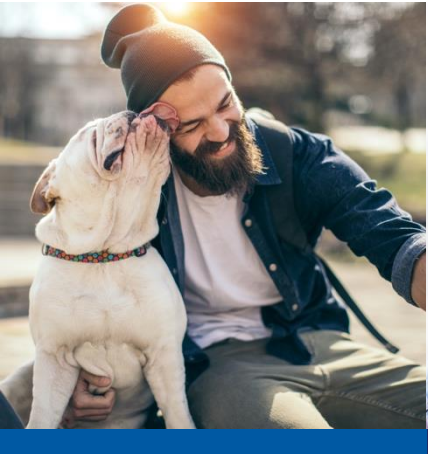


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Minority Research Grant Program Application Assistance Webinar

June 26, 2023

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- Overview of the Minority Research Grant Program
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- Notice of Funding Opportunity Information
- Eligibility Requirements
- Submit an Application
- Q&A

A C C E S S I B I L I T Y

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CMS Office of Minority Health

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the largest provider of health insurance in the United States, responsible for ensuring that more than 160 million individuals supported by CMS programs (Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplaces) are able to get the care and health coverage they need and deserve.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) is one of eight offices of minority health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS OMH works with local and federal partners to eliminate health disparities while improving the health of all minority populations, racial and ethnic communities, people with limited English proficiency, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Overview of the Minority Research Grant Program



About the Minority Research Grant Program

- Currently administered by CMS OMH, MRGP supports health equity researchers at minority-serving institutions (MSIs) who are exploring how CMS can better meet the health care needs of all those served by CMS including;
 - People from racial and ethnic minority populations
 - LGBTQ+ persons
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Persons with limited English proficiency
 - Persons who live in rural areas
 - Persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality

Minority Research Grant Program



The CMS Office of Minority Health administers the Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP). CMS seeks to achieve health equity by improving quality and making care more person-centered, affordable, and accessible. The MRGP is particularly interested in scientific research on disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.



GOAL 1. Develop capacity at minority serving institutions to research health disparities and social determinants of health



GOAL 2. Understand the root cause of issues—processes, practices, behaviors, and burdens—that lead to health disparities and identify replicable interventions



GOAL 3. Strengthen CMS programs by disseminating best practices uncovered through funded research

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Health equity researchers at the following types of institutions are eligible to apply:

- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)

To be eligible, investigators must propose research focused on testing solutions to disparities that impact CMS OMH's target populations that are racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, and rural populations. For more information on eligibility, visit: go.cms.gov/minorityresearch.

TO APPLY

Applicants must use [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) to apply. Grantees are selected through an annual competition that values innovation, community collaboration, and scientific rigor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more, visit go.cms.gov/minorityresearch

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- For the last two decades, CMS has provided MRGP grantees with funds to further health equity research that:
 - Supports researchers pursuing topics that impact minority populations
 - Investigates the root causes of health disparities to increase understanding
 - Fosters the dissemination of grantee research within CMS programs and beyond to improve health equity

About the Minority Research Grant Program





Rigorous Selection

Review committee made up of topical experts across various CMS products and programs.



Investigator Support

Guide candidates to conduct their research independently and are competitive for other major grant support.



Evidence-Based

Facilitate the development, implementation, and evaluation of effective programs and policies through research findings.

PROGRAM GOAL 1

Develop capacity at MSIs to research health disparities and social determinants of health



VITAL HEALTH STATISTICS

Identifying
statistical trends and
trails.



RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

Dissemination of important
research findings in
working towards
improving population
health.



INDEPENDENT RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Academic career
path advancement
through the pursuit of
high-quality publications
and distinguished
grant funding.

PROGRAM GOAL 2

Understand the root causes of
issues that lead to health disparities
and ID replicable interventions



**SYSTEMIC POLICIES
AND PROGRAMS**

CMS seeks to achieve health equity by improving quality and making care more person-centered, affordable, and accessible.



PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Incorporating culturally competent care for comforting and reassuring all patients at every step.



