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CPRIT Announces Release of Two Prevention Funding Opportunities

AUSTIN, TX - The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) has released its first two cancer prevention requests for applications (RFA) just six weeks after Rebecca Garcia, Ph.D. joined CPRIT's leadership team as chief prevention officer.

"Dr. Garcia has hit the ground running," said William "Bill" Gimson, CPRIT executive director. "The prevention programs we fund will immediately begin having a positive health impact on Texans."

The two prevention RFA categories released include Health Promotion, Public Education and Outreach Programs; and Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Services. CPRIT's research program released five RFAs in August. Additional cancer research and prevention RFAs will be released over the next few months. Out-of-state scientific and prevention review councils will make recommendations for funding grant awards.

"These RFAs are intended to challenge the status quo and stimulate new ways of applying evidence-based programs and services," said Dr. Garcia. "We expect to see unique projects and partnerships that will reduce the risk of cancer and increase cancer detection and survival."

A more detailed description of each prevention and research RFA can be found by visiting CPRIT's website at www.cprit.state.tx.us. Interested parties can submit applications for the prevention RFAs using CPRIT's online application system beginning October 15, 2009.

A webinar focusing on the prevention program was held in July by Dr. Garcia with an estimated 250 participants. A list of frequently asked questions about CPRIT's grants program, which includes some questions from the webinar, is available by visiting www.cprit.state.tx.us/faqs.html.

In May 2009, the 81st Legislature appropriated \$450 million dollars in bond proceeds for the next two years for CPRIT to fund cancer research and prevention grants that will expedite innovation in cancer treatment and expand cancer prevention services in the state. This appropriation is the first for the \$3 billion, ten-year project approved by Texas voters in 2007.