



**Special Call for Grant Applications:
Florida Research Challenge (Florida RC1) Grant
for Tobacco-Related Diseases
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1. INTRODUCTION

The James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (hereafter referred to as the "Program"), established in section 215.5602, *Florida Statutes* (s. 215.5602, *F.S.*), supports research for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of tobacco-related diseases. The Program receives funding from two sources. Part of Program funding comes from interest earned on a portion of the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund, a fund established with monies received from the tobacco industry through Florida's tobacco lawsuit settlement agreement. Beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year (FY), the Program will also receive 2.5%, not to exceed \$25 million, of the revenue deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund from the increased cigarette user fee imposed by s. 210.02, *F.S.*

Due to the increase of available funds in FY 2009-2010, the Program is issuing Special Calls for Grant Applications for grants expected to begin on or about January 1, 2010.

The Florida Department of Health, through the Office of Public Health Research (hereafter referred to as "the Department") administers the Program with the support of a contracting partner, the Lytmos Group, Inc. The Program also solicits recommendations and suggestions on policy alternatives from the Biomedical Research Advisory Council consistent with s. 20.435, and s. 215.5602, *F.S.*

The Program has five long-term goals:

1. Improve the health of Floridians by researching better prevention, diagnoses, treatments, and cures of diseases related to tobacco use, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease
2. Expand the foundation of biomedical knowledge relating to the prevention, diagnoses, treatment, and cure of diseases related to tobacco use, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease
3. Improve the quality of the state's academic health centers by bringing the advances of biomedical research into the training of physicians and other health care providers
4. Increase the state's per capita funding for biomedical research by undertaking new initiatives in biomedical research that will attract additional funding from outside the state
5. Stimulate economic activity in the state in areas related to biomedical research, such as the research and production of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and medical devices

In pursuit of these goals, the Program is soliciting **Florida Research Challenge (hereafter referred to as "Florida RC1") Grant** applications from eligible institutions to fund initiatives addressing the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of tobacco-related diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease.

Through separate Calls, the Department is also soliciting grant applications for two other grant mechanisms:

- 1 Shared Instrument Grant (SIG)
2. Technology Transfer/Commercialization Partnership (TTCP) Grant

This Call for Grant Applications applies only to Florida RC1 Grant applications. To access the SIG and TTCP Calls for Grant Applications, visit the Program website at www.floridabiomed.com.

The Program has historically operated in general accord with the policies and procedures for extramural funding employed by National Institutes of Health (NIH) and looks to the NIH as a source of standard practices. To protect the credibility of the Program and to ensure public trust, this general accord includes but is not limited to similar expectations of adequate institutional control and oversight to guard against financial conflict of interest, scientific misconduct, scientific and financial overlap and the mismanagement of funds, the protection of human and vertebrate animals, and compliance with applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

All awards in response to this Call are subject to the availability of funds and spending authority provided by the Florida Legislature. By submitting a grant application pursuant to this Call, all applicants acknowledge and consent to this condition.

After awards are made, each grantee must sign a contract, called the “Terms and Conditions,” agreeing to certain legal requirements of the award. An example of the “Terms and Conditions” is located on the Program website and can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Terms and Conditions](http://www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call) (www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call). The “Terms and Conditions” are non-negotiable and acceptance is required as part of the grant award process. The Program reserves the right to change or modify the “Terms and Conditions” as needed. By submitting a grant application pursuant to this Call, all applicants acknowledge this requirement. The Terms and Conditions also include the post award deliverables schedule.

2. HIGHLIGHTS

- Each grant mechanism has its own call for applications and instructions documents.
- Florida RC1 grant applicants will use the same application used for the federal RC1 grants.
- The Principal Investigator’s percent effort on the Florida RC1 Grant application must be the same or greater as on the NIH RC1 Grant application. Other key personnel percent efforts may be changed if justification is provided in the Florida RC1 application budget. See Chapter 5C.

- The total direct cost funds requested in the Florida RC1 application must be the same or less than the total direct cost funds requested in the NIH RC1 grant application plus 10% for indirect costs (IDC). See Chapter 5C.
- A link to the peer reviewer questions has been added to Chapter 11.
- Tips for reducing file sizes have been added to Chapter 14F.
- The Question and Answer process has been improved. Answers will be posted to the website frequently as questions are received. See Chapters 9 and 10.
- Definitions of key terms used throughout this document are located in Chapter 15.

3. TOBACCO-RELATEDNESS

All applicants must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to tobacco use or tobacco-related diseases. Grant requests must support the work of **biomedical and biotechnological research** addressing the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of tobacco-related diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary disease. **Social scientific and behavioral** proposals must address the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of existing or novel approaches to tobacco control, tobacco education, or nicotine addiction; and/or address the health needs of current and/or former tobacco users. Applicants who do not or cannot demonstrate the relatedness between tobacco and the proposed project will not be funded.

4. FLORIDA RC1 GRANT MECHANISM INFORMATION

The intent of the Florida RC1 grant mechanism is to provide support for promising tobacco-related disease research proposals submitted by Florida investigators to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in response to its “2009 Challenge Grants in Health and Science” (NIH RC1). To be eligible, projects must have been highly rated by national panels of peer reviewers in the federal competition but not selected for a federal award due to budgetary constraints.

The NIH RC1 grant was developed as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). NIH RC1 grant applications must propose novel research in areas that address specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation, or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways. While the NIH designated at least \$200 million for this initiative, many applications were submitted for relatively few awards.

Florida RC1 applications may be submitted for any of the 215 NIH highest priority challenge topics. However, the applicant **must** show how the proposed research is directly related to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of tobacco-related diseases.

