

## **Repurposing Research Led by a US-Based Racial / Ethnic Minority Principal Investigator**

Cures Within Reach

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**Submission Limitations:** Unlimited (*no internal selection process needed*)  
**Foundation Deadline:** **July 9, 2021**  
**Website:** <https://www.cureswithinreach.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CWR-Repurposing-Research-Led-by-a-US-Based-Racial-Minority-PI-2021.pdf>

**Please contact your RAS unit \*and\* Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit.**

### Opportunity Overview:

[Cures Within Reach](#) (CWR) works to improve patient quality and lifespan by leveraging the speed, safety, and cost-effectiveness of **medical repurposing research**, driving more treatments to more patients more quickly.

To that end, CWR has issued a Request for Proposals seeking clinical repurposing trials in any disease led by a racial/ethnic minority that is underrepresented in biomedical research (as defined by the NIH): Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinx, American Indians or Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

CWR is interested in approved generic or proprietary drugs, devices, nutraceuticals, or diagnostics that could be repurposed to create "new" treatments to reduce the symptoms, progression, or incidence of; restore function lost to; reduce or eliminate severe side effects of currently used therapies for any unmet medical need.

Repurposed therapies can be used alone or in combination with other therapies or repurposed from an approved adult indication into a pediatric indication. Therapies must already be approved by the FDA, EMA, or any other regulatory agency or otherwise readily available for human use.

Only interventional clinical trials lasting no more than 36 months that treat patients to prevent disease progression and / or improve patient outcomes in unsolved diseases with a repurposed therapy are eligible for this round of funding.

**Clinical trials focused on preventative care to prevent new disease diagnoses are not eligible for this round of funding.**

### Eligibility:

CWR is interested in both previously funded minority PIs and supporting minority PIs who are **early-stage investigators and have received little or no extramural research funding to date.**

PIs who have not received extramural funding previously and/or do not currently have their own lab should include a Letter of Support from a funded, senior researcher who will act as a mentor for the proposed clinical trial and the PI.

### Award Details:

At least 3 grants of **up to \$70,000** each for clinical repurposing trials in any disease led by a US-based racial / ethnic minority PI underrepresented in biomedical research, as defined by the NIH.

Cures Within Reach will provide no more than 80% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING, and the institution, organization or company proposing the research will match at least 20% of the REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING. The REQUESTED PROJECT FUNDING is equal to the ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT COSTS in the BUDGET BREAKDOWN section of the proposal submission, and includes the 20% Institutional Match.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, see this [Link to complete RFP](#).