

Frequently Asked Questions

Request for Application Community Care Centers of Excellence

1. Are there specific dollar amounts or limits that should be allocated to each of the core functions and activities, i.e. outreach, facilities, patient care, education?

Specific limits or amounts for the required core activities are not prescribed other than the \$650k for Community Based Partnerships (CBO). The remaining budget may be distributed across these program areas as appropriate to support the proposed activities.

2. How might an applicant work with an Alpha Clinic that provides services to the CCCE site? Can a CCCE subcontract with an Alpha Clinic?

Applicants are encouraged to partner with CIRM Clinical Infrastructure Programs. CCCE applicants may subcontract with Alpha Clinics. For example, the Alpha Clinics have developed educational curriculum, patient education tools and other resources that may be applied by the CCCE to support the objectives of this program.

3. Can an Alpha Clinic support more than one CCCE?

Yes, CCCE applicants are encouraged to develop collaborations with Alpha Clinic sites. There are no limitations with regard to the number of CCCE applicants an Alpha Clinic can collaborate with. We recommend that the CCCE applicant clearly outline the collaborative initiatives or projects, specifying how they are responsive to the program objectives.

4. Can Alpha Clinic personnel dedicate a percentage of their time to support/train CCCEs with community engagement activities?

Yes, provided such activities are consistent with your existing milestones or within the scope of the Alpha Clinics RFA and you may propose to revise your milestone(s) to provide such support or training. We recommend you consult with your program officer, as we encourage collaboration, and can work with you to accommodate.

5. Who can be the applicant organization?

The applicant organization should be located in the proposed service area and administer the operations essential for providing clinical trial support and/or delivery. If the applicant organization is proposing to use multiple locations or partners in the service area, the applicant should designate a lead site to coordinate clinical operations. Please note, that the program director cannot have an existing CIRM award that is substantially similar or has overlapping activities pending review or approval under any CIRM opportunity.

6. Can Co-Program Directors arrangement be established? Is it possible for the effort allocation to be shared between Co-Program Directors?

CIRM policy does not allow effort allocation for Program Directors to be shared.

If you have any questions, you would like to be covered in the webinar, kindly email them to ccce@cirm.ca.gov prior to the webinar date by the end of May 13th.