Applicants must have submitted an NIH RC1 application and have received an initial peer review summary statement indicating high scientific merit. For purposes of this competition, “high scientific merit” means that proposals were assigned scores or ratings that when averaged are better than 4.0 (< 4.0) on a scale of 1.0 to 9.0 with 1.0 representing the best rating. Each NIH RC1 Summary Statement should include scores in five areas (significance, investigator(s), innovation, approach, and environment) from each of the initial three reviewers. To calculate the average score, total all 15 scores from the three reviewers and divide by 15. It is not a requirement that the NIH RC1 application have undergone an NIH Section Study Review, it must only have completed the initial three person (sometimes referred to as “mail”) review and have a summary statement with 15 scores that can be averaged. Any modifications to this requirement will be published in a Call Amendment posted on the Program website (www.floridabiomed.com) and distributed to the Program e-mail distribution list and registered applicants. Applicants should monitor the Program website for any notices and changes.

A. Florida RC1 Grant Award Amount and Duration

1. The maximum award is \$500,000 per year, not to exceed \$1,000,000 over two years (including direct and indirect costs).
2. Awards are for a period of 24 months.
3. Grants will begin on or about January 1, 2010.
4. Second year grant funding is dependent on project performance and subject to the availability of funds. Grantees must submit a request for continuation support at least 60 days before the end of the first year. Subsequent annual support shall comply with the same *Terms and Conditions* as the initial award, including any amendments thereof.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Open Innovation and Sharing of Publication-Related Materials, Data, and Software

Publishing a scientific paper is a transaction whereby the author(s) receive credit and status in exchange for sharing their scientific findings. Authors have a responsibility to make available materials, databases, and software integral to their findings so that others may validate or refute the results and/or extend them in new directions. Grantees funded through this Program are encouraged to use materials transfer agreements to make materials, data and databases, and software that result from this funding and which is integral to their research findings, freely and promptly available upon request for research use by other scientists.

In accord with the National Institutes of Health notice NOT-OD-08-033, Grantees shall submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication, in a manner consistent with copyright law. This applies to all publications resulting from Program funded research. For more information on the NIH Open Access Policy visit <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>.

B. Eligible Applicants

The applicant must be an **eligible institution**. (See the definitions provided in Chapter 15.) According to s. 215.5602(5)(a) and s. 381.922(3)(a), *F.S.*, applications for biomedical research funding may be submitted from any university or established research institute in the state. For the purposes of this program, eligible institutions shall include:

- State universities - A state university is defined in s. 1001.60, *F.S.*, except as otherwise specifically provided, as the 11 named public, postsecondary institutions and any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution. For purposes of the Program, the named university or college and any branch campus, centers or affiliates, unless it can be legally shown otherwise, are considered one and the same, and where the number of applications is limited, the university and its branch campuses, centers or other affiliates must coordinate submission(s) in order to comply with the limitation. Questions regarding an institution's independence must be submitted in writing during the question and answer period (see Chapter 9 for dates). Public institutions must be accredited by a nationally recognized organization.
- Nonpublic institutions - For the purposes of the Program, nonpublic institutions operating under Chapter 1005, *F.S.* are also eligible. Any branch campuses, centers or other affiliates of a nonpublic institution are considered one in the same with that institution, and where the number of applications is limited, the institution and its branch campuses, centers or other affiliates must coordinate submission(s) in order to comply with the limitation. Questions regarding an institution's independence must be submitted in writing during the question and answer period (see Chapter 9 for dates). Nonpublic institutions must be accredited by a nationally recognized organization.
- Established research institutes - An established research institute is defined as any Florida nonprofit or foreign nonprofit covered under Chapter 617, *F.S.*, with a physical location in Florida, whose stated purpose and power is scientific, biomedical or biotechnological research and/or development and is legally registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. This includes federal government and non-profit medical and surgical hospitals including Veteran's Administration hospitals.

To be eligible as a **Principal Investigator at an eligible institution**, the individual must be a full-time faculty member at an eligible institution, or a postdoctoral researcher in his/her final fellowship year, by the application due date of September 18, 2009. Postdoctoral applicants must be a Full-time Faculty member or equivalent by December 4, 2009. Temporary faculty members, even though full-time, are not eligible to apply. See Full-time Faculty and Full-time Equivalent definitions in Chapter 15.

Principal investigators from eligible institutions may apply for funding from the Program. The eligible institution, in accordance with its own policies and procedures, should designate the Principal Investigator. The Principal Investigator must supervise the project directly and in person. Grant applications from Principal Investigators failing to meet all applicable eligibility requirements will be rejected.

Applications may be submitted by any eligible institution. Applications for the same project cannot be submitted to the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program. The Program may limit the number of awards to a single eligible institution to two awards (subject to change).

C. Additional Application Requirements and Limits

The Principal Investigator's name on the Florida RC1 Grant application must be the same as on the NIH RC1 Grant application. The Principal Investigator's percent effort on the Florida RC1 Grant application must be the same or greater as on the NIH RC1 Grant application. Other key personnel percent efforts may be changed if justification is provided in the Florida RC1 application budget (e.g., the named laboratory technician was assigned to a different project and is no longer available).

The total direct cost funds requested in the Florida RC1 application must be the same or less than the total direct cost funds requested in the NIH RC1 grant application. Justification must be provided if the direct cost total in the Florida RC1 application budget is different than the budget direct cost total on the NIH RC1 grant application. The total amount requested will consist of the total direct costs, plus an additional 10% of that amount added for indirect costs. All direct cost expenses must be directly related to the project. See Chapter 6 for allowed direct and indirect costs.

Applicants must ensure that their proposed project does not duplicate or significantly **overlap**, scientifically or financially, with other projects in which they or any project member are involved. Overlap, whether scientific, financial, or commitment of a project member's effort greater than 100 percent, is not permitted.

Applicants may not submit **duplicate projects** or projects with significant scientific or financial overlap to different mechanisms within the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program for the same Call for Applications. Applicants may also not submit duplicate projects or projects with significant scientific or financial overlap to both the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program for the same Call for Applications. The Principal Investigator may submit two or more completely different projects at the same time.

If the applicant's proposal is funded, Florida RC1 grantees will be required to submit at least one federal research proposal directly related to research completed with the Florida RC1 Grant funding before December 31, 2012.