FOCUS ON RESULTS

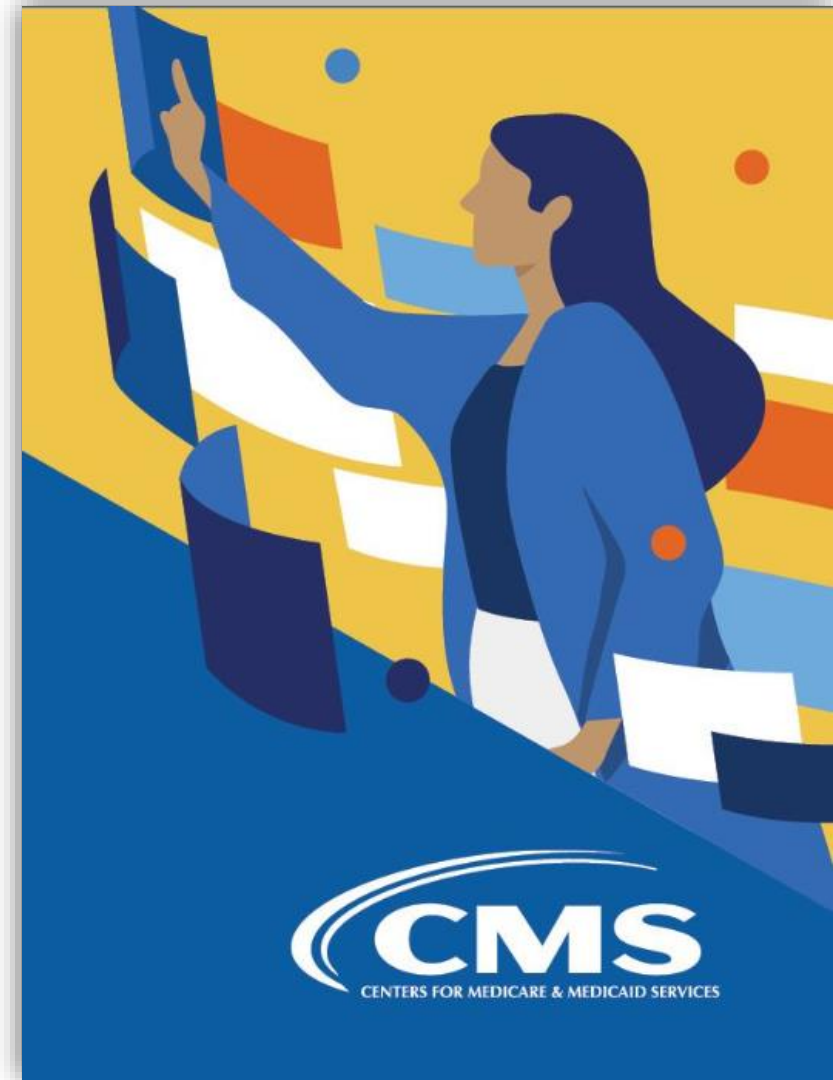
Linking findings to productive workflow and accelerating SDOH research, particularly amongst priority populations.

PROGRAM GOAL 3

Strengthen CMS programs by disseminating best practices uncovered through funded research

Grantee Characteristics and Outcomes 2005-2020

- **48** grantees awarded
- **14,900+** African American and Hispanic study participants since 2005
- Grantees addressed a variety of health issues, including chronic diseases such as **asthma**, **heart disease/hypertension** and **obesity**
- **38** grantees successful in disseminating their findings academically through peer reviewed journals and conferences
 - **60+** Published Manuscripts
 - **1** Book
 - **1** Website
 - **55+** Abstracts and Presentations
 - **Over 200** citations in subsequent research



2022 Grantees

- **The Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois** – *Addressing Disparities in Access to Transplant: The ESRD Patient Evaluation Clearinghouse (EPEC)*
- **Prairie View A&M University** – *Investigating the Combined Impact of Spatial Social Networks and Environmental Exposure on Minority Youths' Mental Health*
- **University of Hawaii** – *Improving Medication Use to Achieve Health Equity Among CMS Beneficiaries*



Grantee Presentation

Featuring Dr. Veronica Ajewole, PharmD, BCOP
Texas Southern University

Overview of MRGP-supported study on Prostate Cancer
2020 Funding cycle



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Office of Minority Health

Minority Research Grant Program

Notice of Funding Opportunity Type: New
Funding Opportunity Type: Grant
Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: CMS-1W1-20-001
Competition ID: CMS-1W1-20-001-065390
CFDA: 93.779
Notice of Funding Opportunity Posting Date: 02/21/2020

Applicable Dates:

Letter of Intent to Apply Due Date: 05/01/2020
Optional
Electronic Application Due Date: 06/02/2020
3:00 PM Eastern U.S. Time

