

Targeted RFA for Clinical Pilot Studies

The goal of this request for applications is to support therapeutic clinical trials that aim to test cancer treatment hypotheses in patients. These projects should support clinical decision making through the design, development and/or validation of novel, clinically applicable therapeutics, devices, or biomarker-guided interventions that will substantially advance clinical and translational cancer research. Correlatives of ongoing projects are allowed. Priority will be given to projects that will be ready to implement upon receipt of funds, or have a realistic expectation of receiving IRB approval within 3 - 4 months. Funding would start upon IRB approval.

Projects proposed should allow clinical-translational researchers to generate preliminary data to support the submission of federal and/or private cancer research grant applications.

Proposals considered for funding must do the following:

- contain a cancer-related clinical hypothesis and objective
- use statistically defensible sample size and outcome measures, and
- have a timeframe for completion within 3 years

Unlike other UNC Lineberger Developmental Awards, the timeframe for these projects may be up to 3 years, with allowed budgets of up to \$200,000 per year. Faculty with start-up funding may apply for matching funds, and applicants with in-kind external funding will receive particular attention.

A special study section made up of UNC Lineberger clinical leadership will review these proposals.