

FOX CHASE CANCER CENTER  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PILOT STUDIES  
2026 Request for Applications



**PURPOSE OF AWARD:**

We are offering small grants to support **community-engaged cancer research**. We want to partner with community groups to answer questions that matter to the community and help improve cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

Each project must include at least one Fox Chase Cancer Center (FCCC) faculty member as a research partner. The project must be completed within 1 year from date of funding.

**GRANT SPECIFICS:**

- **New Pilot Grants:**
- The grant amount is a maximum of \$25,000. The funds will be allocated to conduct the research project in collaboration with FCCC investigators.
- Up to three new pilot grants will be issued this year.

Your project must focus on at least one priority area identified by the community:

- Cancer Prevention
- Genetics and Family History
- Cancer Treatment

**Share your ideas, questions, or cancer interests with us. We'll help you find a partner to develop your research project.**

**WHO MAY APPLY?**

Any **community organization** may apply. You must partner with a Fox Chase Cancer Center faculty member to be eligible.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Cover Letter
  - a. Include the FCCC faculty member you are working with and the cancer type you are addressing. Projects focused on cancers that are priority concerns in the region such as lung, breast, prostate, liver, bladder, or pancreatic are encouraged.
2. Summary for a lay audience (1-page)
  - a. Explain your research idea in plain language (8<sup>th</sup> grade level.)
3. Proposal (limit of **2 pages**)
  - Include:
    - Background about the research topic
    - A short paragraph about the organization's capabilities, including staff and past projects

- What you plan to do (Specific Research Question) and why it matters
  - How you will do the research (methods) and evaluate study outcomes
  - Expected short- and long-term benefits for the community
  - How your project involves the community
  - Plans for future funding
  - How FCCC Community Outreach & Engagement staff will support the project
4. Timeline
    - a. Include a simple project timeline (if funded, a 6-month progress report will be required).
  5. Letter of Support
    - a. From the FCCC faculty member you are working with.
  6. Budget and Budget Justification
    - a. Explain how funds will be used to complete the study, including support for the community partner, faculty collaborator, and any participant incentives.

**FORMATTING:**

- Use 11 font and 0.5" margins

**REVIEW CRITERIA:**

A panel of community members and FCCC staff will review applications based on:

- Importance of the project for community health
- Short- and long-term community benefit
- How well the project reaches and communicates with its intended community
- Potential for long-term partnership with FCCC
- Likelihood the project can be done in one year

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** June 5, 2026

**ANTICIPATED DATE OF FUNDING:** by June 30, 2026

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Send a complete application to [outreach@fcc.edu](mailto:outreach@fcc.edu).

**If you have any questions about the application process or need assistance identifying FCCC faculty partners for your research idea, please contact Mrs. Rickisa Yearwood at [rickisa.yearwood@fcc.edu](mailto:rickisa.yearwood@fcc.edu) or Dr. Charnita Zeigler-Johnson at [Charnita.zeigler-johnson@fcc.edu](mailto:Charnita.zeigler-johnson@fcc.edu).**