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RALPH CLAYMAN, INTERIM DEAN OF MEDICINE  
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RE: NIH Recovery Act Limited Competition: "NCMHD Community Participation in Health Disparities Intervention Research" Planning Phase (R24)

The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities is inviting grant applications for community-based participatory research (CBPR) to develop effective interventions for a disease or condition, to reduce and eventually eliminate health disparities through partnerships between racial/ethnic minority populations, subpopulations, and other health disparity populations and research investigators.

NIH will make five planning grants of up to \$375,000 annually for two years. NCMHD will support intervention research studies using CBPR principles to reduce and eliminate health disparities in any disease or condition of major concern to the community (e.g. cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality, immunization), with an emphasis on racial and ethnic minorities.

This competition is only open to U.S. institutions. Current NCMHD CBPR Initiative grantees and former recipients of a NCMHD CBPR Initiative planning grant in response to RFA-MD-05-002 are not eligible. Applicant institutions must have experience working with health disparity populations, and must provide a history and/or evidence of partnerships between community-based organizations and academic research institutions. Evidence of partnerships may include current or previous research collaborations.

UCI can submit only one proposal to this competition. Given the limited time frame, I am requesting that preliminary applications containing only the following be sent to my office by June 9, 2009:

- A brief description of the proposed research (1 page)
- CV or 2-Page Biosketch of the PI and names of other key personnel
- Support letter from the Dean (or the equivalent in units without a Dean).

If necessary, an ad hoc committee of the Council on Research, Computing and Libraries (CORCL) will convene to review the preliminary applications. The selected PI will be notified in time to meet NIH's full proposal deadline of June 30, 2009.

For more information, please refer to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-006.html>. Questions about our internal campus review process may be directed to Marie Richman at [richman@uci.edu](mailto:richman@uci.edu) or x4-2898.

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