If the applicant's proposal is funded, the Grantee must respond to Program requests for information for a period of five (5) years after the end of the grant period, including any no cost extensions. These reports must show the long-term outcomes based on the funded research, including the value of additional grant awards for tobacco-related research, a list of tobacco-related presentations, a list of tobacco-related publications in peer-reviewed journals, and any invention disclosures, patent filings, patents received, et cetera.

Refer to the Program website at www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call to review the Terms and Conditions that includes the full post-award deliverable schedule.

6. ALLOWED AND DISALLOWED COSTS

The following information explains direct and indirect costs allowed by the Program, as well as disallowed costs. Additional budget instructions are available online with the application form, which is accessible after the applicant registers and logs in to the online system at www.floridabiomed.com. See Chapter 7 for registration instructions.

A. Allowed Direct Costs

Allowed direct cost expenses must be directly related to the project and may include:

- salaries
- fringe benefits
- supplies
- equipment
- domestic travel
- consultant costs
- patient-care costs
- Department of Health IRB fees (if applicable)
- consortium or contractual costs

Administrative costs *may* be included in direct cost categories, but only under two conditions:

- the services, functions, or activities are directly necessary for this grant,
AND
- these administrative costs have not been included in the calculation of the indirect costs.

The Program does not prohibit administrative costs as part of direct costs, but to be allowable, they must meet both of the above conditions. All direct costs must be specifically and directly related to the project, necessary for the project's completion, and adequately justified. Pay particular attention to these criteria with costs such as copying charges, telephone and Internet charges, maintenance contracts, etc.

The Program will pay a proportional percentage of the base salary (based on effort) of any personnel named on the application for this grant. The **maximum annual base salary** used in calculating these payments must not exceed the Executive Level 1 annual salary rate of the Federal Executive Pay Scale that is in effect as of September 18, 2009. See Chapter 15, Definitions, for more information about the Federal Executive Pay Scale. This salary cap excludes fringe benefits, facilities, and administrative (F&A) expenses, and also excludes any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties to the applicant institution. This provision is consistent with the NIH salary limitations on grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

It is the intent of the Program that activities funded through the Program, including data analysis, occur in Florida. Eighty percent of effort (work) and funds must occur in Florida at the eligible institution and any partnering entities. Funding for any out-of-state personnel or consulting expenses cannot exceed 20% of the total requested direct costs. This does not include lab services, supplies, or equipment.

B. Allowed Indirect Costs

Indirect costs (also referred to as IDC, or F&A, or administrative costs) are limited to 10% of the direct costs requested. Indirect costs are those costs that are incurred for the joint or common benefit of several separate organizational or financial components (cost centers) of an organization, which specifically or readily cannot be identified to a particular cost center, project, or program.

C. Disallowed Costs:

All direct costs must be specifically and directly related to the project, necessary for the project's completion, and adequately justified. Any other costs are disallowed. Additionally, the following items shall NOT be purchased with grant funds:

- Construction, renovation, or remodeling
- International travel
- Vehicles
- Entertainment
- Employment subsidies
- Dues/Membership fees
- Meals/Food (other than as part of travel costs)
- Malpractice insurance premiums

7. ONLINE APPLICATION REGISTRATION

Only applications received through the GrantEase™ online application system will be accepted. Applicants must register online at www.floridabiomed.com/login.html to be able to submit an application. Data collected during registration includes basic contact information, proposal subject, brief proposal description, and the grant mechanism of interest. Registered applicants will receive a username and password that will allow access to the online application system.

See Chapter 14 for application submission instructions and Addendum 1 for specific field-level instructions. Application instructions are also included with the online application, which is accessible after registering and logging into the online system at www.floridabiomed.com/login.html.

8. REQUIRED FLORIDA RC1 GRANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

A complete Florida RC1 Grant application package **must** contain all required items listed in Table 1.

**TOTAL MAXIMUM PAGE LIMIT: 30 printed pages
(excluding Copy of NIH RC1 Proposal)**

**TOTAL MAXIMUM UPLOADED FILE SIZE: 1 MB
(excluding Copy of NIH RC1 Proposal;
the NIH RC1 Proposal should be compressed before uploading)**

Includes cover/certification page and all required and optional sections. Proposals exceeding the page limits where specified are subject to truncation to the page limit or may be disqualified without review. Proposals exceeding the total maximum page limits will be returned without review. For information on how to reduce file sizes, see Chapter 14 F, or contact technical support via email at techsupport@floridabiomed.com.

Table 1. Florida RC1 Grant Application Components and Page Limitations			
Section	Category	Page Limit	Comment
General Research/Project Information:			
A	General Research Information*	2	Required. This section includes general project information.
B	General Audience Abstract *	1500 characters	Required. This section must explain the proposed research in layman's terms, including its relationship to the goals of the Program.
C	Tobacco-Relatedness*	3000 characters	Required. This section must provide a clear explanation of how the proposed research is related to tobacco use or tobacco-related diseases.
D	Budget	5	Required. The budget must explain the planned spending for the proposed work.
E	Documentation of Peer Review Support for the NIH RC1 Proposal	No Limit	Required. Applicants must submit a copy of the actual summary statement from NIH including the scores from the three initial peer reviewers.

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Section	Category	Page Limit	Comment
F	Copy of NIH RC1 Proposal**	No Limit Not counted in total page limit	Required. A PDF copy of the entire NIH RC1 proposal as submitted (<u>all proposal components</u>). No additional data will be accepted. Please compress the file if it is a large file.
G	Research Milestone Chart	2	Required. The Research Milestone Chart provides a high-level overview of the project schedule.
H	Other Support	No Limit	Required. A report of all other active and pending awards for the Principal Investigator.
I	IRB and/or IACUC Approvals	No limit	You may submit an application without necessary IRB or IACUC approvals. Immediately after award notification grantees should submit all necessary applications to regulatory authorities including, but not limited to, the IACUC, the local or institutional IRB, and if necessary the DOH IRB. Project work may not begin until all required approvals are provided. <u>Project name on approvals must match the application project name.</u>
J	Cover Page/Certification – Signed	1	Required. Original signed cover page must be delivered separately by due date as specified in Chapter 9. A PDF copy of the signed cover/certification page that was mailed to DOH must be uploaded.
TOTAL MAXIMUM PAGE LIMIT: 30 printed pages (excluding Copy of NIH RC1 Proposal) TOTAL MAXIMUM UPLOADED FILE SIZE: 1 MB (excluding Copy of NIH RC1 Proposal; the NIH RC1 Proposal should be compressed before uploading)			

