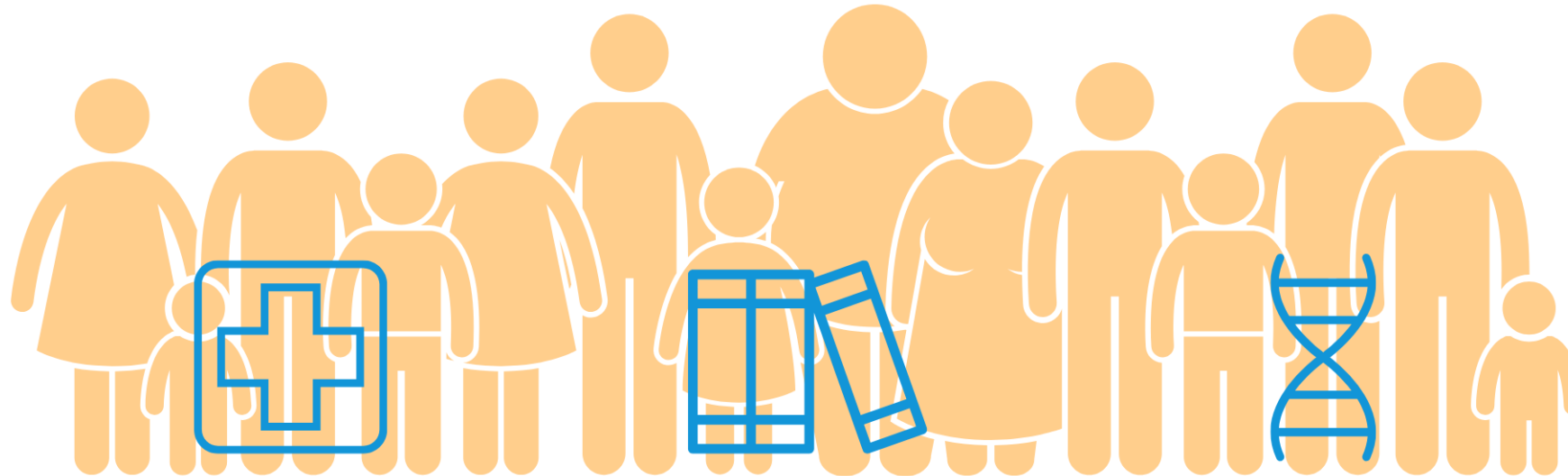
About TRDRP

Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program

OUR VISION: Turning the cost of addiction into data-driven solutions to end the commercial tobacco epidemic in California.

OUR MISSION: We fund transformative research that helps reduce commercial tobacco product use, prevent addiction that leads to tobacco-related diseases, and shape policies that serve Californians most harmed by nicotine and commercial tobacco.

TRDRP: A Part of California's Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program



Health

Promotion/Treatment

CA Tobacco Prevention
Program (CTPP)
CA Dept of Public
Health

Prevention

Tobacco Use
Prevention Program
(TUPE)
CA Dept of Education

Research

Tobacco-Related Disease
Research Program (TRDRP)
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2027 CPPRA Initiative

The CPPRA Initiative

- TRDRP has funded community-academic research partnerships for over **25 years**.
- Collaboratively developed and led by:
 - One Community Co-Principal Investigator
 - One Academic Co-Principal Investigator
- TRDRP solicits applications that:
 - Are built on empirical questions from community concerns and interests
 - Contribute to community science frameworks
 - Directly address tobacco-related health disparities in California



Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award (CPPRA)

Community is a multifactorial social construct and is defined here as a group of people who share a common characteristic.

Tobacco Priority Populations:

- Are disproportionately targeted by the industry;
- Use tobacco at higher-than-average rates;
- Experience greater exposure to secondhand and thirdhand smoke and vape aerosol; and/or
- Have higher rates of tobacco-related disease.

Applications must closely address a TRDRP research priority area in their Specific Aims

Current research priorities:

- Research in Support of the California Endgame Initiative;
- Social and Behavioral Prevention and Treatment;
- State and Local Tobacco Policy Research;
- Tobacco-Related Diseases;
- Environmental Exposure and Toxicology; and
- Neuroscience of Nicotine Addiction and Treatment.

