



1           (c) Funding through available resources ~~for~~ those  
2 proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract  
3 federal research grants and private financial support;

4           (d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in  
5 order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that  
6 enhances information and resource exchange and integration  
7 through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to  
8 facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations;

9           (e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business  
10 development, and support of intellectual property as it  
11 relates to the advancement of cancer research; and

12           (f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support  
13 activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer  
14 research.

15           (2) Efforts to improve both research and treatment  
16 through greater participation in clinical trials networks by:

17           (a) Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in  
18 cancer clinical trials;

19           (b) Supporting public and private professional  
20 education programs designed to increase the awareness and  
21 knowledge about cancer clinical trials;

22           (c) Providing tools to cancer patients and  
23 community-based oncologists to aid in the identification of  
24 cancer clinical trials available in the state; and

25           (d) Creating opportunities for the state's academic  
26 cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists  
27 in cancer clinical trials networks.

28           (3) Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on  
29 disparate groups by:

30           (a) Identifying those cancers that disproportionately  
31 impact certain demographic groups; and

1 (b) Building collaborations designed to reduce health  
2 disparities as they relate to cancer.

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4 The council may award grants, using a peer-reviewed  
5 competitive process, from the proceeds generated from the  
6 tobacco industry settlement which are deposited annually into  
7 the Cancer Research and Clinical Trials Trust Fund or from  
8 funds allocated from other sources to execute the purposes set  
9 forth in this section. The council, where possible, shall give  
10 preference to proposals that promote collaborative efforts  
11 between institutions and facilities in this state to advance  
12 cancer research, as well as the detection and treatment of  
13 cancer.

14 Section 2. Section 381.922, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16 381.922 Florida Cancer Council Grants; apportionment  
17 of allocated funds.--

18 (1) From the funds deposited annually into the Cancer  
19 Research and Clinical Trials Trust Fund for the purposes  
20 prescribed in s. 381.921, the following allocation percentages  
21 shall apply:

22 (a) Up to 40 percent of available proceeds may be used  
23 for grants related to the attraction, recruitment, and  
24 employment of experts in the field of cancer research, with  
25 emphasis given to those researchers who will generate  
26 increased federal research dollars directed to institutions in  
27 this state.

28 (b) Up to 40 percent of available proceeds may be used  
29 for grants related to providing operational support to  
30 institutions and facilities in this state, including  
31 appropriate equipment as determined by the council.