* (Sections A-C) Submitted materials are subject to the provisions of Art. I, Sec. 24, *Florida Constitution* and Chapter 119, *F.S.*, Florida's public records laws. These laws grant a right to inspect any public record. There are some documents and information that are exempt from the public records laws. Applicants are discouraged from submitting information considered proprietary unless it is deemed by the applicant to be essential for proper evaluation of the application. If this is the case, DO NOT place such information in the General Research Information sections of the application. These sections are subject to publication and wide dissemination in the event you are awarded a grant.

** (Sections H) If the application contains information that the applicant believes constitutes trade secrets or proprietary information or is protected by a specific statutory exemption, it should be limited to the Application Body. The applicant must CLEARLY identify the information with [brackets] and a footnote that specifies the law which makes the document or information exempt from the public records laws. If a public record request is made involving documents with declarations of confidentiality, the Department will notify the applicant so that he/she may defend the claim in circuit court. The Department of Health will not provide legal representation to assert a confidentiality claim when a public record request is made.

9. SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES

The following schedule applies to all applications submitted in response to this Call for Grant Applications.

Table 2. Schedule of Important Dates		
ACTIVITY	DATES	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Competition opens for online applications	August 10, 2009	Visit www.floridabiomed.com and register for access to an online application.
Written questions accepted	QUESTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME AFTER THE CALL IS PUBLISHED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 5:00 PM EST SEPTEMBER 11, 2009	E-mail questions to: questions@floridabiomed.com
Answers posted to written questions	Updates will be made frequently to the website while the Call is open. Final updates will be posted on or around SEPTEMBER 15, 2009	Find questions and answers at http://floridabiomed.com/king_qa.html
Online applications due	APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 5:00 PM EST SEPTEMBER 18, 2009	Online applications must be submitted through www.floridabiomed.com
Original signed cover/certification page due	COVER/CERTIFICATION PAGE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 FOR RECEIPT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 22, 2009	Send signed cover/certification page(s) to the Biomedical Research Programs, Florida Department of Health address listed in Chapter 14 C.
Application peer review summaries available to applicants online	On or around December 1, 2009	Whether or not funding is awarded, the evaluation report will be available to the Principal Investigator by logging in at www.floridabiomed.com . The Principal Investigator will be notified by e-mail, when the report is available.

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ACTIVITY	DATES	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Awards announced	On or around December 4, 2009	Award letters will be mailed to the Sponsored Research Official. The Principal Investigator will receive notification by e-mail.
Regulatory Approvals Due (if applicable)	Immediately after award notification, grantees should submit all necessary applications to regulatory authorities including, but not limited to, the IACUC, local or institutional IRB, and if necessary the DOH IRB. Project work may not begin until all approvals are provided.	Send scanned signed approvals to: programsupport@floridabiomed.com Note: The project name on the approvals must match the application project name. Refer to Chapter 15 for the DOH IRB definition to determine if approval is required for your project. Visit www.flpublichealthethics.net for DOH IRB instructions and forms.
Grants begin	January 1, 2010	Contingent on verification of all eligibility requirements and regulatory approvals.

Dates after the application due date are subject to change. Changes will be posted to the Program website at www.floridabiomed.com. Applicants should monitor the website for changes and announcements.

10. INQUIRIES AND CONTACTS

A. Programmatic Questions About This Call

This Call for Grant Applications is issued by the Program on behalf of the State of Florida, Department of Health. To ensure that no applicant receives an advantage over any other applicant, employees of the Department of Health and members of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council will not respond to questions regarding this Call for Applications until after all awards are announced. The Lytmos Group, Inc., the Department's contracted agent for managing the Calls for Applications, acceptance of applications, and peer review, is responsible for answering all applicant questions. Applicants and persons acting on their behalf may contact the Lytmos Group in writing via e-mail as indicated below regarding programmatic issues. Applicants who attempt to contact Department of Health and/or Biomedical Research Advisory Council members regarding this Call for Applications may have their applications disqualified.

To ensure equal access by all applicants to questions and answers, all programmatic questions must be submitted in writing via e-mail to questions@floridabiomed.com by the date and time shown in Chapter 9.

Answers to questions received before the deadline will be available on the Program website, www.floridabiomed.com by the date and time and at the specific location indicated in Chapter 9. Answers will be posted to the website frequently as questions are received. Applicants are responsible for checking this website regularly throughout the application, peer review, and award processes for Program announcements.

B. Technical Questions About the Online Application

Direct all questions about the online application process and related issues (e.g. username and password problems) to:

Technical Support
Lytmos Group
(816) 347-9449 (phone)
techsupport@floridabiomed.com (e-mail)

If technical difficulties are encountered during the final hours of the competition, please contact technical support immediately for assistance. The Department recommends that applications be submitted early and that applicants do not wait until the last day.

11. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The Program will use a multi-step evaluation process before making award determinations for all applications submitted in response to this Call for Grant Applications. The Program will consider the outcome of each of these evaluation steps in making final funding recommendations to the Florida State Surgeon General.

A. Administrative Review

Each application submitted by the deadline indicated in Chapter 9 will receive an administrative review verifying mandatory eligibility requirements and the completeness of the application. The administrative review does not include review of the scientific merit.

Application materials not received according to the dates, times, and locations specified in Chapter 9 will be disqualified.

Any application failing to meet all administrative requirements may be ruled ineligible for funding in response to this Call for Applications and not entitled to further consideration. However, the Program may send ineligible proposals for peer review in order to provide feedback to the applicant, which may be useful in competing for future funding opportunities.

