



Impact of Commonwealth Health Research Board Funding

Maximizing human health benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth through CHRB-funded research.

Legislation in 1997 created the Commonwealth Health Research Fund to provide financial support for research projects that have the potential of maximizing health benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth. This initiative of the General Assembly and the Governor used the proceeds from the sale of Trigon stock to create the framework and fiscal resources for an innovative research grant program. Since its inception, the CHRB has made 291 grant awards totaling approximately \$25.2 million in grant funding to institutions of higher education and other Virginia not-for-profit or nonprofit organizations that conduct health, or health-related research in Virginia. When the required 33% matching funds are added to the CHRB funded amount, the cumulative funding totals almost \$36.4 million for health research in Virginia.

Leveraged grant funding and subsequent research support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other funding sources as a result of research funded with grant funds from the CHRB.

The CHRB encourages collaborative research efforts among two or more institutions or organizations, gives priority to those research efforts where Board support can be leveraged to foster contributions from federal agencies or other entities, and supports both new research efforts and the expansion or continuation of existing research efforts. CHRB grant recipients - for grant awards life-to-date - have leveraged over \$38.2 million in additional private and federal grant funds to further their research studies. CHRB funds provide a vital conduit for Virginia scientists with nascent innovations by providing seed grants to generate the early data necessary to provide proof of concept for new ideas and then be competitive for NIH and next level grants.

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Publications resulting from CHRB-funded research.

As part of the grant agreement between the CHRB and the Grantee Institution and Principal Investigator, each CHRB Grant Recipient must provide for up to five years after the conclusion of the grant two reprints of any publication as a result of CHRB-funded research. CHRB grant recipients - for grant awards life-to date - have reported over 400 publications in scientific, medical, or other health-related journals.

The ability for a Principal Investigator to begin or further his/her career with CHRB funding.

As part of the grant agreement between the CHRB and the Grantee Institution and Principal Investigator, each CHRB Grant Recipient must complete an evaluation form each year for five years after the conclusion of the grant. This evaluation provides the Principal Investigator an opportunity to share comments regarding the impact of receiving CHRB grant funds such as awards, recognition from their institution or organization and other personal comments. Many CHRB Grant Recipients have expressed appreciation for funding to begin or continue their research projects due to limited available research resources.

Subsequent success of students and collaborators in the project.