Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health (CiTECH)

Request for Applications – 2018
Pilot Awards to Bridge Evidence Based Interventions into Community Settings

The recently funded Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health (CiTECH) is a partnership between the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh. By integrating the expertise of Social Work in community-based research with tradition of intervention development from the Department of Psychiatry, and with support from community-based partners, CiTECH aims to bring innovative interventions to the community that improve the quality of life for individuals living with behavioral health conditions.

To achieve this aim, we will support the development and testing of evidence-based, effective, scalable interventions and research procedures that will improve behavioral health in a variety of community settings. We invite proposals for pilot projects from across the University that develop and/or test interventions for community-based settings. Competitive applications should demonstrate how the pilot project will lead to future extramural funding.

CiTECH will support 2-4 one-year pilot grants. Grants may address any area within behavioral health, although priority funding areas include prevention and treatment of: 1) mood disorders and suicide; 2) psychosis; and 3) addiction. We are interested in interdisciplinary collaborations involving researchers from the School of Social Work and/or the Department of Psychiatry. Researchers from other disciplines should identify a research partner within the School of Social Work and/or the Department of Psychiatry. Priority will be given to applications that also include a community-based (i.e., non-academic) collaborator.

Pilot projects should focus on innovative approaches to the development or implementation of interventions to be delivered in community settings. Funds up to $50,000 per project may be requested. The scope of the proposed work should inform the amount requested. The application should include:

- Descriptive title of proposed research
- Name, address, email, and telephone number of the Principal Investigator(s)
- Name of collaborator(s) from the School of Social Work or Department of Psychiatry
- Participating institutions/departments/schools
- Letter of support from Social Work/Psychiatry faculty collaborator (1 page or less)
- NIH-format biographical sketch of all investigators
- Specific aims and hypotheses (1 page)
- Project proposal (3 pages) to include:
  - The background, importance and impact of the work
  - Description of strength of collaboration
  - Brief summary of methods and experimental design
  - Timeline for study completions
  - Overview of plans for independent funding
- Detailed budget request
- References cited

Please submit applications to online at [www.citech.pitt.edu/grants](http://www.citech.pitt.edu/grants) by April 1, 2018. Award notifications will be made by May 1, 2018. For additional information please contact Shaun Eack, Ph.D. (sme12@pitt.edu) or visit CiTECH online at [www.citech.pitt.edu](http://www.citech.pitt.edu).