



Fact Sheet

The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) was established pursuant to passage by the California Legislature of the 1993 Breast Cancer Act (i.e., *AB 2055 (B. Friedman) [Chapter 661, Statutes of 1993]* and *AB 478 (B. Friedman) [AB 478, Statutes of 1993]*). The program is responsible for administering funding for breast cancer research in the State of California.

“The mission of the California Breast Cancer Research Program is to eliminate breast cancer by leading innovation in research, communication, and collaboration in the California scientific and lay communities”

- The CBCRP funds California investigators to solve questions in basic breast cancer biology, causes and prevention of breast cancer, innovative treatments, and ways to live well following a breast cancer diagnosis.
- The CBCRP involves advocates and scientists in every aspect of CBCRP decision-making including program planning and grant application review.
- Since 1993, the CBCRP has awarded over \$225 million in 920 grants to 103 institutions across the state. With continued investment, the CBCRP will work to find better ways to prevent, treat, and cure breast cancer.
- The CBCRP commits 50% of the research funding budget to support program-led initiatives to increase knowledge about and creating solutions to the environmental causes of breast cancer and the unequal burden of the disease and breast cancer prevention.
- The CBCRP supports new approaches that other agencies may be reluctant to support, such as research on cow viruses, Tibetan herbs, and snake venom.
- The CBCRP is the largest state-funded breast cancer research effort in the nation and is administered by the University of California, Office of the President.
- The CBCRP is funded through a tobacco tax, voluntary tax contributions on personal California income tax forms, and individual donations.
- The tax check-off, included on the personal income tax form since 1993, has drawn over \$8 million for breast cancer research and funded over 60 grants.