



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

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Our Reference: GRANT # [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) plans for the phasing out of the Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) while proceeding on with the new National Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). As described in the Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) posted to request applications for NCORP, the intent of this new program is to "build upon the scope and activities of NCI's previously supported community networks, the Community Clinical Oncology Program which includes CCOP community sites (CCOPs), Minority-Based CCOP sites (MB-CCOPs), and CCOP Research Bases...by establishing a single community-based research program." The purpose and goal of these FOAs is to transition funding for NCI's community network program from the CCOP to the NCORP beginning in 2014. When the NCORP is established, currently funded CCOP/MB-CCOP institutions will be able to participate in the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) cancer treatment trials and NCORP cancer prevention and control trials either as directly funded NCORP sites or as members of one of the NCTNs. Beginning June 1, 2014, funding for participation in the NCI funded community research program will no longer be provided through a previously funded CCOP/MB-CCOP award.

As you are aware, the submission date for the FOAs for the NCORP Community Sites and the NCORP- Minority/Underserved Community Sites was in early January. Those applications will be undergoing initial peer review in March/April and second level review by the National Cancer Advisory Board in June. NCI anticipates making decisions on funding in early summer for anticipated start dates in September 2014. As final decisions are made, NCI will contact you to discuss plans for this award. Therefore, given this planned transition to NCORP, there will not be a requirement to submit an annual progress report for this award. Although you may receive automated e-mails from NIH requesting the report, they can be ignored. Please note, for those CCOPs/MB-CCOPs that do not transition to NCORP direct funding, NCI will consider requests for support to orderly close out the CCOP/MB-CCOP sites. .

If you have any administrative questions, please contact [REDACTED] of my staff at [REDACTED] or the following email address: [REDACTED]. For all programmatic questions, please contact Dr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or via e-mail at: [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



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