



Our Funding Strategy

The CBCRP takes two paths to support critical breast cancer research in California. The first path supports investigator-initiated research projects that focus on highly innovative ideas, translational research, and community participation. Fifty percent of our available funds are applied to these projects, which address the following topics:

- The Community Impact of Breast Cancer: The Social Context
- Etiology and Prevention: Finding the Underlying Causes
- Biology of the Breast Cell: The Basic Science of the Disease
- Detection, Prognosis, and Treatment: Delivering Clinical Solutions

The remaining 50 percent of our yearly funding is set aside for our second path: program-initiated research on the critical topic of the prevention of breast cancer and expanding on the research from the program's existing Special Research Initiatives, which are examining the role of the environment in breast cancer and the reasons behind the unequal burden of the disease. By narrowing our focus to the areas where we have the greatest impact—community collaborations; translational research; innovative, high risk/high-reward research; and our landmark Special Research Initiatives—we will continue to lead the nation in meaningful advances against breast cancer and provide applicants with strong opportunities for success.

California should be able to make headway into these issues because of the extensive infrastructure in place in the state as well as the diversity of its geography and population. Established California databases—such as the California Cancer Registry, the Pesticide Use Report Database, the California Digital Conservation Atlas, the Proposition 65 chemical list, and the Pesticide Illness Surveillance Database—and the regional variations in the California landscape offer an excellent opportunity to investigate the environmental relationship to breast cancer. The racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity in California communities will allow us to investigate the unequal burden of breast cancer and the influence of lifestyle on the disease. Finally because California has a vast research infrastructure involving both academic and for-profit research institutions, the resources are in place to answer these questions.

More information about our Special Research Initiatives and our Core Funding Efforts can be found online at www.CABreastCancer.org.