



New Mexico Center for Environmental Health Sciences

An NIEHS Funded Center at the UNM Health Sciences Center and Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute

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To: NIEHS Center Members, LRRI Faculty and Research Staff, UNM Health Sciences Center Faculty, UNM Main Campus Faculty

From: Steven Belinsky, Ph.D.
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Re: **NIEHS Center Pilot Project Program – Pre-Proposal Announcement**

The New Mexico Center for Environmental Health Sciences, an NIEHS funded Center at the UNM Health Sciences Center and the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, is pleased to announce the availability of funds for the 2006 Pilot Project Program (April 1, 2006-December 31, 2006).

- 1) **Eligibility:** Faculty-Scientists at UNM HSC, LRRI, VA Medical Center, with priority for funding of new faculty-scientists, new interdisciplinary studies, and for established faculty moving into areas of interest to Center.
- 2) **Funds Available:** \$100K is available for \$10K-25K per proposal. PI's may submit only one proposal per funding period.
- 3) **Focus and Scope of Project:** Projects must be environmentally-relevant and fit into the Mission of the New Mexico NIEHS Center - see Center Webpage at <http://hsc.unm.edu/envirohealth/>. Priority will be given to projects studying gene-environment interactions, neurotoxicology, cardiovascular and renal environmental disease, environmental respiratory diseases, population-based environmental epidemiology, environmental health disparities, and environmentally-relevant biocomputing/bioinformatics. Priority will be given to projects that are likely to receive future peer-reviewed funding, that involve collaborations with Research Cores and/or COEP, and use at least one Facility Core.
- 4) **We will use a new two-step review process.**
 - a) a Pre-Proposal consisting of a one Page (less than 500 word) description of the project aims and approach plus a current NIH Biosketch (containing Current Support) for the PI and Co-PIs (if any) is due by **Noon February 9, 2006**
 - b) Investigators whose Pre-Proposals are selected will be notified by February 14, 2006 and invited to submit a full proposal (6-8 pages NIH style) + timetable + budget + information on human subjects and use of animals. **The due date for full proposals will be March 10, 2006.** Awards will be announced the end of March. Pilot Projects should be conducted April 1, 2006 to December, 31, 2006.
- 5) **Pre-Proposal and Pilot Project Submission:** Please submit via e-mail attachments to Alice Hannon (ahannon@LRRI.org) 505-348-9442

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