

2008 Innovations Awards Program APPLICATION

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ID # (assigned by CSG): 08-E-01CT

Please provide the following information, adding space as necessary:

State: Connecticut

Assign Program Category (applicant): Health (Use list at end of application)

1. Program Name Bio-Medical Research Trust Fund
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9. Please provide a two-sentence description of the program. Established a Bio-Medical Research Trust fund from Tobacco Settlement dollars to provide funding for research into heart disease, cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses to medical schools and hospitals through a competitive grant process.
10. How long has this program been operational (month and year)? Note: the program must be between 9 months and 5 years old on March 1, 2008 to be considered. FY '04-05
11. Why was the program created? What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address? The program was created to support research into tobacco-related diseases and illnesses in order to change the way society views tobacco and control the use of tobacco.
12. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order. 1) Office of Policy and Management releases funds. 2) Department of Public Health issues Request for Proposals. 3) Department reviews RFPs. 4) Awards are announced at Press Conference where awardees discuss research proposals.
13. Why is the program a new and creative approach or method? It relies upon knowledge gained through research of the effects of tobacco to change society's attitude towards tobacco use.
14. What were the program's start-up costs? (Provide details about specific purchases for this program, staffing needs and other financial expenditures, as well as existing materials, technology and staff already in place.) No start-up costs. Staffing in place.
15. What are the program's annual operational costs? A percentage of the total grant is used for administrative costs.
16. How is the program funded? Tobacco Settlement funds.
17. Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number. Yes. PA 2000-216 Section 17.

18. What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program? No special software or equipment used to administer the grant program. Research institutions may have special equipment or software to carry out research.

19. To the best of your knowledge, did this program originate in your state? Don't know. If YES, please indicate the innovator's name, present address, telephone number and e-mail address.

20. Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ? Florida, Ohio, Missouri. Programs in these states differ in amount of funding and structuring of funding.

21. Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken? Program has been fully implemented.

22. Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples. The program attracts a significant number of applicants from hospitals and medical schools in Connecticut. Research is on-going.

23. How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception? Program goals has not changed, but specific research projects change.

24. What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program? Decisions concerning whether program will be funded and amount of funding.