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AOR name: Veronica B Ajewole

Application Name: Development of predictive model and social determinants-based interventions for aggressive prostate cancer among African American males

Opportunity Number: CMS-1W1-20-001

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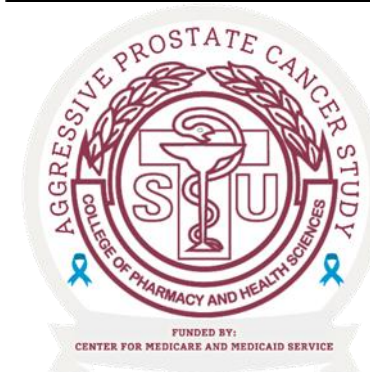
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SEC 4360 OBRA of 1990

predictive model and social determinants-based interventions for aggressive prostate cancer among Africa

9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR

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Grant RFP & Award Notification





STUDY BACKGROUND AND WHY

Prostate Cancer Disparities



- AAs males have a higher incidence of PCa (168.8 per 100,000) compared to Caucasian males (95.3 per 100,000)
- AA males (12.3%) are more likely to present with a **clinically advanced stage / aggressive PCa (aPCa) at diagnosis** when compared to non-Hispanic Caucasian (6.3%) and Hispanic males (10.5%)
- Early screening for PCa improves chances for earlier stage diagnosis and reduces mortality but **AA are less likely to have early screening performed**

About the Study

Aim 1 –

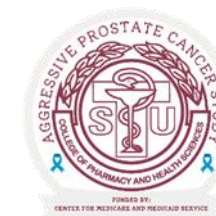
Identify the key elements associated with aPCa among AA males and create SDOH-based interventions to potentially reduce burden of aPCa among AA males

Aim 2 –

Development of SDOH-based interventions for aPCa among AA males through community based participatory research (CBPR)

