

PCORI is announcing a new initiative, the Pipeline to Proposal Award program<<http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/pipeline-to-proposal-awards/>>, which is designed to support the development of partnerships between researchers and others within the healthcare community, including individual clinicians and clinician groups. We believe that this program will lead to proposals for patient-centered outcomes research generated by clinicians and others within the healthcare community. The program is part of the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards initiative<<http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/>> announced earlier this year.

The Pipeline to Proposal program will not fund research directly, but instead is designed to build a national community of researchers, clinicians, patients, and other healthcare stakeholders with the expertise to participate in patient-centered outcomes research -- and to encourage partnerships that lead to high-quality research proposals for PCORI. The first funding opportunity is the "Tier I Pipeline Awards" for the 13-state US Western Region. These awards are for up to \$15,000 and focus on building the community of patients, stakeholders, and researchers. PCORI plans to invite applications for Tier I Pipeline Awards in other areas of the country in early 2014.

These awards are open to individuals or groups who have an interest in a particular health issue and want to develop questions that can be addressed by comparative effectiveness research but have not been part of the traditional research enterprise, either because of a lack of eligibility or capacity to develop funding proposals. An intermediate funder, the Colorado Foundation for Public Health and the Environment (CFPHE), will collaborate with PCORI to manage these awards.

Any clinician, patient, caregiver, researcher, or other healthcare stakeholder – individuals or groups – with a compelling idea for a research project is invited to consider applying for a PCORI Pipeline to Proposal Award. For more information, e-mail PCORI at [getinvolved@pcori.org](mailto:getinvolved@pcori.org)

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

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