

External Advisory Board – Cancer Relevance March 13 – 14, 2025

Rubric

Tier	Criteria
100%	· Funded by NIH-recognized peer-reviewed funding agencies* that exclusively fund cancer research:
	- National Cancer Institute (NCI)
	- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF)
	- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
	- American Cancer Society (ACS)
	- American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR)
	- Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
	- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)
	- Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)
	- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)
	- Prevent Cancer Foundation (PCF)
	- Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF)
	- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
	- The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP)
	· Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs grants directed at
	specific cancers
	· Funded by non-peer-reviewed funding agencies which exclusively fund cancer research
	· Categorized as "cancer" in Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC)
	· Cancer terminology (e.g. cancer, oncology, neoplasm, a cancer type, cancer drug, etc.) is
	mentioned in the grant title, abstract, public health relevance statement, or project terms. All of the
	grant must be cancer related.
	· Applicability to cancer is clearly described in the abstract and public health relevance statement
75%	· Cancer terminology or related terms are not in the title, abstract, project terms or public health
	relevance statement, but the grant has significant cancer-related components (e.g. pathways affecting
	cancer pathogenesis). Connections to other therapeutic areas may be mentioned.
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50%	· Cancer terminology or related term, is not in the title, abstract, project terms or public health
	relevance statement, but the agent/device/procedure/topic pathway on which the grant focuses is used
	for cancer research, diagnosis, or treatment.
	· Funds studies of diseases or risk factors that can lead to cancer (e.g., obesity, cirrhosis, NASH, IBD).