

## CANCER AND THE ENVIRONMENT Request for Applications

**Purpose:** The DLDCCC seeks to catalyze collaborations at BCM to better understand the role of the environment in cancer etiology, response to therapy, and survivorship. For the purposes of this RFA, “environment” is defined as factors contributing to cancer beyond genetics, including chemical, built, and physical environments, diet, and place-based/neighborhood factors.

We are particularly interested in:

- 1) Projects focused on cancers that have been identified as DLDCCC catchment area priorities. See COE section of DLDCCC website for more information: <https://www.bcm.edu/academic-centers/dan-l-duncan-comprehensive-cancer-center/research/community-outreach-and-engagement>
- 2) Collaborative projects between DLDCCC members

**Funding:** The DLDCCC will fund 1 to 2 one-year pilot projects with budgets up to \$50,000. Additional funds may be requested to utilize DLDCCC shared resources to provide additional support for the project, if well justified.

**Structure:** The applications should anticipate future investigator-initiated grant applications (e.g., NIH, DOD, CPRIT).

**Review:** The DLDCCC will utilize a standing review committee to consider applications according to standard NIH criteria (significance, approach, etc.).

**Applications:** Applications should follow the attached Duncan Pilot Projects Application Format and Instructions. Awarded projects will be expected to spend the funds within 1 year with a possible extension depending on progress/justification. Programs should be gearing toward submitting an external grant application within 12-18 months of the pilot award.

**Submission:** Applications should be submitted through the [DLDCCC Proposal Submission Portal](#). The deadline is **March 25, 2025**. Funding is expected to commence on or around July 1, 2025.

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