*See Appendix A of the
2027 Core Call for
Applications
for additional details*

Community & Academic Co-PIs collaborate on all aspects of the research process:

- Identifying and developing the research questions
- Transforming community concerns into research questions
- Working closely with Community Advisory Board members
- Writing and submitting the research proposal
- Designing and implementing the research project
- Analyzing and interpreting findings
- Preparing and submitting progress reports to the funder
- Co-authoring summaries for communities, scientific papers, presentations
- Disseminating results to community and scientific audiences
- Developing a plan for sustainability beyond the proposed project

Successful Community-Academic Research Partnerships

- Pay attention to the health of the collaborative relationship
- Ethical treatment of community members and data ownership
- Have a flexible, open communication style
- Accommodate differences in how partners work independently and collaboratively
- Engage in an equitable shared decision-making process
- Engage with a CAB that includes representation from the community

Successful Community-Academic Research Partnerships (continued)

- Plan for sharing power, decision-making authority, and resources
- Budgets for community and academic partners are equitable and adequate
- Promote opportunities for the community and academic team members to contribute to manuscripts and reports
- Implement strategies sensitive to the culture, experiences, and needs of the community

Eligibility Criteria

Qualifications of a Community Co-PI	Qualifications of an Academic Co-PI
Affiliated with a California community-based organization.	Affiliated with a California academic or nonprofit research institution.
Has a managerial or executive-level decision-making role with an organization, community-based group, or institution that primarily provides services or resources to people in a community in California (i.e., they cannot be an individual who is not connected to relevant community-based groups).	Has a faculty appointment or a research scientist designation with an appointment at a research institution. Research scientists and community-oriented academics working at a non-university research nonprofit organization can also serve in this role.
Committed to representing the views of the community of interest. There is <u>no</u> degree requirement.	Committed to conducting long-term community-partnered participatory research.
Have organizational support to serve as a Co-PI for the project.	Must have PI status. PI status permits the academic applicant access to their institution's infrastructure support for managing research grants.
U.S. citizenship is <u>not</u> a requirement.	U.S. citizenship is <u>not</u> a requirement.

See CPPRA RFA (p.7 and Appendix C) for additional eligibility details

Full and Pilot CPPRAs

Award Mechanisms

	Max Award/Year (Direct Costs)	Max Award Duration (Years)	Purpose of Award
CPPRA Pilot Award	\$500,000 (\$250,000/Co-PI)	2	Provide initial support for partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities with a strong rationale and potential to inform a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention in the future.
CPPRA Full Award	\$600,000 (\$300,000/Co-PI)	3	Support partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities focused on the development, testing, or evaluation of a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention.

*See CPPRA RFA (Appendix B)
for additional details on cost
and expense guidelines*

Pilot CPPRAs

Provide initial support for partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities with a strong rationale and potential to inform a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention in the future.

Provides up to **2 years** of support for the initial phase of a project, including:

- Developing and strengthening collaborative relationships
- Testing the acceptability and feasibility of methods
- Developing tools and methods for a later intervention
- Collecting preliminary data
- Demonstrating proof-of-principle to support the feasibility of a new paradigm or research hypothesis

Pilot CPPRAs (continued)

- Collaborative community-academic teams can be newly developed or new to tobacco science.
 - Proposals may have a specific aim focused on developing, strengthening, and/or evaluating the community-academic research partnership.
- Results from Pilot CPPRAs should enhance the team's ability to leverage future funding.

Full CPPRAs

Support partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities focused on the development, testing, or evaluation of a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention.

Provides up to **3 years of** support for research, including:

- Demonstration, measurement, efficacy, and effectiveness studies
- Implementation science studies
- Randomized controlled trials

Full CPPRAs (continued)

- Intended for well-integrated teams of academic and community experts with a previous working relationship.
 - Proposals may have a specific aim focused on strengthening and/or evaluating the community-academic research partnership.
- Must mainly focus on intervention development and testing.
- A pilot project is strongly recommended as preparation for a Full CPPRA.

Choosing Between the Pilot and Full CPPRA Mechanism

- Applicants should select the award mechanism that best aligns with the scope of their proposed research and partnership.
- Progression from a Pilot CPPRA to a Full CPPRA is encouraged but not required i.e., prior pilot CPPRA grantees may opt to apply for a 2nd pilot CPPRA.
- Selection of award type should be based on fit with the proposed aims of the research.

Application Process

Step 1: Submit a Letter of Intent

LOI Components:

- Lay Abstract
- Specific Aims
- Community Co-PI and Academic Co-PI must be named with organizational affiliations
 - **Applicant PI:** One Co-PI/organization is responsible for officially submitting materials in **SmartSimple (grantmaking platform)**
 - The partner Co-PI's name and institution should be entered in the LOI form.

Step 2: Full Application

- TRDRP staff review LOIs:
 - Eligibility for the Grant Mechanism
 - Health services research projects are *not* responsive to the 2027 CPPRA Call
 - Alignment with TRDRP research priorities
- Invitation to Full Application will be sent out on **September 8**
 - The submitting Co-PI designated as **Applicant PI** adds the partner Co-PI in SmartSimple.

