

Californians Linking Action with Science For Prevention of Breast Cancer (CLASP-BC) Phase 2 Full Awards

Information for Prospective Applicants

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California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP)

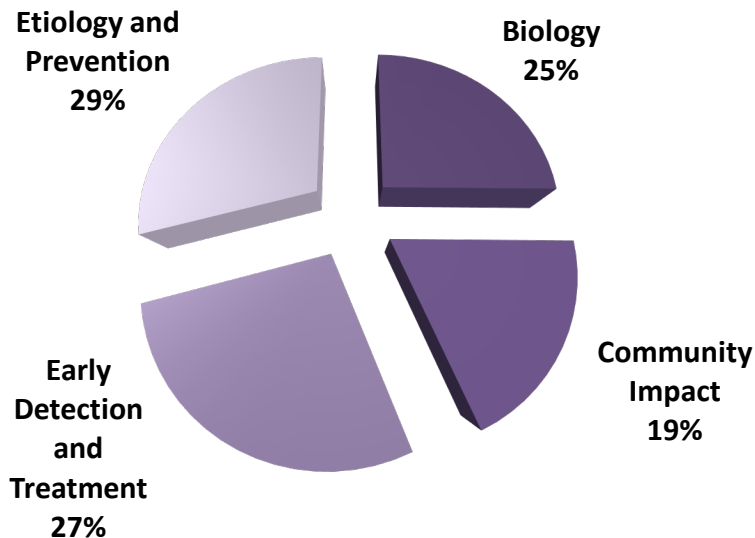
- Founded in 1993
 - breast cancer activists, scientists, clinicians, state legislators, and University of California officials collaborated to win passage in the state legislature of the California Breast Cancer Act.
 - funded by a tax on tobacco products, voluntary state personal income tax form check-off, and individual contributions.
 - tax check-off has drawn over \$13 million for breast cancer research.
- Grown to become one of nation's largest state-funded breast cancer research effort
- Among the largest breast cancer research funders in the world
- Ninety-five percent of our revenue goes directly to funding research and education efforts

Mission: to prevent and eliminate breast cancer by leading innovation in research, communication, and collaboration in the California scientific and lay communities



Since 1994, CBCCRP has funded

- Over 1,200 grants
- Totaling over \$290 million
- To over 840 academic & community researchers
- At over 140 institutions across the state



Program-Directed Initiatives

Vision

To identify and support research strategies that increase understanding of, and **create solutions to**, environmental links to breast cancer and fundamental causes of health disparities in breast cancer.

Goals

- Support a coordinated statewide effort to explore innovative ideas and new theories
- Leverage California's unique and diverse geographic and population resources
- Undertake critical studies that significantly move these fields forward

First round launched in 2004; second round in 2010

Preventing Breast Cancer (PBC): *Community, Population, and Environmental Approaches*

In 2015

CBCRP's Council approved a third round of Program Initiatives, devoting 50% of funds (~\$20 million) to:

- Identify and eliminate **environmental contributors** to breast cancer
- Identify and eliminate fundamental causes of **health disparities** with a focus on breast cancer in California
- Develop and test **population-level prevention interventions** that incorporate approaches to address the needs of the underserved and/or populations experiencing disparities in the burden of breast cancer

In 2020

CBCRP began releasing Initiatives based on 10 concept proposals to stimulate research in these three areas

In April 2021

CBCRP issued an RFP for CLASP-BC Phase1 Convener. BCPP received that award.

