**Texas D-CFAR Request for Applications (RFA)**

**Research Projects on the Intersection of HIV and Monkeypox**

**Description:** The Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research (D-CFAR) is soliciting applications for pilot projects of up to $20,000 for one-year projects that address the intersection of HIV and Monkeypox. Research proposal must address both HIV and Monkeypox infections. Basic, clinical, behavioral, implementation science, and public health projects will be considered. Clinical trials, as defined by the NIH (https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/definition.htm), are not allowed.

**Eligibility:**
- Eligible to be a PI on an NIH R-level grant
- Faculty or faculty equivalent position at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Biomedical Research Institute, or UTHHealth Houston (Cizik School of Nursing, McGovern Medical School, MD Anderson, School of Biomedical Informatics, School of Dentistry, School of Public Health)
- Early-stage investigator (https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm)
- Established investigator who has not had independent research funding focused on Monkeypox

**Budget:** Requests for up to $20,000 in direct costs for one year will be considered. All budget requests must be justified. Indirect costs are not allowed.

**Regulatory Approvals:** Projects must have necessary regulatory approval (e.g., IRB, IACUC) before the start of research activities.

**Proposal Requirements:** Project proposals should be submitted as a single PDF document to Dr. Carmen Avalos (carmen.avalos@bcm.edu) by November 1, 2022. Submissions must include:

1) Research Proposal (limited to one page) that includes scientific rationale, specific aims and a brief description of methods. References may be added if needed beyond the page limit. Clinical trials, as defined by the NIH (https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/definition.htm), are not allowed.
2) Line-item budget and budget justification (limited to one page); indirect costs are not allowed.
3) NIH Biosketches of key personnel.

**Questions?** Contact Dr. Carmen Avalos at carmen.avalos@bcm.edu

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