Collaborator 1 -

Houston Methodist Hospital



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Collaborator 2 -

Sankofa Research Institute
and Community Workgroup



Collaborator 3 -

Community Advisory Board



Collaborator 4 –

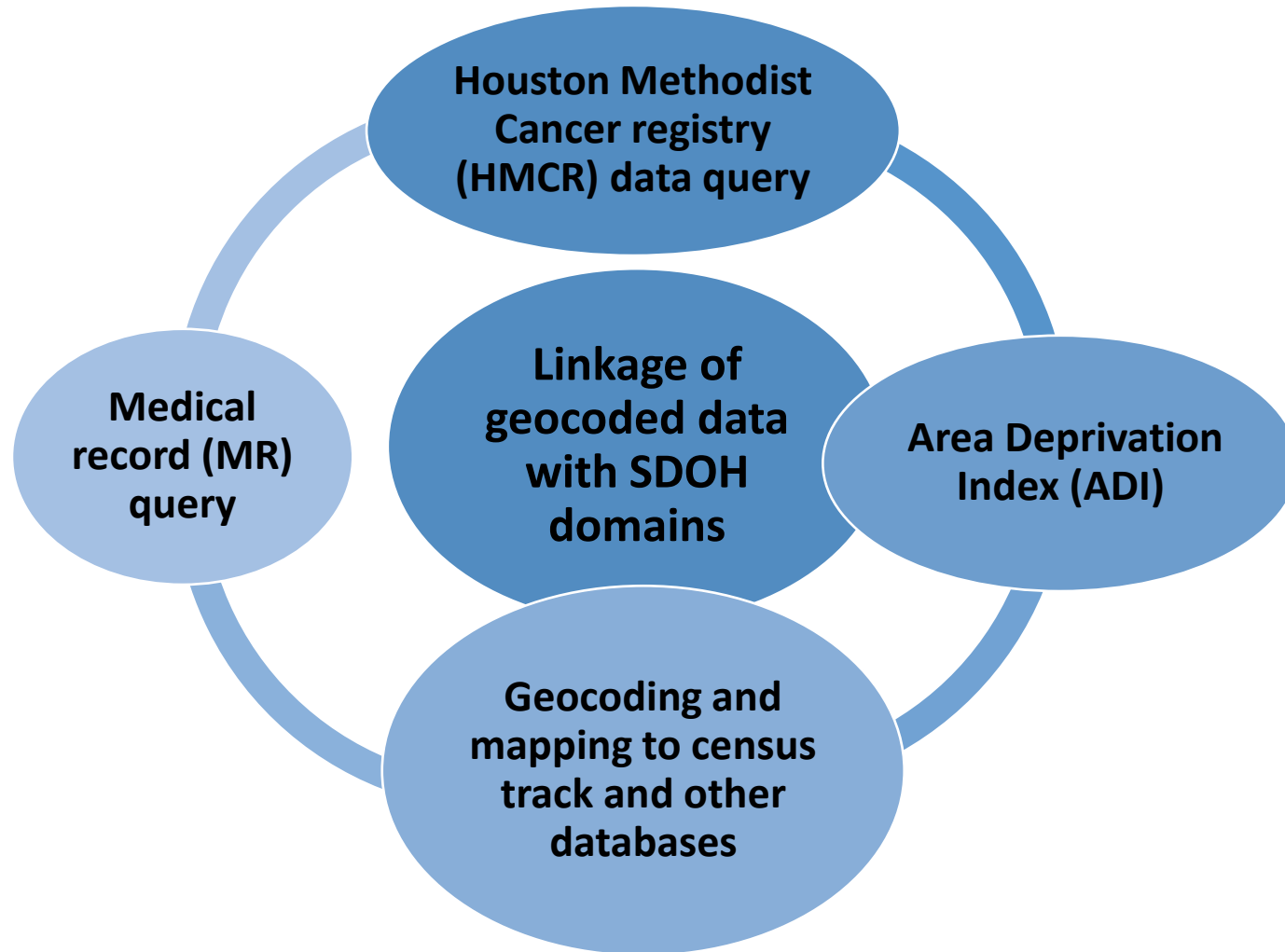
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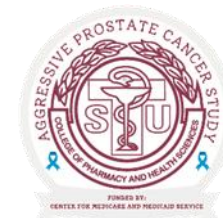
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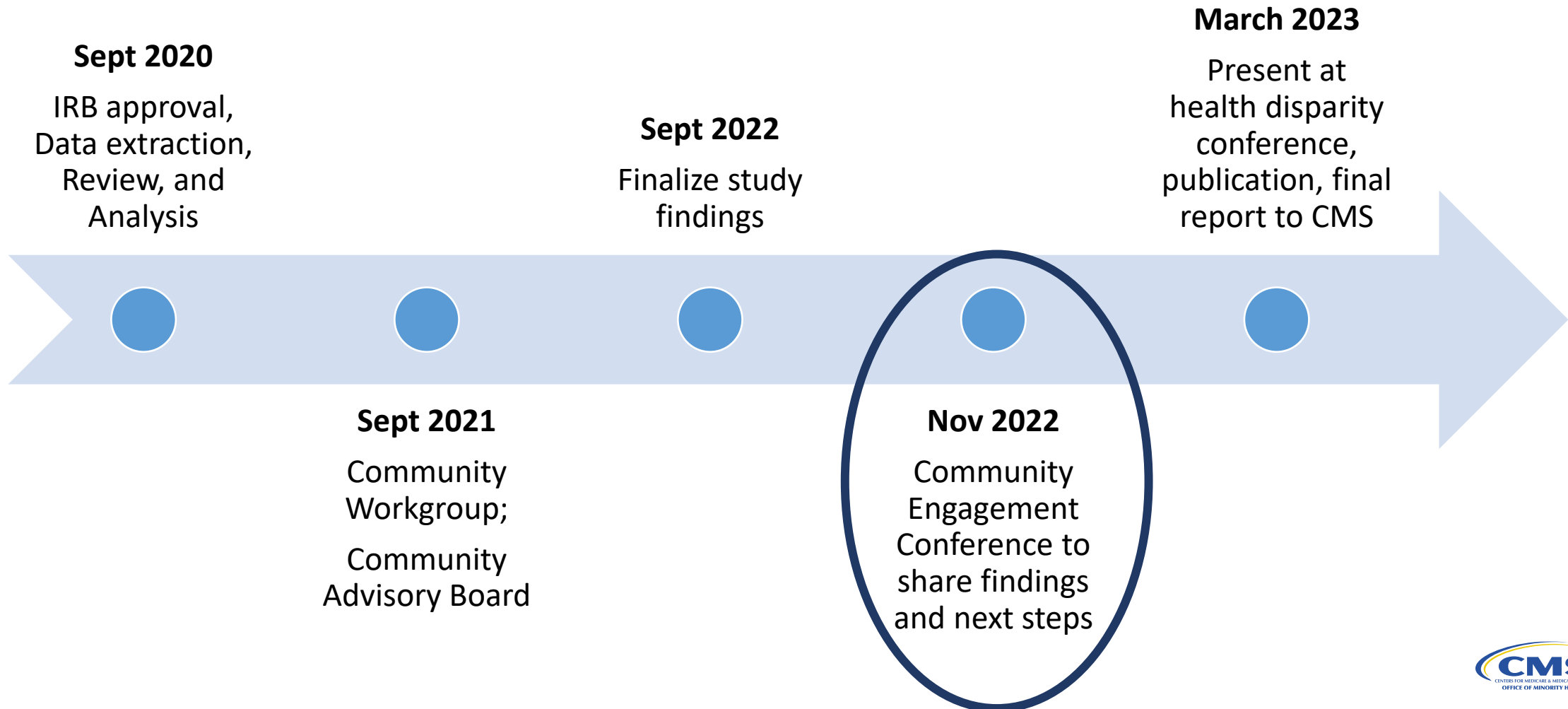
- Timeframe: 2016 to 2021
- Population: African American Men with Prostate Cancer in Houston Methodist Cancer Registry
- Demographics: Age, race, ethnicity, zip code, marital status, insurance type, history of cancer, alcohol/tobacco use
- Prostate cancer related information: PSA, Gleason, stage
- Comorbidity and medications (previously reported to be associated with PCa)



