



## Call for Proposals: Translation Pilot Projects

The NIEHS funded Philadelphia Regional Center for Children's Environmental Health (PRCCEH) (P2CES033428) is currently accepting applications for pilot projects through its Translation Core. Applications are due **Friday, March 31, 2023 by 3pm**. We hope you will share this announcement with colleagues and community organizations who are currently involved in children's environmental health or might be interested in working in this area.

Pilot Projects are up to \$25,000 grants to support translating children's environmental health research to the real world. Translation Core pilot projects:

- generate preliminary data;
- support the development of new interventions in the community; and/or
- help community organizations to improve children's environmental health.

It is not enough to just develop translational products (e.g., message, material, video, mobile app, toolkit, preventive prescription, intervention, policy) – you have to find ways to implement these products in the community and test whether they are effective and cost-beneficial.

Our Center provides funding for two different types of Translation Pilot Projects:

**Interdisciplinary Award:** At least one Center member partners with a community organization to test and evaluate a translation program or product. First time applicants are preferred. Up to \$25,000 in funding per funded project.

**Community Action Award:** Specifically for community and non-profit organizations to implement a translational program or product based on concerns from the community. A Center member must be a co-PI on the project. Up to \$25,000 in funding per project will be awarded. If your group is not familiar with any Center members, email [prcceh@penntestmed.upenn.edu](mailto:prcceh@penntestmed.upenn.edu) – we'll help make those connections.

### Funding Details

Applicants can request up to \$25,000 for one year. No salary support for the faculty member is allowable. Applicants can request salary for support personnel, supplies and minor equipment (less than \$5K). The investigator cannot claim travel or funds towards the purchase of major equipment. These pilot projects DO NOT allow for indirect costs.

Any standing or research faculty from CHOP and the eight member universities\* in the Philadelphia region may apply. If the applicant's institution is not a current PRCCEH member, partnering with a current member is required. Underrepresented minority faculty and junior faculty are highly encouraged to apply.

All applications and inquiries should be submitted electronically to [prcceh@pennterms.edu](mailto:prcceh@pennterms.edu).

At the end of their award year each recipient of a Pilot Project Grant is asked to make a presentation on their work in the PRCCEH seminar series and may be invited to give an oral or poster presentation at the Annual PRCCEH symposium. Acknowledgement of NIEHS funding to the PRCCEH (P2CES033428) is required in all publications, presentations, and translational products that derive from the Pilot Project Grant.

### Example Pilot Projects

- Recent funded project: Neighborhood cleanup to reduce asthma triggers
- Developing a strategy to address a community environmental health problem that has worked somewhere else and adapt it to your community and evaluate how the implementation went
- Test a novel strategy or community partnership to address a community concern.

### About the Center

The Philadelphia Regional Center for Children’s Environmental Health is part of the national network of Children’s Environmental Health Research and Translation Centers that work together to develop effective strategies to translate key children’s environmental health research findings to relevant stakeholders in the community, academia, and practice.

\* PRCCEH provides the infrastructure to integrate children’s environmental health research expertise at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn), Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Drexel University, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, Lincoln University of PA, Lehigh University, University of Delaware and Villanova University, to improve children’s health by reducing environmental exposures in early life across our region.

If your college, university or research institution would like to join the PRCCEH, email [prcceh@pennterms.edu](mailto:prcceh@pennterms.edu). You must show at least one faculty member or researcher who is focusing part of their work on CEH.



## How to Apply

Applications should be emailed in a PDF format to [prcceh@penntmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:prcceh@penntmedicine.upenn.edu). Each application should include the name of the Pilot Project you are applying to and the following information:

- a) Title of the Application;
- b) personal information (name, position, title, affiliation, and contact information);
- c) NIH biosketch;
- d) list of current and pending grant support;
- e) an abstract not longer than 250 words;
- f) a statement on how this project may lead to extramural funding in Children's Environmental Health or directly benefit the mission of your organization;
- g) specific aims;
- h) significance, which must state the relevance to Children's Environmental Health;
- i) preliminary studies if available;
- j) methods;
- k) references;
- l) authentication of key biological or chemical resources if applicable;
- m) budget justification; and
- n) where applicable, IRB or IACUC approval.

*Items (e-j) cannot exceed 5 pages.*

Questions about the application? Email [prcceh@penntmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:prcceh@penntmedicine.upenn.edu)