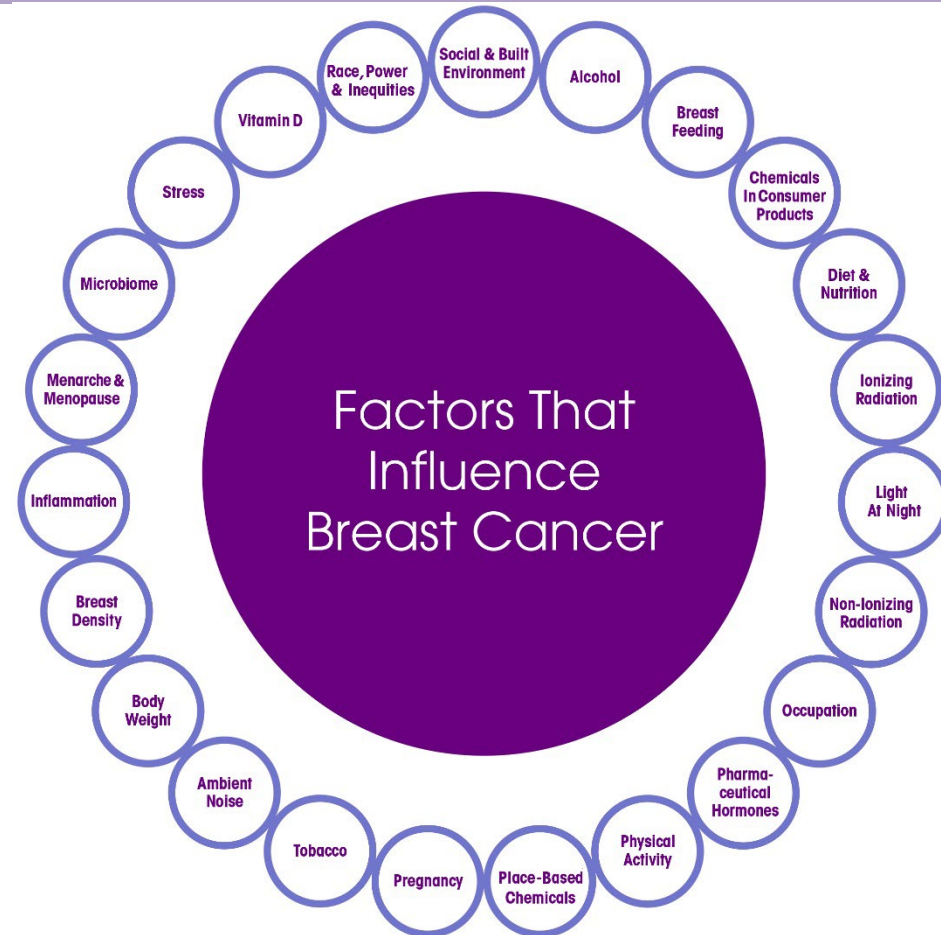
In 2024

A number of Planning Grants were awarded

Paths to Prevention:

The California Breast Cancer Primary Prevention Plan

- In 2016, CBCRP funded Breast Cancer Prevention Partners (BCPP) to develop a comprehensive breast cancer primary prevention plan for California.
- In 2020, BCPP published [*Paths to Prevention: the California Breast Cancer Primary Prevention Plan*](#), a comprehensive policy agenda for breast cancer prevention
- The plan considered risk factors at all stages of the lifespan and identified specific intervention goals for 23 risk and protective factors, along with specific intervention strategies to reach these goals.
- This initiative aims to develop, disseminate, implement and evaluate prioritized breast cancer prevention interventions in California communities.



Californians Linking Action with Science For Prevention of Breast Cancer (CLASP-BC) Overview

Overall Aim:

To advance the primary prevention of breast cancer by developing, disseminating, implementing, and evaluating high-impact population-based primary prevention interventions to reduce breast cancer risk with a focus on California's culturally, ethnically, and racially diverse and medically underserved communities.

CLASP-BC

Overview

Phase 1 Focus:

1. Understanding the breast cancer concerns and prevention priorities of community leaders, researchers, practitioners, and policy experts across California;
2. Engaging community and opinion leaders, research, practice, and policy specialists in regional California meetings to identify opportunities for working together in breast cancer prevention coalitions based on shared concerns and priorities; and
3. Helping build community-partnered participatory research and dissemination and implementation research capacity and research engagement within these coalitions

Phase 2 will fund the implementation of strategies generated in Phase 1

CLASP-BC Phase 1

Charting Paths to Prevention

Breast Cancer Prevention Partners was funded in Phase 1 to undertake “Charting Paths to Prevention: Building Community Partnerships for Action”.