B. Scientific Merit Review

For Florida RC1 Grants, the national peer review of the NIH RC1 Proposal will be the primary consideration. Peer reviewers will not re-assess the overall scientific merit of the research described in the NIH RC1 Proposal; however, independent scientists will evaluate those applications with the highest scientific and technical merit (based on the Federal review) for the following criteria:

- Relationship of the project to the advancement toward prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of tobacco-related diseases
- Concerns regarding research related to human subjects
- Concerns regarding research related to vertebrate animal subjects
- Concerns regarding the proposed budget
- Concerns regarding apparent scientific or budgetary overlap with active or pending support

This information will be submitted along with the federal scientific merit scores for consideration during the remainder of the funding process.

Questions that will be used by the peer reviewers are available on the Program website at www.floridabiomed.com/jek_call.

Depending on the number of Florida RC1 applications received, some applications may not be peer reviewed. Only those with the highest NIH merit scores will be reviewed.

Peer review panels will be comprised of reviewers with expertise in the substance and methodology of the proposed project. Reviewers will be nationally prominent individuals drawn from various sectors in the life sciences including universities, government agencies, and industry. Reviewers will be located outside of Florida and will not be associated with any Florida-based public or private entity working in the life sciences. Before being granted access to proposals, every reviewer will be required to accept the terms of a Confidential Nondisclosure Agreement and will receive training on the avoidance of conflict-of-interest. Reviewers will receive honoraria for their participation and are expected to set a high standard for scientific excellence. The number and composition of peer review panels will be determined by the number and scientific range of applications received.

In accordance with federal agency and state program best practices, peer reviewers will use a standard rating format: outstanding (1), excellent (2), satisfactory (3), fair (4), and unacceptable (5). Applications will be assigned to three independent peer reviewers. Each reviewer will submit their ratings and comments online to the Lytmos Group. During the evaluation process, reviewers will not be able to see critiques by other reviewers assigned to the same application, and will not be able to see applications or critiques assigned to other reviewers. All peer reviews will be complete by the date and time shown in Chapter 9, after which time the reviewers will be able to see only the final evaluation reports for the applications they evaluated.

C. Programmatic Review

The Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council will consider the results of the NIH Scientific Merit Review and Program peer review opinions and scores regarding tobacco-relatedness in a manner that is blind to investigator and institutional identities. In addition, Council members may take into account other programmatic interests, such as the balance of support among grant mechanisms and the availability of funds, in forming a set of funding recommendations to the State Surgeon General.

Applications with high scientific merit may be excluded from the list of recommended projects for programmatic reasons including the relevance of the research to tobacco-related diseases. (See Chapter 3 for Tobacco-relatedness description.)

12. NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING DECISION

Institutions and Principal Investigators will receive written notification of funding decisions. Applications deemed fundable but not awarded due to funding limitations will remain active for one year from the date of submission. The Program may fund these applications if funding becomes available. Prior to making an award decision, the Department may ask applicants to update and verify their application. This additional information shall in no way alter or extend the one-year criterion.

13. REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION

All funding decisions of the State Surgeon General are final. After receiving the peer review scores and comments, if the applicant may request a reconsideration by submitting a written statement outlining the substantive concern(s) and basis for the request. This written statement must be submitted by e-mail to programsupport@floridabiomed.com no later than five business days after notification of availability of the evaluation report.

A subcommittee of the Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council (with the exception of recused members from the applicant's institution) will consider the merits of your complaint, and when warranted by apparent deficiencies in the peer evaluation, may order a reconsideration. The Program will provide a written response to the Principal Investigator containing the outcome of this process.

Based on the peer review scores, availability of funds, the pay line determined by the Biomedical Research Advisory Council in their funding recommendation to the State Surgeon General, and other factors, the application will be classified either as funded, fundable but unfunded, or unfundable. The best outcome an applicant can expect from a reconsideration is for his/her proposal to be more highly ranked as a result of a better score, placing that application in a better position if additional funding becomes available. However, the result also could be movement down the list of proposals. Reconsideration results are final.

14. INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All applications must be prepared and submitted online through the online application system accessible from the Program's website, www.floridabiomed.com. Paper applications will not be accepted. Only the original signed cover/certification page of an application will be accepted as specified below. **Application materials not submitted in the specified manner, in the specified format, and by the specified deadlines outlined in Chapter 9 will be disqualified from competition.**

The Program reserves the right to disqualify any and all applications, or to waive minor irregularities when doing so would be in the best interest of the State of Florida. A minor irregularity is defined as a variation from the specifications of this Call that **does not** give any applicant an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other applicants, including extra time, does not affect the cost of the application, nor adversely affects the interests of the State. At its option, the Program may correct minor irregularities, but is under no obligation to do so.

A. Technical Assistance

For technical assistance completing an application, visit the Program website at www.floridabiomed.com and use the Live Help feature or contact the Lytmos Group via e-mail at programsupport@floridabiomed.com or by phone at (816) 347-9449.

B. Confidentiality of Submitted Materials

Submitted materials are subject to the provisions of Art. I, Sec. 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, F.S., Florida's public records law. These laws grant the right to any person to inspect any public record. There are some documents and information that are exempt from the public records laws. Applicants are strongly discouraged from submitting information considered proprietary unless it is deemed by the applicant to be essential for proper evaluation of the application. However, if proprietary information is included, DO NOT put such information in the General Research Information sections of the application. These sections are subject to publication and wide dissemination if the applicant is awarded a grant. If the application contains information that the applicant believes constitutes trade secrets or proprietary information or is protected by a specific statutory exemption, it should be limited to the Main Application Body. The applicant must CLEARLY identify the information with [brackets] and a footnote that specifies the law that makes the document or information exempt from the public records laws. If a public records request is made involving documents with declarations of confidentiality, the Department will notify the applicant so that he/she may defend the claim in circuit court. The Department of Health will not provide legal representation to assert a confidentiality claim when a public record request is made.

C. Original Signature Page and Other Materials

The original signed cover/certification page must be delivered to the Program according to the dates in Chapter 9. **All signatures must be in an ink color other than black (preferably blue) so the original is easily recognized.** Applicants are responsible for obtaining proof of delivery from the chosen delivery carrier.

