



June 24, 2013

To : Faculty
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and
Bloomberg School of Public Health

From: William G. Nelson, MD, PhD
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Re: CRF Cancer Grant Solicitation

The Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) research grant to Johns Hopkins will be funding faculty recruitment (within one year of appointment) and translational research project proposals in fiscal year 2014. Funded awards will begin on July 1st and end June 30th 2014.

Research grants are intended to improve the cancer burden in Maryland, eliminate disparities, and address lung, oral, prostate, breast, cervix, colon/rectum cancers and melanoma. They may be basic science, clinical study, or population based research. Cancer control and prevention projects are especially encouraged. Maryland cancer priorities are found in the 2011 Cancer Plan at the [Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Program](#) website.

We are funding new faculty (within one year of appointment) and projects oriented to improving cancer care efficiency while improving outcomes. Some topics that might be considered are:

- Defining populations who benefit from specific treatments
- Identifying those who require tailored cancer care
- Eliminating cancer health care disparities in targeted populations
- Approaches to maximize appropriate cancer care

Of interest as well are approaches that reduce the burden of lung cancer.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

1. support innovative scientists,
2. collect pilot data as proof of principle,
3. have good future funding prospects but could not be accomplished without pilot data,
4. are high risk, novel ideas that have no other source of funding or
5. partner with Maryland biotechnology companies.

Proposals are due July 8, 2013 and should follow the attached instructions.

Average faculty recruitment awards will be \$100,000 and average translational research projects will be \$50,000. The number of awards made will depend on the funds made available by the state for FY14 though at this time we expect 9-11 to be funded.

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