Prioritized Interventions available here:

https://www.bcpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Breast-Cancer-Interventions-by-Risk-Factor_BCPP-Primary-Prevention-Plan-9_2024.pdf

<https://www.bcpp.org/resource/california-breast-cancer-primary-prevention-plan/>

Charting Paths to Prevention

We continued this prevention work through the follow-up project, *Charting Paths to Prevention: Building Community Partnerships for Action (Charting P2P)*. Charting P2P sought to identify policy and community interventions with evidence that they would successfully reduce breast cancer risk and were a priority for highly impacted California communities. Using Paths to Prevention’s 300+ policy intervention suggestions, the goal of Charting P2P was to identify the priorities of stakeholders, including community members, academics, health practitioners, and policy experts.



CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards Overview

Dates:

Applications open now; Application deadline March 6, 2025. Start date August 1, 2025.

Available Funds:

CBCRP intends to fund up to three awards with a maximum direct cost budget of \$1,200,000 and a duration of three years.

Eligibility:

- California coalitions of community leaders, researchers, policy makers and health practitioners.
- The research must be conducted primarily in California and the interventions in California communities.

CLASP-BC Phase 2

Full Awards Aims

Support Dissemination and Implementation Research Projects that:

1. Expand upon existing primary prevention efforts into two or more California jurisdictions;
2. Focus on disadvantaged, high risk communities with unmet social needs;
3. Actively engage the leadership of local community-based organizations with research scientists, public health and/or community health practitioners, and legislative/executive policy influencers/makers as partners; and rigorously evaluate the impact of these expanded collaborative efforts.
4. Include and update annually a sustainability plan for successful dissemination and implementation approaches.
5. Collaboratively disseminate results of dissemination and implementation research through community, practice, and policy presentations as well as peer-reviewed publications

Community Involvement and Focus

- The use of the principles of Community Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) will be central to successful applications.
- All applications should be CPPR project led by co-Pis within the coalitions of the community, research, practice and policy organizations applying.
- At least one co-PI should be a community representative.
- Recommend inclusion of D&I Science expertise.

Evaluation and Sustainability Plans

- Evaluation metrics should focus on process, impact, outcome, and sustainability of the CLASP-BC coalition actions and impact over time.
- A logic model with identified process and outcome measures over the three-year funding period is required.
- Proposals should clearly articulate achievable and measurable outcomes and sustainability milestones within the three-year funding period. For example:
 - Reductions in environmental and occupational exposures; improvements in built environments
 - Increased adoption of evidence-based breast cancer prevention and related public health policies
- Proposals should include Sustainability Plans demonstrating how they will sustain comprehensive breast cancer prevention policy initiatives when CLASP funding ends.

