Center for AIDS Research at Emory University
Ramp Up Mechanism Program Announcement
Opportunity Award (OA)

Introduction:
The objective of the Center for AIDS Research at Emory University (CFAR) Opportunity Award mechanism (OA) is to remove obstacles to HIV/AIDS research productivity among CFAR members by providing crucial resources that cannot easily or immediately be obtained through other funding mechanisms.

Funds are intended to be used to:
- Enable a new NIH application that is expected to be submitted within the next 12 months
- Gather data needed for a scored NIH application that is currently being revised for resubmission
- Reduce obstacles encountered during a current NIH-funded research project

In all cases, only the current / proposed PI of the relevant NIH project may apply for an Opportunity Award

This program provides reimbursement or direct purchases of up to $2,000 per approved request.

Scope:
Funds may be used for salary/wages (e.g. temporary employee to assist in data collection or analysis), consultant costs, equipment, supplies, study subject incentives, or travel to the study site to meet with study personnel. Other uses will be considered. All requests must be well justified.

Application Submission:
Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Kimbi Hagen (404/727-8855), before beginning the application process, in order to discuss the fit of their request with the CFAR goals for the Opportunity 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 "Opportunity Award" request form
- A copy of the applicant's NIH biosketch;
- 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 cover letter.

Projects that require institutional approvals (e.g. IRB, ROC, IACUC) must have copies of those approvals on file with the Developmental Core before funds will be released.

Deadlines:
Rolling. Submissions will be circulated for review by an internal committee and a decision made within 2 weeks of application.

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