

**CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement  
Research Partnership Program**  
**Letter of Intent: Deadline - 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2007**

**PURPOSE:** This program aims to support the conduct of research by Community Based Organizations (CBO's) and other community partners in collaboration with Yale researchers, building research capacity while addressing a community research need. At the same time, the program will expand the pool of Yale clinicians and researchers collaborating with community colleagues in community-based research.

**SCOPE:** Proposed pilot research projects should be consistent with CARE's mission to improve the health of New Haven residents through engagement, collaborative transdisciplinary community based research, and dissemination of findings. For example, proposing to collect preliminary data for a new intervention strategy aimed to prevent illness/promote health or to measure risk behaviors in a particular population of interest. Other topics of interest include, but are not limited to, translation of disease related discoveries from lab to clinic to community and research projects that examine methodological, legal, policy or ethical issues. Any area of health will be considered. *For this grant cycle, preference will be given to projects that seek to reduce health disparities and/or promote health equity, consistent with the outcomes from our May Future Search Consensus Conference.*

**FUNDING:** We will fund up to two research projects for one year, with a maximum award of up to \$25,000 each. Expected start date is on/around 15 January 2008.

**ELIGIBILITY:** **The program is open to all Community Based Organizations and other community partners in the Greater New Haven area together with a Yale faculty member (i.e., collaborative arrangement must be specified). Community and Yale collaborators will serve as "dual Principal Investigators." Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply.**

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Alignment with CARE/YCCI missions to improve the health of New Haven residents through research, engagement, and dissemination of research to community
- Significance of the research study to the population and/or communities being served
- Plan for a collaborative partnership between the community partner and the Yale scientist
- Feasibility of the study, (e.g., study timeline, resources/capacity of the partners)
- Innovation of the approach and strength of the proposed research methods
- Potential for the study to develop organizational capacity to conduct research
- Potential for the study to lead to a larger study funded by the NIH or other granting agency

**LETTER OF INTENT:** A two page (maximum) Letter of Intent should include a descriptive title, a summary of the proposed pilot research project including specific aims and a basic methodologic approach (e.g., study participants, site, main outcome measure(s) and how obtained), a brief description of how the community and Yale collaborators will work together to conduct the study, and the name and contact information of the two principal investigators. **Letters of Intent should be sent by e-mail no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007 to [Lynn.Mezzanotte@yale.edu](mailto:Lynn.Mezzanotte@yale.edu).**

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** We will review all Letters of Intent and invite community and university partners that meet the initial selection criteria to submit a full grant application that will be due by 1:00 p.m. on Monday December 3, 2007.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Lynn Mezzanotte ([Lynn.Mezzanotte@yale.edu](mailto:Lynn.Mezzanotte@yale.edu), 785-3477) for all logistic/administrative issues, or Alycia Santilli ([Alycia.Santilli@yale.edu](mailto:Alycia.Santilli@yale.edu), 785-7651) for all scientific issues.