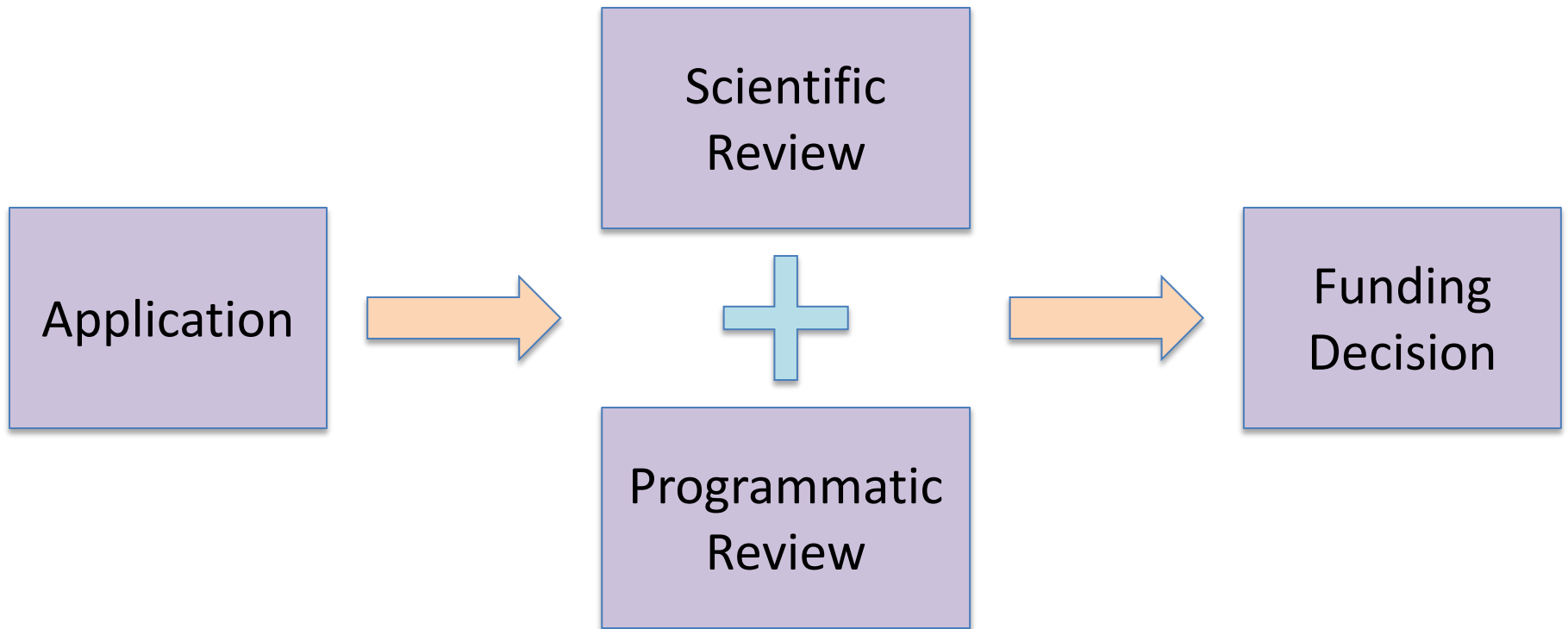
Dissemination Plans

Dissemination Plans should include:

- Methods to ensure application of findings – plans to disseminate results to all coalition partners and involve them in the wider dissemination to funders, local and state stakeholders and policy decision makers.
- Potential impact on Policy
- Translational Potential – how can the lessons learned be translated across the state and outside of California
- All grantees will be required to participate in quarterly grantee conference calls and an annual in-person meeting to exchange lessons learned and share sustainability planning and evaluation activities.

Questions?

Two-Tier Evaluation Process



CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Award:Review Criteria

	Criteria
Scientific Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership• Community Benefit• Quality of the Research• Feasibility
Programmatic Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsiveness• Lay Abstract• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion• Community Involvement• Dissemination and translation potential

Application Components

Form/Attachment	Requirement
Lay Abstract	Required (Prog Rev)
Scientific Abstract	Required (Prog Rev)
Budget and Justification	Required
Research Plan	Required
Program Responsiveness	Required (Prog Rev)
Collaborative Agreements	Required (Prog Rev)
Biosketches	Required (Prog Rev)
Facilities	Required
Human Subjects	Required
Appendix	Optional

Important Dates

	Date
Applications due	March 6, 2025 (12 pm noon PT)
Notification of Funding Status	July 1, 2025
Project start date	August 1, 2025

Questions?

How to submit a proposal in SmartSimple

Research Grants Program Office (RGPO) Contracts and Grants Unit (C&G)

- C&G works in collaboration with CBCRP, serving as interface on administrative and procedural aspects your **Application** submission and review process.
- Contact information:
 - **Email: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu** (Best method)
 - SmartSimple application system:
<https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu>

CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards: Questions and Additional Information

Applications are due no later than March 6, 2025 (12 pm noon PT)!

- **Start early** to become familiar with SmartSimple
- **Submit early:** No late applications will be accepted

Useful links:

- SmartSimple application system: <https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu>
- Webinar: “[How to submit a proposal in SmartSimple](#)”
- CLASP-BC Phase 2 Full Awards: <https://www.cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/sri/clasp-bc-phase-2-full.html>
- Additional funding opportunities: cbcrp.org/funding-opportunities/index.html
- BCPP webpage on CLASP-BC Phase 1: <https://www.bcpp.org/resource/california-breast-cancer-primary-prevention-plan/>
- Prioritized Interventions from Phase 1: https://www.bcpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Breast-Cancer-Interventions-by-Risk-Factor_BCPP-Primary-Prevention-Plan-9_2024.pdf

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For questions about Smart Simple, technical issues, or application instructions and forms, contact Research and Grants Program Office Contracts and Grants unit:

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