REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) STATE PILOT AWARDS PROGRAM 2015-16

Purpose
Due to the vision of our legislators, funds are available to support innovative research aimed at an AIDS cure. We are now soliciting pilot grant applications in the following areas of research:

- Approaches to chart locations of viral reservoirs in individuals on suppressive antiviral therapy
- Assays to measure viral reservoirs that persist in the face of antiretroviral therapy
- Infrastructure proposals that enhance cure research (databases, specimen collection/banking)
- Systems with which to study viral latency in vitro and ex vivo
- Development of therapeutic agents that help eliminate viral reservoirs

High-risk but potentially high impact science. Research involving collaborations between Institutions in South Florida are especially encouraged. Given the short time frame for the award, research involving patient specimens must be submitted for IRB/IACUC/IBC approval at the time of application. In addition, the proposed studies have to be feasible, given the limited time frame.

Deadlines and Award Timeline
- Pilot Grant Applications due **Wed, August 5 by 5pm**
- Funding decisions will be announced by Sept 2015
- Estimated award period Sept 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 (with a possible extension to Aug 31, 2016)

Funds Available
Awards of up to $80k total cost, includes 8% IDC

Eligibility
Projects should be ready to be initiated immediately upon receipt of award. Investigators at the rank of Assistant Professor (in the research or clinical tracks) or above are eligible to apply. Post-doctoral associates may apply if they have three or more years of experience and are partnering with a senior investigator. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Prospective candidates can contact Dr. Mario Stevenson (mstevenson@med.miami.edu) to discuss relevance of proposed project. If your proposal was funded last cycle (2014), you are not eligible to apply this cycle (2015).

For complete information and instructions, go to [http://cfar.med.miami.edu/developmental-core/state-pilot-program](http://cfar.med.miami.edu/developmental-core/state-pilot-program)

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