The original signed cover/certification page must be delivered to the following address:

Biomedical Research Programs
Florida Department of Health
Office of Public Health Research

For United States Postal Service Mail Delivery:

4052 Bald Cypress Way
Bin A24
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1749

For Courier/Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx):

4030 Esplanade Way
Suite 280
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Contact number FOR EXPRESS DELIVERIES ONLY: (850) 245-4585

Required signature pages such as the budget, must be scanned and included in the appropriate section of the application as indicated in the online instructions. **Scanned documents and originals must be identical.** Online applications without these pages will be disqualified.

Other documentation and materials such as other support, and research milestone chart, must be converted to electronic format and placed in the appropriate section of the online application. Peer reviewers only have access to the online application and do not receive applications in paper format.

D. Online Application Submission

To complete the online application process:

1. Register as an applicant on www.floridabiomed.com/login.html and complete the brief project profile. Registration will be acknowledged with an e-mail message containing application instructions and a username and temporary password.
2. Log in at www.floridabiomed.com/login.html and change the assigned temporary password.
3. Complete the online application form for the appropriate grant mechanism. Field level instructions are available online with the application and in Addendum 1 of this document. **Certain sections of the application include downloadable Microsoft Word or Excel templates to simplify preparation and submission. Do not alter the templates.** Special formatting, scientific notation, pictures, and objects may be included in these documents. However, within the online application form fields such as the Project Title, and General Audience Abstract, use only conventional alphanumeric letters and numbers (i.e., ASCII text) with no drawings, special characters or symbols.

4. When the Word and Excel forms are completed, convert each file to Adobe Acrobat™ (PDF) format. The conversion to PDF will require access to the full Adobe Acrobat™ software product. This is a separately licensed software product from Adobe, not to be confused with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader™ that is used only to view PDF-formatted documents. Specifications and ordering information for either the full Adobe Acrobat™ software package or an online conversion subscription service can be found at Adobe's website, www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/main.html. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure that this conversion to PDF format is completed successfully. The maximum uploaded file size is shown in Table 1. See Chapter 14 F for tips on how to reduce PDF file sizes.
5. Return to the website to work on the application at any time prior to submission and/or the deadline. All required fields and sections must be completed before an application may be submitted. **Once submitted, applications cannot be returned. If an application is accidentally submitted, contact technical support (see Chapter 14 A) for assistance.**

Important: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that a complete application is submitted before the date and time specified in Chapter 9. Applicants should anticipate that the volume of online activity will increase as the application deadline approaches and this will slow upload times. The date and time stamp of receipt is based on when the upload is complete, not when the process began. Waiting until the deadline to complete significant portions of the application is not recommended.

E. General Guidelines

1. An application should be self-contained and written with the care and thoroughness given to manuscripts for publication. Review the application carefully to ensure that information necessary for evaluation is included.
2. Read and follow all instructions carefully to avoid delays and misunderstandings. Address each section of the application clearly and precisely.
3. Downloadable Microsoft Word or Excel file templates included as part of the application must not be altered in any way. Deviations may be grounds for the Program to reject the entire application.
4. Applications must be legible and in English.
5. The entire text of all documents uploaded into the online application must be single spaced in an easily readable font. Use standard 11-point type for the text, and no less than 10-point type for table figures and legends. Place the Principal Investigator's name (last, first, middle initial) in the designated space (upper right-hand corner) on each page of every uploaded document. All four margins should be at least one inch (excluding required headers and footers). Do not use photo reduction for scanned items. Use black type for all text, graphs, diagrams, tables, and charts. The application must contain only materials that, when scanned or converted to PDF format, are clear, sharp, and easy to read.

6. **Observe the character and page number limitations or the application may be returned without review.** A summary of these limitations is given in Table 1. Applicants are encouraged to confirm compliance with this requirement by printing the full application before submission.
7. Before it can be submitted, the application must contain all of the required sections identified in Table 1. Uploaded files should be titled by the categories listed in Table 1 and page numbered within the template. **Appended material may not be used to circumvent the page limits for individual sections of the application.**

F. Reducing File Sizes

Below are some tips on reducing file sizes to meet Program application file size limitations.

- a. Compress images in the original Microsoft Word file before converting to PDF.

Embedded high-resolution images often lead to very large file sizes when a document is converted to PDF. To reduce file sizes prior to conversion, while in Microsoft Word:

- Right click on the image and select “Format Picture.”
- Select the “Compress” button.
- Select “Apply to > All pictures in document” and “Change resolution > Web/Screen.” Click “OK.”

Check key images to make sure they are still clear enough for reviewers to interpret as they read your proposal. If not, Choose “Undo Compress Pictures” or selectively reinsert images at the lowest possible clear resolution, and use one or more of the next options for managing the overall size of your file.

- b. Compress a PDF file with Reduce File Size

Reduce the PDF file size with the “Reduce Files Size” feature in Adobe Acrobat. After completing this step make sure the file is still readable and includes everything intended.

- In Adobe Acrobat, go to “File > Reduce Files Size”

- c. Reduce PDF file size with ‘Save As’ rather than ‘Save’

Saving PDF files adds incremental updates to the original document, meaning any changes that you make to a document are appended to the end of the file without doing a complete rewrite. This is why the Save feature is much faster than a Save As, and also why PDF files saved this way can become very large. The Save As feature will rewrite the entire file and provide you with a smaller file size.

- In Adobe Acrobat, go to “File > Save As”

d. Re-create the PDF to reduce PDF file size

A method of reducing PDF file size is to re-create the PDF by removing many unwanted objects, removing tags, and further compressing images. Any tool that supports 'print to PDF' functionality will allow this. Once again, check the clarity of key images to make sure they still add value to the proposal.

e. Remove unwanted objects

For the greatest control of objects that are removed in the conversion process, such as bookmarks, links, annotations, form fields, JavaScript, Named Destinations, and embedded fonts, use optimizing features within the PDF software.

