WORDOUT: Community Research Dissemination Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Can the funds be used for human subject research?** *No. This grant is not intended for human subject research rather it is intended to build capacity in community-academic partnerships, using community-based participatory research principles, to disseminate research at the community level.*
    a. **Examples of possible WORDOUT projects:**
        i. Facilitating a series of workshops to discuss community health topics, disseminate information about research topics and connect communities to resources
        ii. Developing lunch + learn workshops to educate seniors about depression while also educating participants about research.

2. **Are there any restrictions on the health issues that can be funded?** *Health issue topics are approved on a case-by-case basis. Bonus round proposals should address health equity or access issues that are important to communities in Pittsburgh.*

3. **Does the community organization need to be based in Pittsburgh?** *No. The community organization does not need to be Pittsburgh-based, however they must be Allegheny County based.*

4. **Can there be more than one community partner included in the application?** *We encourage applicants to involve multiple stakeholders in project activities, but only one community partner may be funded through the WORDOUT grant, as the intent is to foster strong partnerships between a community partner and a University researcher.*

5. **Can you submit an application for an ongoing partnership or previous WORDOUT project? Can the same WORDOUT project be funded more than once?** *We do accept applications from existing partnerships and previous WORDOUT projects. Partnerships can be funded more than once, but it should be clear in your proposal that this is a <u>new</u> component or extension of your previous WORDOUT project.*

6. **Will new partnerships be viewed more favorably than applications submitted by organizations and researchers who have previously collaborated?** *No. Strong proposals will have the potential to develop into long-term community-engaged research partnerships, but no preference will be given to either new or existing partnerships during the review process.*

7. **Does the project proposal budget include both university and community activities? Does the budget need to be split equally between community and university activities?** *The funding allotment (from $3,000 up to $5,000 in direct costs, plus an addition $2,500 for proposals with a health equity focus) is the total budget for BOTH the university and community partners for the entire funding period. It is suggested that the budgeted funds be an* **equitable** *allotment between both partners. Please note that the CTSI will set up direct contracts with the community partner organizations and reimbursement will be made based on beginning, mid, and ending invoices. Timeline adjustments will be available in some circumstances.*

8. **Is there help available to develop a budget?** *Yes, Community PARTner staff can provide feedback to your proposed budget.*

9. **Does the funding period begin when applicants are notified of award?** *No, the funding period doesn't begin until April 1, 2020 and ends on May 31st, 2021. This will allow enough time for the funded community partners and academic researchers to develop trust, capacity and skills to utilize unique strategies to disseminate research.*

10. **What if I have additional questions that weren't answered in the FAQs?** *If questions arise during preparation of your proposal that have not been answered by these FAQs, please feel free to email Bee Schindler, Community Engagement Coordinator, at bee.schindler@pitt.edu.*