NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH

BRAIN INJURY CORE FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT GRANT PROGRAM NO. 15-BIR5 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

NJCBIR P.L. 2003, C:200, Cost Reimbursement

N.J.S.A. 52:9EE-1

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

- -To make research more efficient and convenient by providing services and technologies that cannot be readily reproduced in individual laboratories in an efficient, cost-effective manner.
- -To support basic or translational research of the highest caliber that will significantly impact and advance the field of traumatic brain injury. Studies involving either experimental models or clinical projects will be considered.
- -To provide state-of-the-art equipment and highly skilled staffing to support researchers.
- -To make use of sophisticated technologies and equipment, in order to provide researchers with access to centralized expertise and service.
- -To provide education and training opportunities for aspiring researchers.
- -To provide useful and appropriate services to researchers located within the State of New Jersey and their collaborators at other in-state or out-of-state institutions.

The overall primary focus of the research must hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for the disabilities and other consequences associated with traumatic brain injury.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

The New Jersey Commission on Brain Injury Research will fund start-up costs of up to \$1,500,000 to provide researchers with an opportunity to facilitate the establishment of new Brain Injury Core Facilities. The qualifying institution must provide evidence of qualified research leadership for the new Brain Injury Core Facility, and must show the commitment of financial support necessary to sustain the research for a minimum of five years. Researchers from a wide variety of disciplines that impact better understanding of the causes, sequellae and treatment of brain injury are welcome to submit proposals.

Such evidence should include, but is not limited to:

- -Evidence of qualified research leadership. Information on a newly recruited faculty or staff member, or evidence that an experienced researcher in a related field will establish a new Brain Injury Core Facility. Describe the specific functions of all research personnel.
- -Evidence the organization/institution is providing space to be renovated. Range of construction information. Provide details on the scope of work, structural and other refurbishment work.
- -Detailed equipment listing.
- -Matching funds support from the organization/institution. The requirement for organization/institution commitment of support is 35% matching funds.
- -Detailed plan for long term sustainability of the new Brain Injury Core Facility.
- -Provide a detailed timeline by which the Brain Injury Core Facility will be up and running and available for use by researchers.
- -Evidence of need with a list of funded investigators showing: extramural support, a brief description of their research projects, amount and duration of support, and a list of other potential users.
- -Plans for educational and/or training opportunities for aspiring researchers.
- -Evidence on the potential impact of the new Brain Injury Core Facility. How will any existing core laboratories complement the new facility?

These awards may be used for the renovation of space, support of research personnel, and the purchase of equipment directly related to brain injury research. No indirect costs are permitted. Awards will begin on or about May 29, 2015. The NJCBIR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program (15-BIR5) as well as among the NJCBIR's other grant programs: 15-BIR1, 15-BIR2, 15-BIR3, 15-BIR4. The NJCBIR reserves the right not to fund any grant in 15-BIR5 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Up to \$6,500,000 will be made available for all programs (15-BIR1, 15-BIR2, 15-BIR3, 15-BIR4, 15BIR5).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants

- 2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
- 3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for Brain Injury Core Facilities Grant Program. A qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State organization/institution. The principal investigator must be located within a qualifying institution in the State of New Jersey.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a Grant is to be submitted electronically and upon receipt of a letter of intent, inquiry or concept paper sent to the address listed below. Eligible agencies are to submit grant applications through the Department's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). Eligible agencies must register at the following internet website address: www.sage.nj.gov. The Request for Applications (RFA) can be obtained by writing or calling the office listed below.

Applications and NJCBIR Research Guidelines governing grants are available for review and submission on the website at www.sage.nj.gov

TELEPHONE: 609-633-6465

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Deadline for Applications: 3 PM on October 3, 2014

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Notification - April 30, 2015

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