- In Adobe Acrobat, go to "Advanced > PDF Optimizer," choose the objects to remove, and click "OK. "

15. DEFINITIONS

Collaborator: An individual involved with the Principal Investigator in the scientific development or execution of the project. These individuals typically devote a specific percent of effort to the project and are identified as key personnel. The collaborator may be employed by, or affiliated with, either the Grantee institution or an institution participating in the project under a consortium or contractual agreement.

Consortium or Contractual Agreement: An agreement whereby a research project is carried out by the Grantee and one or more other institutions that are separate legal entities. In this arrangement, the Grantee contracts for the performance of a substantial and/or a significant portion of the activities to be conducted under the grant. These agreements typically involve a specific percent of effort from the consortium institution's Principal Investigator and a breakdown of costs by category, such as personnel, supplies, and other allowable expenses, including indirect costs.

Consultant: An individual hired to give professional advice or services for a fee, normally not as an employee of the hiring institution. Consultants may also include firms that provide paid professional advice or services.

Cooperative Agreement: A support mechanism that will have substantial scientific and/or programmatic involvement. Substantial programmatic involvement means that after award, scientific or project staff will assist, guide, coordinate, or participate in programmatic activities beyond the normal stewardship responsibility in the administration of grants. Proposed cooperative agreements will be published as policy announcements, program announcements, or requests for applications.

DOH IRB: DOH IRB refers to the Institutional Review Board operated by the Florida Department of Health Office of Public Health Research. It is independent from any IRB that may have jurisdiction over research performed at the Grantee institution. Per the “Department of Health, Institutional Review Board, Activities Subject to IRB Jurisdiction” policy DOHP 400-1.2-06, studies funded by the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program do NOT require review by the DOH IRB unless the research involves Department of Health clients, personnel, or facilities. Note: an application for DOH IRB approval (if applicable) is not required to be submitted until after a project has been awarded. Visit www.flpublichealthethics.net for DOH IRB instructions and forms.

Eligible Institution: Any public university, non-public institution or established research institute (see specific definitions of each).

Established Research Institute: An established research institute eligible for Program funding is an organization that is any Florida nonprofit or foreign nonprofit covered under Chapter 617, F.S., with a physical location in Florida, whose stated purpose and powers are scientific, biomedical or biotechnological research and/or development and is legally registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. This includes federal government and non-profit medical and surgical hospitals including veterans administration hospitals.

Feasibility: The practical extent to which a project is capable of being successfully performed within the requested time and for the awarded money.

Federal Executive Pay Scale, Executive Level 1: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management establishes executive pay schedules each year normally around the first month of the calendar year. To view the current Executive Level 1 pay scale, visit the website of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/> and search for executive schedule.

Full-time Equivalent (FTE): The definition of a Full-time Equivalent must be in accordance with the institution’s policy, used consistently by the institution regardless of the source of support, and may be different in terms of actual months per year or days per week at the applicant institution.

Full-time Faculty: Full-time Faculty positions are defined as teaching, clinical, and research appointments carrying classroom teaching, laboratory teaching, clinical teaching or service, or research assignments equal to at least 75% of the contracted services for the fiscal year. This includes tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenure track appointments.

Institutional Base Salary: The annual compensation that the applicant institution pays for an employee’s appointment, whether that individual’s time is spent on research, teaching, patient care, or other activities. Base salary excludes any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of duties to the applicant institution. Base salary may not be increased as a result of replacing institutional salary funds with grant funds.

Key Personnel: Key personnel are defined as, and should be limited to, individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of the project in a substantive way, whether or not salaries are requested.

Nonpublic Institutions: For the purposes of the Program, nonpublic institutions operating under Chapter 1005, *F.S.* are eligible. Any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates of a nonpublic institutions are considered one and the same with that institution. Where the number of applications is limited, the institution and its branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates must coordinate submission(s) in order to comply with the limitation.

Overlap, Commitment: Commitment overlap occurs when any project staff has time commitments exceeding 100 percent. This is the case whether or not the grant includes salary support for the effort. While information on other support is only requested for key personnel (excluding consultants), no individual on the project may have combined commitments in excess of 100 percent.

Overlap, Financial: Financial overlap occurs when duplicate or equivalent budget items (e.g., equipment, salary) are requested in an application but are already funded or provided for by another source.

Overlap, Scientific: Scientific overlap occurs when: (1) substantially the same research is proposed in more than one application or is submitted to two or more different funding sources for review and funding consideration, or (2) a specific research objective and the research design for accomplishing that objective are the same or closely related in two or more applications or awards, regardless of the funding source.

Principal Investigator: The one individual designated by the applicant institution to direct the project to be supported by the grant. The Principal Investigator is responsible and accountable to applicant institution officials for the proper conduct of the project. The Principal Investigator must supervise the project directly and in person.

Public University: A public (state) university is defined in s. 1001.60, *F.S.*, except as otherwise specifically provided; as the 11 named public, postsecondary institutions and any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution. For purposes of the Program, the named university or college and any branch campus, center, or affiliate, unless it can be legally shown otherwise, are considered one and the same. Where the number of applications is limited, the university and any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates must coordinate submission(s) in order to comply with the limitation.

16. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is needed before the application deadline? Is there a short letter of intent that is due earlier?

No document or correspondence is required before the Application and signed cover/certification page deadline. A letter of intent is not required. To obtain the application, you must complete the online registration as described in Chapter 7.

2. Is U.S. citizenship or a green card required before being awarded a grant?

No, United States citizenship or a green card is not a requirement.

3. Can faculty members at the same university but within different departments submit proposals?

Yes, all eligible investigators may submit an application regardless of the department; however, two investigators may not submit the same proposal where each is the co-investigator on the other's project.

4. Clarify the term “**affiliates**” as used in the Chapter 5, Eligibility Requirements “...where the number of applications is limited, the institution and its branch campuses, centers or other **affiliates** must coordinate submission(s) in order to comply with the limitation.”

