

# **I. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Program Announcement for the Department of Defense**

**Defense Health Program**

**Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs**

**Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program**

**Clinical Translational Research Award**

**Announcement Type: Initial**

**Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-TSCR-CTRA**

**Assistance Listing Number: 12.420 Military Medical  
Research and Development**

## **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW DATES AND TIMES**

- **Pre-Application Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET), June 8, 2023
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, July 7, 2023
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, July 14, 2023
- **Peer Review:** August 2023
- **Programmatic Review:** November 2023

*This program announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version 801. The General Application Instructions document is available for downloading from the Grants.gov funding opportunity announcement by selecting the “Package” tab, clicking “Preview,” and then selecting “Download Instructions.”*

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>I. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>II. DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.....</b>	<b>3</b>
II.A. Program Description.....	3
II.A.1. FY23 TSCRP Focus Areas.....	3
II.A.2. Award History.....	3
II.B. Award Information.....	4
II.C. Eligibility Information.....	8
II.C.1. Eligible Applicants.....	8
II.C.2. Cost Sharing.....	8
II.C.3. Other.....	9
II.D. Application and Submission Information.....	9
II.D.1. eBRAP and Grants.gov.....	9
II.D.2. Content and Form of the Application Submission.....	10
II.D.3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM).....	27
II.D.4. Submission Dates and Times.....	27
II.D.5. Funding Restrictions.....	28
II.D.6. Other Submission Requirements.....	29
II.E. Application Review Information.....	29
II.E.1. Criteria.....	29
II.E.2. Application Review and Selection Process.....	33
II.E.3. Integrity and Performance Information.....	33
II.E.4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates.....	34
II.F. Federal Award Administration Information.....	34
II.F.1. Federal Award Notices.....	34
II.F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.....	35
II.F.3. Reporting.....	35
II.G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts.....	36
II.G.1. eBRAP Help Desk.....	36
II.G.2. Grants.gov Contact Center.....	36
II.H. Other Information.....	37
II.H.1. Program Announcement and General Application Instructions Versions.....	37
II.H.2. Administrative Actions.....	37
II.H.3. Application Submission Checklist.....	40
<b>APPENDIX 1: ACRONYM LIST.....</b>	<b>42</b>

## **II. DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **II.A. Program Description**

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP) are being solicited by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 4001 (10 USC 4001). The execution management agent for this program announcement is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC). The TSCRCP was initiated in 2002 to provide support for research of exceptional scientific merit and to promote innovative research focused on decreasing the clinical impact of tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC). Appropriations for the TSCRCP from FY02 through FY22 totaled \$105 million (M). The FY23 appropriation is \$8M

*The proposed research must be relevant to active-duty Service Members, Veterans, military beneficiaries, and/or the American public.*

#### **II.A.1. FY23 TSCRCP Focus Areas**

The FY23 TSCRCP Clinical Translational Research Award (CTRA) encourages applications that address one or more of the following Focus Areas:

- Understanding, preventing, and treating the features of TSC-Associated Neuropsychiatric Disorders (TAND) and reducing their impact, including pharmacological, behavioral, and surgical interventions
- Strategies for eradicating tumors associated with TSC and TSC-associated lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM), including gaining a deeper mechanistic understanding of tumor microenvironment, TSC signaling, and mTOR independent pathways
- Preventing epilepsy, improving treatment, and mitigating neurodevelopmental and adverse outcomes associated with TSC-related seizures
- Developing, assessing, and testing emerging technologies including imaging and molecular therapeutic strategies, such as gene therapy, to improve outcomes in TSC

If the proposed research project does not address one or more of the FY23 TSCRCP Focus Areas, justification that the proposed research project addresses an important problem or unmet need related to TSC research and/or patient care must be provided.

#### **II.A.2. Award History**

The TSCRCP CTRA mechanism was first offered in FY17. Since then, 22 CTRA applications have been received, and 8 have been recommended for funding. The overall funding rate is 36.4%.

## II.B. Award Information

The CTRA supports studies that will move promising, well-founded preclinical and/or clinical research findings closer to clinical application, including diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC. Projects supported by this award mechanism may include, but are not limited to:

- Studies moving from preclinical to clinical research and/or the reverse, or analyzing human anatomical substances and/or data associated with completed clinical trials to understand the mechanism of action, or improve diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment.
- Studies advancing clinical trial readiness through development of biomarkers, clinical endpoints, and validation of pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics.
- Pilot clinical trials where *limited* clinical testing (e.g., small sample size) of a novel intervention to produce information on diagnostic or therapeutic effectiveness, safety, tolerability, or mechanisms of action. These studies should be aimed at obtaining preliminary data leading to the development of interventions with the potential to improve TSC outcomes.

