Colorado Center for Diabetes Translation Research

Pilot & Feasibility Program - 2026-27 Request for Applications

The **Colorado Center for Diabetes Translation Research** (CO-CDTR) **Pilot & Feasibility Program** is pleased to announce the availability of funding to support research consistent with its mission to translate research of proven efficacy into clinical and community settings, with the goal of improving the prevention and treatment of diabetes in populations experiencing a high burden of the disease. The Center focuses on improving diabetes-related outcomes in **specific priority populations**: American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Latino/Hispanic, and rural communities.

OVERVIEW

The CO-CDTR Pilot & Feasibility Program provides support for investigators committed to conducting translational research on diabetes or related conditions in the Center's priority populations.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

During this 18-month research and training program, funded investigators will:

1. complete and publish a **pilot project** relevant to diabetes in ≥1of the priority populations (**Months 1-12**), and
2. develop a **grant application** seeking larger-scale funding for their research efforts (**Months 13-18**).

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from investigators affiliated with any institution in the United States that is eligible to receive research awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Investigators are eligible to apply if they meet the NIH definition of a new investigator or are established investigators new to the field of diabetes translation research. A new investigator is an investigator who has not previously received a substantial independent research award from NIH as Principal Investigator (e.g., R01). Information about new investigators is provided on the NIH website.

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1. Submit the CO-CDTR Pilot & Feasibility Program Interest Form.

Step 2. Submit Complete Application

- Title Page
- 250-word Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
  - Specific Aims (1 page)
  - Research Strategy (4 pages)
- Career & Research Plans (≤ 1 page)
- Mentorship Plan (≤ 1 page) & Letter of Support from Senior Mentor
- Project Timeline & Milestones (≤ 1 page)
- References Cited (no page limit)
- Protection of Human Subjects & Cumulative Inclusion Enrollment Report (no page limit)
- Biosketches for Principal Investigator & Key Personnel (including Senior Mentor)
- Detailed Budget & Budget Justification
- Institutional F&A Rate Agreement

View the full **Request for Applications on the CO-CDTR website** for more detailed information on what to include in the application and how to submit.

Successful applications will be those that hold promise of improving prevention or treatment of diabetes or related conditions, are scientifically meritorious, are feasible within the time and resources available, and represent an early step in an innovative line of inquiry that can continue beyond this initial investment. CO-CDTR funding cannot be used to supplement funded research already in progress.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by investigators with expertise in the content area addressed and/or the methods described in the proposed project. Reviewers will evaluate applications based on the Simplified NIH Review Framework.

Following the review process, CO-CDTR staff will ask applicants with competitive scores to prepare a formal written response addressing reviewers' critiques. Funding decisions will consider the original review and the applicant's formal response to reviewers' concerns.

APPLICATION & REVIEW TIMELINE

• Call for Applications	Nov. 5, 2026
• Informational Webinar	Nov. 19, 2026
• Interest Form Due	Feb. 8, 2027
• Application Due	Mar. 1, 2027
• Review Critiques Sent	Mar. 22, 2027
• Written Response to Review	Apr. 5, 2027
• Notificiation of Award	Apr. 26, 2027
• Project Period	Jun. 1, 2027 – Nov. 30, 2028

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