

PURPOSE

The primary intent of the Native Center for Alcohol Research and Education (NCARE) Pilot Project Grant Program is to fund and foster innovative research projects that focus on reducing the burden of alcohol use disorders (AUDs) in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The secondary intent of the Pilot Project Grant Program is to support and provide mentorship to investigators during the development of their novel approaches to improving the lives of AI/AN people.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS OF SUPPORT

Funding will be provided for one or more proposals. Proposals may request up to \$40,000 in funding, and the project must be completed in 18 months or less. Indirect costs will not be provided. Pilot grant recipients are eligible to receive ethical, statistical, and data management support from NCARE investigators and cores.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Plan to conduct research with AI/AN individuals or communities on a topic related to AUDs and their related health conditions;
- Have an advanced degree in social, behavioral, or health sciences or a similar field;
- Have a doctoral degree and no prior funding through a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 level grant OR have prior R01-level funding but no prior work with AI/AN communities relating to alcohol use.
- Be up to date with human subject trainings (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative - CITI) or commit to completing said trainings before final review by the NCARE Pilot Project Core Review Committee (NPPCRC).

In light of our current reality of COVID-19 bringing challenges and opportunities related to public health, interventions, and research, NCARE would like to invite potential applicants to consider research with

AI/AN partners that might include:

- Telemedicine/telehealth interventions
- Virtual data collection methods
- Secondary data analysis
- COVID-19 and alcohol or alcohol associated harms
- Impact of negative economic consequences of COVID-19 on Native communities and alcohol use

If you have an idea that you would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to

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APPLICATIONS

This call for grant applications is an effort to promote innovative research projects that will reduce the burden of AUDs in AI/AN communities and that will subsequently lead to future external funding. Please refer to the website for full application details. **Initial application materials must be submitted for first review by May 28, 2021, at 4:30PM PT to native.care@wsu.edu.**

REVIEW PROCESS

The review process consists of two levels. First, NCARE Pilot Project leads will review the submitted Letters of Intent (LOIs) for scientific merit and programmatic priorities. Applicants should expect to be contacted to answer any questions or provide clarification. The Pilot Project leads will then invite applicants with meritorious LOIs to complete a full application.

After initial review for scientific merit, the NPPCRC will conduct a second level of review to assure that meritorious applications are consistent with NCARE objectives. With rare exceptions, no funding will be provided until all relevant IRB and tribal approvals have been obtained. Individuals who are not funded may resubmit an application during the next call for applications, which is anticipated to occur annually. The NPPCRC will make funding recommendations to the NCARE Steering Committee in consultation with the NIAAA.

For more information on the application process, please visit: ireach.wsu.edu/ncare/call-for-applications

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