Data Collection Plan



Study Timeline



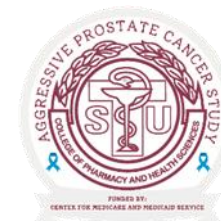


- **FACE TO FACE,**
- **SHOULDER TO SHOULDER:**

- **Let's talk about Prostate cancer**

- **Sat, Nov 5th, 2022**
 - **10am-1pm**

DATA SUMMARY AA (APCA vs. No APCA) 2016 to 2021



	Variables (n = 792)	10% Odds Ratio
1	Age	1.043*** (0.012)
2	ADI State rank	0.884** (0.047)
3	Thiazide like diuretics	0.611** (0.125)
4	Angiotensin 2 receptor antagonist	0.698* (0.144)
5	Direct vasodilators	1.628* (0.437)

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1
Standard errors in parentheses

PROCLAMATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS




**FACE TO FACE,
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Awareness, Advocacy, & Action

Black Men Are TWICE As Likely To Be Diagnosed With Prostate Cancer

PROSTATE CANCER




We Want You Here

Early Detection Saves Lives

PROSTATE CANCER

WE WANT YOU HERE!




Talk to your physician about prostate cancer screening

Aggressive Prostate Cancer Study
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Request a PSA/DRE today!

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES


Be proactive about prostate cancer

PROSTATE CANCER



We want you here!

Black men are twice as likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer



1 IN 7 BLACK MEN WILL DEVELOP PROSTATE CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME



TALK TO YOUR PHYSICIAN ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING



Message from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Introduction

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Healthy Communities, Healthy People

VIDEOS

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Message from Funding agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Plans for 2023 FACE TO FACE, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Let's talk about Prostate cancer

- Focus: Early detection saves lives
- Date: September 16th, 2023
- Time: 10-2pm
- Location: TBD
- Format: In-person with virtual option

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2023 Minority Research Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Now Available

- On May 11, 2023, we released the 2023 MRGP Notice of Funding Opportunity: **CMS-1W1-23-001**
- To apply, visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- The deadline to submit applications is **Wednesday, July 12, 2023.**
- CMS can award three grants of up to \$333,000

Eligibility Requirements

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- Grantees are selected through a competition that values innovation, community collaboration, and scientific rigor
- To be eligible, researchers from MSIs should focus on developing suitable interventions for health disparities impacting minority populations
- Health equity researchers with suitable projects from four MSI types may apply:
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities
 - Hispanic-Serving Institutions
 - Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities
 - Newly eligible in 2023:
 - Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs)
 - Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs)
 - Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs)
- For more information on eligibility, visit go.cms.gov/minorityresearch

Submit an Application

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CFDA:

OPPORTUNITY STATUS:
 Forecasted (334)
 Posted (2,466)
 Closed (6,252)
 Archived (64,499)

FUNDING INSTRUMENT TYPE:
 All Funding Instruments
 Cooperative Agreement (1,152)
 Grant (1,834)
 Other (179)
 Procurement Contract (44)