Preclinical studies may be appropriate but must include a clinical component. ***Projects that are strictly animal research will not be considered for funding and should consider other FY23 TSCRP funding opportunities.***

***A clinical trial is defined*** as a research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include a placebo or another control) to evaluate the effects of the interventions on biomedical or behavioral health-related outcomes. Funded trials are required to post a copy of the Institutional Review Board (IRB)-approved informed consent form used to enroll subjects on a publicly available federal website in accordance with federal requirements described in Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219 (32 CFR 219). Funded clinical trials are required to register the study in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical trials registry, [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov), prior to initiation of the study. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, Section B, for further details

***Clinical research*** encompasses research with patient samples, data, and interaction with patients that may or may not be considered a clinical trial. ***For the purposes of this funding opportunity, research that meets the definition of a clinical trial is distinct from clinical research.*** Clinical research is observational in nature and includes: (1) Research that does not seek to evaluate the effects of interventions. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as data, tissues, specimens, and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects, but does not seek to assess the effects of an intervention, qualifies as clinical research. Patient-oriented research may include but is not limited to: (a) mechanisms of human disease, (b) diagnostic or detection studies (e.g., biomarker or imaging), (c) health disparity studies, and (d) development of new technologies.

(2) Epidemiologic and behavioral studies that do not seek to study the safety, effectiveness, and/or efficacy outcomes of an intervention. (3) Outcomes research and health services research that do not fit under the definition of clinical trial. Excluded from the definition of clinical research are in vitro studies that utilize human tissues that cannot be linked to a living individual.

**Note:** Studies that meet the requirements for exemption under [§46.104\(d\)\(4\) of the Common](#)

[Rule](#) are not considered clinical research as defined by CDMRP. Exemption category 4 refers to secondary research for which consent is not required.

**The following are important aspects of the CTRA:**

- **Translation:** The application should clearly state how the proposed research project will expand upon promising preclinical and/or clinical research findings to move the field closer to a clinical application by the end of the study.
- **Impact:** Proposed studies should have the potential to improve the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC by:
  - Likely having a major impact on TSC patients by applying promising and well-founded laboratory or other preclinical or clinical research findings to the care of patients, and/or
  - Leveraging information from completed clinical trials to address knowledge gaps in resulting outcomes, validate key research findings and expand upon potentially transformative results, or investigate novel findings.
- **Feasibility:** The application should demonstrate that the investigators have access to the necessary specimens, data, intervention, and patient population, if the application requires the access of critical specimen or data, or the application involves a pilot clinical trial see [Attachment 10, Letter\(s\) Confirming Access to Essential Resource](#).
- **Preliminary Data:** Unpublished results from the laboratory of the Principal Investigator (PI) or collaborators named on the application, and/or data from the published literature that are relevant to TSC and the proposed research project, *are required*.
- **Partnering PI Option:** The FY23 TSCRP CTRA **encourages collaborations between clinicians and research scientists and/or institutions**. The Partnering PI Option is structured to accommodate two PIs. The application should describe how the PIs' unique expertise combined as a partnership will better address the research question, how the unique expertise that each PI brings to the project is critical for the research strategy and completion of the Statement of Work (SOW), and why the work should be done together rather than through separate efforts. PIs should include plans for communication between PIs at different organizations, if applicable. Additionally, participating organizations must be willing to resolve potential intellectual and material property issues and to remove any barriers that might interfere with achieving high levels of cooperation to ensure successful completion of the proposed research project.

For the application process, one PI will be identified as the Initiating PI and will be responsible for the majority of the administrative tasks associated with application submission. The other PI will be identified as a Partnering PI. Both PIs should contribute significantly to the development of the proposed research project, including the Project Narrative, SOW, and other required components. If recommended for funding, a separate award will be made to each PI's organization. *A separate application submission is required for each partner, even if both PIs are at the same organization.* Additional collaborators may be included in the application without being designated as PIs. For

individual submission requirements for the Initiating and Partnering PI, refer to [Section II.D.2, Content and Form of the Application Submission](#). Submission of [Attachment 8, Partnership Statement](#), is required for applications submitted under the Partnering PI Option.

The types of awards made under the program announcement will be assistance agreements. An assistance agreement is appropriate when the federal government transfers a “thing of value” to a “state, local government,” or “other recipient” to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States instead of acquiring property or service for the direct benefit and use of the U.S. government. An assistance agreement can take the form of a grant or cooperative agreement. The level of involvement on the part of the Department of Defense (DOD) during project performance is the key factor in determining whether to award a grant or cooperative agreement. If “no substantial involvement” on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a grant award will be made (31 USC 6304). Conversely, if substantial involvement on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a cooperative agreement will be made (31 USC 6305), and the award will identify the specific substantial involvement. Substantial involvement may include, but is not limited to, collaboration, participation, or intervention in the research to be performed under the award. The award type, along with the start date, will be determined during the negotiation process.

The anticipated direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY23 CTRA should not exceed **\$1,000,000**. The anticipated direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY23 CTRA with Partnering PI Option Award should not exceed **\$1,150,000**. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed funding information.

Awards will be made no later than September 30, 2024. For additional information refer to [Section II.F.1, Federal Award Notices](#).

