The UGA Obesity Initiative (OI) announces the availability of Proposal Resubmission Grants for obesity-related projects, which provide support for investigators to improve an already high-rated or scored proposal for resubmission. These awards are available to UGA OI Affiliates. Small grants will be provided to help an investigator strategically improve the proposal’s viability upon resubmission. Awarded proposals must spend the funds by June 30, 2020 (FY20).

**Funding Level**

Funding up to $7,500 may be requested from the OI. The faculty member’s home department(s), college, institute, unit or center is strongly encouraged to contribute an additional 20% of the total final budget. If matching funds are provided by the dept./college, 20% matching funds will also be provided by the Office of Research. For example, if you request $7,500 from OI and your dept./college commits to provide 20% additional funding ($1,500), the OR will also provide $1,500. Then the budget submission should reflect this combined total of $10,500. If matching funds are not provided by dept./college, total funding request should not exceed $7,500.

**Application Requirements**

- 12 point font, 1 inch margins
- Affiliate of the OI
- Cover page that includes the title, investigator(s) information (name, affiliation, e-mail), and signatures of the investigator(s) for this OI Proposal. Also include the budget total of the initial (rejected) proposal submission, and the funding agency and program to which the rejected proposal was submitted. (1 page max)
- Project Summary or Abstract from the initial rejected submission. (1 page max)
- Summary Statement or related documentation including scores (and percentiles if applicable), complete panel summary, and reviews from the rejected proposal which indicate the need for additional preliminary data or highlight a weakness that could be addressed with additional funds. (Multiple pages allowed)
- Description of proposed OI Resubmission Grant including specific aims, rationale, approach, and a clear articulation of how it will address the rejected proposal’s shortcomings. Include a description of how funds will be spent, project timeline, and anticipated date and agency of proposal resubmission. (3 pages max)
- Detailed budget showing projected expenses based on total funding including any departmental or unit contribution. (1 page max)
- Letter signed by appropriate authority in department, college, unit, and/or institute verifying the commitment of 20% matching funds (optional, however highly recommended for additional consideration). If matching funds are being provided by multiple sources (e.g. department and college), signatures from all sources are required. **Your application will not be considered complete and will not be evaluated if you include matching funds in your budget without a signed letter.**

**Submission**

The required materials should be assembled into a single PDF file and submitted to obesity@uga.edu. Proposals are due by 5:00p.m. EST on September 30, 2019, and notifications will be made by November 1, 2019. Late proposals will not be accepted.

**Selection Process**

The proposals will be reviewed by an OI review panel. The following review criteria will be used:

- Obesity-related nature of research proposal
- Closeness of the proposal to the funding cutoff, based on panel summary
- Strategy and approach to address reviewers' specific concerns and to make the proposal more competitive
- Itemized budget adequate to accomplish goals
- Letter of commitment for 20% matching funds (if applicable)
Reports

1-year report – One year after funding, a one-page progress report should be submitted, including results to date and proposal submission plans or sponsor results/reviews, if known. State the UGA proposal ID number for a proposal which has been resubmitted to the external funding agency.

2-year report – Two years after funding a one- or two-page final report should be submitted, including the fate of the resubmitted proposal and any additional results not shared at the one-year report date. State the UGA proposal ID number for a proposal which has been resubmitted to the external funding agency.

Publication Acknowledgment

Any publication, including an abstract or conference proceeding, resulting from funding or partial funding by this program should acknowledge that funding was received from the OI, Vice President for Research, and home department or unit (if matching funds were provided):

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