Introduction: The Center for AIDS Research at Emory University (CFAR) Data Award (DA) provides funding needed to access, extract, and clean data available through the CFAR Clinical Research Core’s HIV Disease Registry and to support specialized training or assistance through the CFAR Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Core with analytic support for data from sources other than the HIV Disease Registry.

Awarded funds will be provided directly to the CFAR Clinical or Biostatistics Cores, on behalf of the awardee.

Purpose: Funds are available to gather data for one or more of three purposes:

1. For inclusion in a publication that is being prepared for submission to a peer-reviewed journal within six (6) months of receiving the final data cut / analytic assistance;
2. To conduct unfunded research in preparation for the development of a new or resubmission funding application, that will be submitted within twelve (12) months of receiving the final data cut / analytic assistance, to either: 1) NIH or 2) the CFAR at Emory Developmental Core CFAR-series (CFAR-03, CFAR-K, CFAR-C) funding mechanisms;
3. Supplementary data for a study that is currently funded by the CFAR or NIH, but lacks budgeted funds to support the described data need.

Limitations:

- Awardees must be first author (Purpose #1), proposed PI (Purpose #2), or PI (Purpose #3).
- DA applications to be used for HIV Disease Registry data pulls will only be accepted from investigators who have already received approval for this from the CFAR Clinical Research Core.

Stipulations: Prior to applying for funding through this mechanism, DA applicants who are requesting support for Purpose #2 (data needed for the development of a new or resubmission funding application), and have not yet received R01-level funding from the NIH, must have identified a Research Mentor who will assist in the development of the subsequent NIH or CFAR Developmental Core application and, if funded, in the project’s implementation.

Scope: Funds may only be used to cover the cost of: 1) accessing, extracting, and cleaning data through the CFAR Clinical Research Core; and/or 2) data analysis assistance by the CFAR Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Core.

Application Submission: Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Kimbi Hagen (404/727-8855) in the CFAR Developmental Core, before beginning the application process, in order to discuss if their request fits with CFAR’s goals for the Data Award mechanism.

A completed application package should be emailed to Dr. Kimbi Hagen at the CFAR Developmental Core (kbs.hagen@emory.edu).

The application package should include the following:

- A completed “Data Award” request form
- A copy of the applicant’s NIH biosketch;
- A letter of support from the applicant’s identified Research Mentor, if applicable;
- A cover letter co-signed by the PI’s division / department chair

Approvals: All requests must have appropriate departmental or divisional approval prior to submission, as recorded by co-signature on the request letter.

Deadlines: Rolling. Submissions will be circulated for review by an internal committee and a decision made within one week of application. Decisions will be based on the degree to which an application fits the purpose of the CFAR Developmental Core and the availability of funding for the DA mechanism.