



CCRI funding FAQs

- 1. Must the community partner be a 501(c)3? Or can it be a community individual, or a church leader, or a church, or a for-profit community org (e.g. a radio station)?**
 - a. No, but it must be a non-profit, and one that has been granted a tax exemption status by the IRS.
- 2. Can the organization be fiscally sponsored?**
 - a. Yes
- 3. Is IRB necessary? Do we have to have an IRB approval for the project before we apply? Can ICTS help to expedite IRB process?**
 - a. A consideration of whether the proposed study requires human subjects' approval is a required component.
 - b. You do not have to have IRB approval prior to applying for this funding. It helps but is not required. The ICTS can review your application and help anticipate questions the IRB may have when they review it, but we have no sway over the IRB committees and their timelines.
- 4. Can the focus of the application be program evaluation or quality improvement?**
 - a. Yes, as long as it meets all criteria of the proposal.
- 5. Can the CCRI fund activities of students?**
 - a. Yes, but only for activities related to the grant and not toward personal educational costs.
- 6. How many grants are typically awarded?**
 - a. There is no set number, but we have approximately \$40,000 to allocate in this round of funding.
- 7. Are partial awards given.**
 - a. Yes
- 8. How does a Community Benefit Organization (CBO) find an academic partner?**
 - a. Review faculty's bios on "UCI faculty profile". <https://www.faculty.uci.edu/>
 - b. Reach out to Dr. Sorkin, Robynn, or Pam.
 - dsorkin@hs.uci.edu
 - rzender@hs.uci.edu
 - pampimenteln@gmail.com
- 9. Will IRB decision-making delay start of a project if funded?**

- a. Yes. All regulatory approvals must be obtained before funding can be disbursed, by mandate from the NIH.

10. Does the community partner have to reside within OC?

- a. No. Awards are made based on feasibility, whether in OC or our broader region.

11. Does the faculty member need to be part of UCI?

- a. Yes.

12. Can there be more than one community partner?

- a. Yes.
- b. However, at least 50% of the funding needs to go to the community agency(s).

13. Does having existing funding from ICTS (another funding mechanism, not a CCRI), preclude submitting a CCRI proposal?

- a. No.

14. If you are just pairing with a faculty member, how will we show that potential? Can we document through a letter from the faculty?

- a. Yes! It's fine to have a new partnership. The letters of support can be more of a letter of intent/commitment that outlines resources that will be shared, or conversations you have had that speak to aligned agendas.