ELIGIBILITY:
 All Eligibilities
 City or township governments (1,061)
 County governments (1,111)
 For profit organizations other than small businesses (988)

CATEGORY:
 All Categories
 Agriculture (61)
 Arts (see 'Cultural Affairs' in CFDA) (14)
 Business and Commerce (31)
 Community Development (48)

AGENCY:
 All Agencies
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 All Department of Agriculture [USDA] (57)

1 - 25 OF 2800 MATCHING RESULTS:

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FM-MCG-24-001	Development of Fiscal Year 2024 Commercial Vehicle Safety Plans to Support National Safety Goals	DOT-FMCSA	Posted	06/23/2023	08/21/2023
MAPUTO-PCO-FY23-02	Leadership Training for Adolescent Girls and Young Women	DOS-MOZ	Posted	06/23/2023	08/04/2023
72067423RFA00014	Children, Adolescents, and Families in the HIV Epidemic in the Limpopo Province	USAID-SAF	Posted	06/23/2023	08/17/2023
SFOP0009864	Track 1.5 Dialogue on Global Water Security	DOS-OES	Posted	06/23/2023	08/07/2023
EPA-OCSPP-DPP-2023-002	National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)	EPA	Posted	06/23/2023	08/07/2023
PAS-CB600-23-0002	U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh – PAS Annual Program Statement	DOS-KHM	Forecasted	06/22/2023	
DHS-23-NPD-005-00-96	Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) – Continuing Training Grants (CTG)	DHS-DHS	Posted	06/22/2023	08/09/2023
HR001123S0045	Biological Technologies	DOD-DARPA-BTO	Posted	06/22/2023	06/20/2024
M23AS00361	PC-22-07B: Maritime Heritage of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands	DOI-BOEM	Posted	06/22/2023	07/31/2023
DOS-BAGHDAD-PD-2023-0012	Visiting American Professionals Program for Iraq	DOS-IRO	Posted	06/22/2023	08/18/2023
RD-RUS-CY22DISASTER	Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants	USDA-RUS	Posted	06/22/2023	
FR-6700-N-23	Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages	HUD	Posted	06/22/2023	09/05/2023
HRSA-24-087	Service Area Competition-Additional Area	HHS-HRSA	Posted	06/22/2023	08/21/2023
HRSA-24-068	Service Area Competition	HHS-HRSA	Posted	06/22/2023	08/21/2023
SFOP0009915	Reducing Mercury Use in Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining: Indonesia and Philippines	DOS-OES	Posted	06/22/2023	08/07/2023
RFA-OD-23-020	Maximizing the Scientific Value of Data Generated by the Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program: Dissertation Grant (R36)	HHS-NIH11	Posted	06/22/2023	11/01/2023
USDA-FNS-FS-REVIEWPSU-23	FY23 Review of Produce Safety University	USDA-FNS1	Posted	06/22/2023	08/21/2023
O-BJA-2023-171799	BJA FY 23 National Initiatives: Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Solicitation	USDJ-OJP-BJA	Posted	06/22/2023	08/01/2023
RFA-OD-23-019	Maximizing the Scientific Value of Data Generated by the Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes	HHS-NIH11	Posted	06/22/2023	11/01/2023

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 Forecasted (0)
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FUNDING INSTRUMENT TYPE:
 All Funding Instruments
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ELIGIBILITY:
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Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP)
Department of Health and Human Services
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General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice | Version: Synopsis 1
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Funding Opportunity Title: Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP) | Last Updated Date: May 11, 2023
Opportunity Category: Discretionary | Original Closing Date for Applications: Jul 12, 2023
Opportunity Category Explanation: | Current Closing Date for Applications: Jul 12, 2023
Funding Instrument Type: Grant | Archive Date: Aug 11, 2023
Category of Funding Activity: Health | Estimated Total Program Funding:
Category Explanation: | Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
Expected Number of Awards: 3 | Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number(s): 93.779 -- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Research, Demonstrations and Evaluations
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Private institutions of higher education
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must: 1. Be a researcher at a Minority Serving Institution. For more detailed information see https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edite-minorityinst.html. Minority Serving Institutions are: a part B institution (a historically Black college or university) (§322 of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. §1061); a Hispanic-serving institution (§502 of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. §1101a); a Tribal College or University (§316 of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. §1059c); an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (§317(b) of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. §1059d(b)); a Predominantly Black

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Q&A



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