Full Application Sections

- Project Information
 - Abstracts, Specific Aims
- Demographics
- Milestones
- Project Personnel
- 2 Budgets
- **Collaborative Agreement**

- Resubmission Statement (If applicable)
- Research Plan
- Biosketches
- **Community Advisory Board**
- Facilities
- Human Subjects
- Appendices (Optional)

Collaborative Agreement

Describes how the team will work together and share power, resources, and outcomes with each other in:

- Data sharing and ownership
- Team communication plan
- Decision-making process
- Conflict resolution
- Plans for community involvement in all phases of the research
- Plans for personnel turnover
- Plans to evaluate the strength of the research partnership
- Plans for the dissemination process
- Plans to sustain the research partnership

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

- Comprised of individuals with relevant lived experiences, expertise in tobacco or other areas relevant to the project
- CAB members provide feedback to the team on community and scientific aspects of the project
- Include composition of the CAB
 - Recruited CAB members must be named
 - Roles of those yet to be recruited must be described
- Include detailed CAB roles
- Plans to engage members

Resubmissions

- Cycle 36 CPPRA applicants (TRDRP #'s beginning with "T36CR/F"...) can resubmit under the 2027 CPPRA Call
- Applicants should provide a two-page statement at the beginning of their Research Plan:
 - Detail how the research addresses previous reviewers' concerns
 - Summarize any substantial additions, deletions, and changes made to the proposal
 - Changes should be emphasized within the text of the Research Plan

Resubmissions (Not Allowed)

Cycle 36 CPPRA proposals for health service research projects and Cycle 36 proposals submitted under other award types (New Investigator Awards (KT), Pilot Awards (IR), Research Awards (IP) ***cannot be resubmitted as CPPRA proposals this year.***

Full Application – Required Templates

- Download templates from the Documentation tab of SmartSimple
- Delete instructions to ensure sufficient space for a thorough response to each section.
- Complete, convert to PDF, and upload to your application

Upload Item (Template/Form)	Page limit	Required or optional
I. Collaborative Agreements	3	Required
II. Community Advisory Board	2	Required
III. Biosketches (Individuals listed on Project Personnel form)	5 (each biosketch)	Required
IV. Facilities	1 per institution	Required
V. Resubmission Statement	2	Required (for resubmissions only)
VI. Research Plan	15 + references	Required
VII. Human Subjects	No limit	Required
VIII. Vertebrate Animals	No limit	Optional
IX. Appendix list and uploads	30	Optional

*See CPPRA RFA p.15
for additional details*

Peer Review Scoring Criteria

- All applications are scored individually during peer review on the NIH 1–9 Scale
- **3 Review Criteria Sets:**
 - Set 1 – Research (40%)
 - Set 2 – Partnership (40%)
 - Set 3 – Resources (20%)

Review Criteria: Set 1 – Research

- Statement of Goals, Research Questions, and Specific Aims
- Background and Significance
- Research Plan: Research Design, Conceptual Framework, and Data Analysis Plan

Review Criteria: Set 2 – Partnership

- Partnership Collaboration Plan
- Potential for the Proposed Work to Benefit the Community and Lead to an Intervention
- Community Engagement and Capacity Building
- Dissemination Approaches
- Sustainability Plan and Future Goals

Review Criteria: Set 3 - Resources

- Investigative Team
- Environment, Facilities, and Resource Availability
- Community Assets

Unscored Review Criteria

- Budgets:
 - **2 Budgets** – 1 for the Community Org. and 1 for the Academic Inst.
 - **Subcontracts** are allowed for each Co-PI organization; must be well-justified.
 - **Out-of-state** subcontracts and collaborations must be well-justified.
 - *Funding for out-of-state expenses is extremely limited*
- Protection of Human Participants from Research Risk
- Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children in Research

Cornelius Hopper Disparities Supplements (CHDS)

- **Purpose:** Support California community members and student trainees who wish to pursue research training focused on tobacco priority populations.
- During the pre-funding process, CPPRA recipients will be invited to apply for CHDS supplement(s).
- Supplements are funded above the CPPRA budget cap.
 - Maximum supplement amount per year: \$20,000 (direct costs)
 - Maximum duration: 2 years

Additional Guidance to Applicants

New Requirement for 2027

- **All application materials are required to be uploaded in formats accessible to individuals with disabilities, including those using assistive technologies.**
- Applicants are required to prepare and review their application materials for accessibility and ensure all submitted application materials comply with document-relevant Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA standards.
- Please contact your institution for information and resources on digital accessibility tools.
- Additional tips and links to useful accessibility resources may be found on the [UC Office of the President Electronic Accessibility website](#).
- The Research Grants Program Office staff is not able to provide training or review of your documents to assist you with compliance.

