Finding Funding and Understanding Logistics for Community-engaged Practice: Strategies for Overcoming Institutional Barriers

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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

About the CTSA Program

Under NCATS’ leadership, the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program supports a national network of medical research institutions — called hubs — that work together to improve the translational research process to get more treatments to more patients more quickly. The hubs collaborate locally and regionally to catalyze innovation in training, research tools and processes.

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

SPENCER FOUNDATION

Research Grants on Reducing Inequality

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

https://www.samhsa.gov/grants

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

https://www.jsf.org

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.

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.

Others:
- Internal Funding Streams
- Advancement/Philanthropy

https://www.cacfonline.org

https://robinsfdn.org
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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