According to Florida law, "State university," ...includes the following institutions and any branch campuses, centers, or other affiliates of the institution..." (s 1000.21 (6), F.S.). Examples of Florida universities and their affiliates include Shands Cancer Center and the University of Florida and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of Miami. However the statute also says, "...accept as otherwise specifically provided..." For example, the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute was able to show statutory provisions that excluded it from 1000.21(6). In the interest of fairness, eligible non-public institutions have the same restriction applied to them. If it can be legally shown that a branch campus, institute or center is separate and distinct, an exception may be made. If you have a question about your institution's independence, this must be submitted as a question in writing during the question and answer period (see Chapter 9 for dates).

5. Can one university collaborate with another university outside of the state of Florida for a Florida RC1 Grant?

To be eligible as a Principal Investigator at an eligible institution, the individual must be a full-time faculty member at an eligible institution, or a postdoctoral researcher in his/her final fellowship year, by the application due date of September 18, 2009. If collaboration with an entity outside Florida is proposed, the application should explain what the collaborator brings to the research project that was not obtainable in Florida. Requested funding for any out-of-state personnel or consulting expenses cannot exceed 20% of the total requested direct costs. This does not include lab services, supplies, or equipment.

6. Can Florida RC1 Grants be awarded to investigators starting up a laboratory or initiating a new field of study for which prior funding has not been received?

Applicants are not required to have previous funding to be eligible. Assuming an investigator meets all other eligibility requirements, (s)he is eligible to apply for a Florida RC1 Grant.

7. How do I determine if my NIH RC1 application is eligible for the Florida RC1 competition? I have a summary statement from NIH.

Each NIH RC1 Summary Statement should include scores in five areas (significance, investigator(s), innovation, approach, and environment) from each of the initial three reviewers. To calculate the average score, total all 15 scores from the three reviewers and divide by 15. For example, if the total of all 15 scores from the three reviewers is 32, then divide 32 by 15 to obtain an average of 2.13. The score of 2.13 is better than 4.0 (<4.0); therefore, your application would be eligible for the Florida RC1 competition (assuming the Principal Investigator and Institution meet all other eligibility requirements). In addition, your application must have a strong relationship to tobacco use.

8. What is the budget limit for equipment and supplies?

There is no specific dollar limit for purchasing equipment or supplies. You should identify and justify equipment and supplies in the budget. Excessive equipment and supplies budgets will be scrutinized and may be disallowed.

9. Regarding the budget form, what is the difference between percent effort and percent salary?

The percent effort on a project is the amount of an individual's time (some percentage between 1 and 100) that is spent on this project. Percent salary is the percent of the person's salary that is funded by this project. For example, an individual could work 50% of his/her time on a project but only request funds for 40% of his/her salary. Most often, these two numbers are the same.

10. Regarding "all financial resources" in Other Support – does this include institutional support funds received in the recruitment package for the PI?

Yes, recruitment packages are reportable as "other support."

11. Can a Principal Investigator submit the same project to both the Bankhead-Coley Program and the James and Esther King Program?

No, applicants may not submit duplicate applications or applications for projects with significant scientific, commitment, or financial overlap to both the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program and the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program. The Principal Investigator may submit completely different applications to the two programs. The Principal Investigator must decide which program is a better fit for his/her project.

12. Can a Principal Investigator submit two different projects to the Bankhead-Coley Program and the James and Esther King Program?

The Principal Investigator may submit different applications to the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program and the James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program, as long as there is no scientific, commitment, or financial overlap between the projects. The PI can receive funding from both programs for completely different projects.

13. It is my understanding that the tobacco-relatedness is an absolute requirement; however, I have had several questions as to the exact interpretation of "tobacco-relatedness." Is this to be understood as having "ongoing funded tobacco-related research projects?" or does it mean doing research that "might lead to therapies that could be used in the treatment of tobacco-related diseases" or anything in between?

The Program is interested in funding projects with the greatest potential to lead to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and/or cure of tobacco-related diseases, and recognizes that this will require a multidisciplinary approach. Consequently, for this Call for Grant Applications, tobacco-relatedness may be broadly interpreted; however, a major part of the application evaluation criteria is the alignment of the proposed project to tobacco-related diseases. This relationship will be judged as part of the peer review process, and will be used in funding recommendations. Proposed projects that do not or cannot demonstrate tobacco-relatedness will not be funded.

14. Normally, in my experience with electronic submissions, the agencies require that the authorized official and the institution register in order to be notified when a proposal is ready for approval (if required by the agency). As the authorized official that signs grants and contracts for the [institution], do I need to register myself and/or [my institution] for these grant programs?

No, only one registration is required for each application; this is normally the Principal Investigator. Certain sections of the application require the Principal Investigator to download and complete forms that must be signed by the Authorizing and/or Administrative Official(s) before being uploaded into the online application. Examples include the cover/certification page and the budget form.

15. Are IRB or IACUC approvals needed before the application deadline, or can I submit them later?

The IRB approval is not required before the application deadline. You may submit an application without the necessary IRB or IACUC approvals. Immediately after award notification, grantees must submit all necessary applications to regulatory authorities including, but not limited to, the IACUC, local or institutional IRB, and if necessary the DOH IRB. Project work may not begin until all approvals are obtained. To determine if you will need to obtain the DOH IRB approval, please review the definition of DOH IRB in Chapter 15, Definitions.

16. Can I submit only the cover page and research plan of my NIH RC1 application instead of the full application?

No, the entire NIH RC1 application as submitted to NIH must be uploaded within the Florida RC1 application. If the full NIH RC1 application is not provided within the Florida RC1 application, the application will be disqualified. If you have any technical issues uploading the full NIH RC1 application, please contact technical support immediately (identified in Chapter 10 B).

17. What are the numbers of awards that will be made?

There is no predetermined number of grants. The quality of the proposals, tobacco-relatedness, and the amount of available funding are considerations used in making award decisions.

ADDENDUM 1 – INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA RC1 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The detailed instructions for the Florida RC1 Grant Application are accessible by clicking on the link below and are also available within the online Florida RC1 application.

[RC1 Instructions](#)