

## Cancer Awareness Mini-grant Announcement

### UCSF-SFSU U-56 Collaboration

The UCSF-SFSU U-56 Collaboration has been funded by the National Cancer Institute since 2002 to address ethnic disparities in cancer. The goals of the U-56 overall are to:

- Increase cancer research capabilities of the minority serving institution (SFSU)
- Increase the number of minority scientists engaged in cancer research
- Improve the effectiveness in developing and sustaining activities including outreach focused on the disproportionate incidence, mortality, and morbidity in minority populations served by UCSF.

The outreach component, entitled REDUCE Cancer (Reduction of Ethnic Disparities through Universities and Communities Empowerment), aims are to:

- Establish collaborations between UCSF, SFSU, and minority communities
- Assess community needs regarding cancer
- Provide cancer awareness and prevention education
- Provide navigational assistance for members of minority communities to gain access to UCSF for clinical evaluation and treatment for cancer
- Encourage ethnic minority students to consider careers in cancer control and to integrate students in outreach activities

### Cancer Awareness Mini-grants

The REDUCE Cancer program announces the availability of mini-grants for cancer awareness activities among minority communities. The aim of the mini-grant program is to provide financial and logistical support for ethnic minority students or health professionals to conduct cancer awareness activities within their minority communities. For the purpose of this grant announcement, the definition of an ethnic minority includes African American (Black), Latino (Hispanic), Asian American, Pacific Islander, or American Indian. Applicants must be a health professional or a student enrolled in an institution of higher learning (college and above) in a health-related field (ranging from the basic sciences to social sciences).

The activities of mini-grants may vary but must include at least one educational session directed at a minority group. The REDUCE Cancer staff will assist grantees in obtaining the appropriate cancer education materials and, if requested, may be present at the educational session. The grantee will be required to keep a log of activities as proposed in the grant, maintain records of number of sessions and participants, and provide a brief written report at the end of the grant.

The mini-grant application deadline is April 1, 2005. Funding announcement will be on May 2, 2005. Funded project must be completed by December 15, 2005 and a written report submitted by January 16, 2006. Budget for the mini-grant may range from \$750 to \$1500. Applications will be evaluated by the REDUCE Cancer staff for feasibility, appropriateness to the goals of the REDUCE Cancer program, and the applicant's potential of further work in the field of cancer control for minorities.

Applications may be sent to the REDUCE Cancer Outreach Coordinator, Sharon Stork, via regular mail at Box 0806, UCSF, San Francisco, CA 94103-0806 or as a Microsoft Word attachment via e-mail to [Stork@RadOnc17.UCSF.Edu](mailto:Stork@RadOnc17.UCSF.Edu). The application should consist of 1-2 pages and formatted as follows (use same headings):

- **Title:** of project
- **Statement of cancer issue:** what is the issue to be addressed?
- **Statement about the community:** what community will be reached and why?
- **Grant objective(s):** what do you hope to accomplish with this grant?
- **Proposed Activity:** what type of activity? what type of educational information?
- **Evaluation:** How will you know the effectiveness of your activity? Process measures are adequate, e.g., how many people attend, how many pieces of educational materials distributed, the type of questions asked by the participants. Outcome measures such as change in participant knowledge may also be proposed.
- **Professional statement:** applicant name and contact information, current employment or school status, self-identified ethnicity, and career goals
- **Budget and budget justification:** \$1500 maximum