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Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ Session Objectives
- ✓ Assumptions
- ✓ Finding Funding (Notes)
- ✓ Institutional Barriers (Problems of Practice)
- ✓ Strategies

Session Objectives

- ✓ Identify 2-3 sources of funding for community engaged practices
- ✓ Identify 2-3 institutional barriers to community engaged practices
- ✓ Identify 2-3 strategies to cope with barriers

Big Assumptions

- ✓ *CE practices key part of organizational mission*
- ✓ Evidence of “mutually beneficial” may vary
- ✓ Rhetoric vs. resources may not match
- ✓ Pressure on faculty (what “counts” for promotion)
- ✓ Growing concept of “ROI” (short term benefits vs. long term-outcomes)

Finding Funding: Notes

- ✓ Federal, State and Local
- ✓ Foundations, Universities, Non-profits
- ✓ Industry
- ✓ Private Sector

Tools: Pivot, Grants.gov, databases, listservs, networks, experience, advancement/research offices, etc.

Finding Funding: Notes



SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants>

SPENCER FOUNDATION

<https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>



Research Grants on Reducing Inequality

<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality>

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<https://ncats.nih.gov/ctsa/about>



<https://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/special/broaderimpacts/>

Finding Funding: Notes



WHAT WE DO

The Community Foundation works with local residents and nonprofits, as well as public and private organizations to facilitate philanthropy, build collaborative relationships, and improve the quality of life in our area.

<https://www.cacfonline.org>

Dynamic Community

We support programs that are available to and benefit the entire community. These investments contribute to the wellbeing of our families, draw residents and tourists to our city, and make Richmond a positive and dynamic place to live.



<https://robinsfdn.org>

Others:

- Internal Funding Streams*
- Advancement/Philanthropy*

Institutional Barriers: Problems of Practice

✓ Systems not set up for CE

“They’re not part of the university”

“We can’t pay them, where’s the SSN”

“IRB is delayed and not approved”

Institutional Barriers: Problems of Practice

✓ Systems not set up for CE

“They need training but they can’t get a login”

“Not qualified to be a project PI, it’s policy”

“They have to sign this to protect us”

“Research on versus with”

Strategies

- ✓ Community Affiliate Appointments
- ✓ Community members in review boards (advisors)
- ✓ Reciprocal Relationships (adequate budgeting, resources, recognition)
- ✓ Sustaining the relationships

Audience Participation

✓ Thought Exercise

Summary – We can do it!

- ✓ Seek efficiencies within the system
- ✓ Allocate adequate resources/recognition
- ✓ Focus on long-term outcomes versus short-term returns

Thank you

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