Review the RFA Thoroughly

- Please read the RFA and familiarize yourself with all its details.
- The different RFA sections and appendices include important details on what information to include in your LOI and in the different sections of your Full Application.

Review CPPR Resources

Appendix A: Resources to Understand Community-Partnered Participatory Research

The literature references in this section are included to provide examples of the types of successful Community-Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) conducted in the United States. The materials listed below do not comprise the totality of issues to consider when conducting CPPR through an authentic community-academic partnership. This is included to provide examples of equitable power sharing across the research process, how community benefit from research can be described in a publication, evaluation approaches of community-academic partnerships, and to convey the spirit of this type of research.

- A. The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) has supported the development of a conceptual model to inform community-engaged scholarship. The concepts in this model are responsive to TRDRP's conceptualization of CPPR and include helpful concepts for consideration by CPPRA applicant teams. Applicants for this grant mechanism are encouraged to review [NAM's Conceptual Model](#).
- B. More information about the community-partnered participatory research (CPPR) model can be found in this journal supplement on "CPPR Research: Strategies and Tactics for Improving Community Health" ([Volume 19 \(2009\), Supplement 6](#)).
- C. This academic journal also has multiple examples of CPPR reported in publications in [Volume 28 \(2018\), Supplement 2](#) and [Volume 31 \(2021\), Supplement 1](#).
- D. The [2024 Surgeon General's report](#) on "Eliminating Tobacco-Related Disease and Death: Addressing Disparities" provides a review of the evidence on promising interventions and a vision for eliminating tobacco-related health disparities.

The articles found at the above links are not exhaustive for CPPR-based [scholarship](#) or frameworks to advance community science. Other readings relevant to collaborative research partnerships also pertain to this award type and should be considered in a thoughtfully designed research plan.

Browse the Funded Research Database

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Research Priority

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Award Type

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Community Academic Research Award - Pilot CARA

Community Partnered Participatory Research Award - Full CPPRA

Community Partnered Participatory Research Award - Pilot CPPRA

Community Partnered Participatory Research Award

Date Range

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Start the Application Process Early

Submission Instructions

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Please login to respond to grant opportunities offered by

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- California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP)
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- Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP)

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1. After opening the LOI, you will automatically be taken to the LOI sections under the Main tab. Use the left sidebar to switch between the Main and Notes tabs

Download instructions

Click "Preview" to view, download, or print a PDF of your LOI

2. In the Main tab, click on the headings to access the different sections of the LOI

Letter of Intent RFP Details
Name: CBCRP 2020 - Trans Type: Translational Research
Deadline: 10/24/2019 12:00

Templates and Instructions:
[Instructions_placeholder.docx](#)
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TITLE PAGE APPLICATION / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PROJECT INFORMATION BUDGET SIGNATURE PAGE

Application ID: B26TR1198

* Project Title: Please enter the project title by 100 characters left

* Project Duration (year): -- Select One --

* Proposed Project Start Date: mm/dd/yyyy

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* Is this a re-submission?

Please indicate if this is a resubmission of a prior application. A resubmission is an unfunded application that is revised and resubmitted to respond to the critiques under the currently reviewed grant cycle.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Application ID: T37CR11937

Project Title: RGPOTest 2027 Pilot CPPRA ?

Project Duration (year): 2

Proposed Project Start Date: 07/01/2027 ?

Proposed Project End Date: 06/30/2029 ?

Is this a re-submission?

Please indicate if this is a resubmission of a prior application. A resubmission is an unfunded application that is revised and resubmitted.

Yes

Review the Frequently Asked Questions

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Frequently Asked Questions

What changes should we anticipate for the 2027 TRDRP grant competition?

On July 1, 2026, TRDRP will release a limited number of open calls for applications with an award start date of July 1, 2027.

- Predoctoral Awards**
Support graduate-level research and help build a foundation for independent research careers or alternative careers in tobacco control.
- Postdoctoral Awards**
Support postdoctoral research and strengthen capacity for independent research or other tobacco control career pathways.

See [Core Call](#) for more details.



<https://trdrp.org/what-we-fund/call-for-applications-faq.html>

Key Dates

Letter of Intent Deadline	August 20, 2026 12:00 p.m. (noon) PT
Invitation to Full Application Announced	September 8, 2026
Full Application Deadline	October 29, 2026 12:00 p.m. (noon) PT
Applicants Notified	April 2027
Award Start Date	July 1, 2027

Q & A

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