*The CDMRP expects to allot approximately \$3.44M to fund approximately two Clinical Translational Research Award applications. Funding of applications received is contingent upon the availability of federal funds for this program as well as the number of applications received, the quality and merit of the applications as evaluated by scientific and programmatic review, and the requirements of the government. Funds to be obligated on any award resulting from this funding opportunity will be available for use for a limited time period based on the fiscal year of the funds. It is anticipated that awards made from this FY23 funding opportunity will be funded with FY23 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2029.*

**Research Involving Human Data, Human Anatomical Substances, Human Subjects, or Human Cadavers:** All DOD-funded research involving new and ongoing research with human data, human anatomical substances, human subjects, or human cadavers must be reviewed and approved by the USAMRDC Office of Human and Animal Research Oversight (OHARO), Office of Human Research Oversight (OHRO), prior to research implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local IRB or Ethics Committee (EC) review. Local IRB/EC approval at the time of application submission is *not* required; however local IRB/EC approval is necessary prior to OHRO review. Allow up to 3 months to complete the OHRO regulatory review and approval process following submission of *all required and complete*

documents to the OHRO. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, and the OHARO web page [https://mrhc.health.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research\\_protections/hrpo](https://mrhc.health.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/hrpo) for additional information.

As of January 20, 2020, U.S. institutions engaged in non-exempt cooperative research *must* rely on a single IRB to review and approve the portion of the research conducted at domestic sites in accordance with 45 CFR 46.114(b). If the proposed, non-exempt research involves more than one U.S.-based institution, a written plan for single IRB review arrangements must be provided at the time of application submission or award negotiation. The lead institution responsible for developing the master protocol and master consent form should be identified and should be the single point of contact for regulatory submissions and requirements.

If the proposed research involves more than one institution, a written plan for single IRB review arrangements must be provided at the time of application submission or award negotiation. The lead institution responsible for developing the master protocol and master consent form should be identified and should be the single point of contact for regulatory submissions and requirements.

**Use of DOD or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Resources:** If the proposed research involves access to active-duty military patient populations and/or DOD and/or VA resources or databases, the application must describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research. Refer to [Section II.D.2.b.ii, Full Application Submission Components](#), for detailed information. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information.

**Research Involving Animals: New for FY23**, all projects should adhere to a core set of standards for rigorous study design and reporting to maximize the reproducibility and translational potential of preclinical research. The standards are described in Landis, S.C., et al., 2012, A call for transparent reporting to optimize the predictive value of preclinical research, *Nature* 490:187-191 ([www.nature.com/nature/journal/v490/n7419/full/nature11556.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v490/n7419/full/nature11556.html)). While these standards are written for preclinical studies, the basic principles of randomization, blinding, sample-size estimation, and data handling derive from well-established best practices in clinical studies. Projects that include research on animal models are required to submit [Attachment 9](#), Animal Research Plan, as part of the application package to describe how these standards will be addressed. Applicants should consult the ARRIVE guidelines 2.0 (Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments) to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous animal research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported. The ARRIVE guidelines 2.0 can be found at <https://arriveguidelines.org/arrive-guidelines>.

All research funded by the FY23 TSCRP CTRA involving new and ongoing research with animals must be reviewed and approved by the USAMRDC OHARO Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO), in addition to the local Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of record. IACUC approval at the time of submission is *not* required. ***Allow at least 3 to 4 months for ACURO regulatory review and approval processes for animal studies.*** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information.

## **II.C. Eligibility Information**

### **II.C.1. Eligible Applicants**

**II.C.1.a. Organization:** All organizations, including foreign organizations, foreign public entities, and international organizations, are eligible to apply.

**Government Agencies Within the United States:** Local, state, and federal government agencies are eligible to the extent that applications do not overlap with their fully funded internal programs. Such agencies are required to explain how their applications do not overlap with their internal programs.

As applications for this program announcement may be submitted by extramural and intramural organizations, these terms are defined below.

**Extramural Organization:** An eligible non-DOD organization. Examples of extramural organizations include academic institutions, biotechnology companies, foundations, federal government organizations other than the DOD, and research institutes.

**Intramural DOD Organization:** A DOD laboratory, DOD military treatment facility, and/or DOD activity embedded within a civilian medical center. ***Intramural Submission:*** An application submitted by a DOD organization for an intramural investigator working within a DOD laboratory or military treatment facility or in a DOD activity embedded within a civilian medical center.

**The USAMRAA makes awards to eligible organizations, not to individuals.**

### **II.C.1.b. Principal Investigator**

Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) are eligible to be named as a PI, Initiating PI, or Partnering PI.

Each investigator may be named on only one FY23 TSCR CTRA application as a PI, Initiating PI, or Partnering PI.

An eligible PI, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship status, must be employed by or affiliated with an eligible organization.

The CDMRP strongly encourages all PIs to participate in a digital identifier initiative through Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc. (ORCID). Registration for a unique ORCID identifier can be done online at <https://orcid.org/>.

### **II.C.2. Cost Sharing**

Cost sharing/matching is not an eligibility requirement.



### **II.C.3. Other**

Organizations must be able to access **.gov** and **.mil** websites in order to fulfill the financial and technical deliverable requirements of the award and submit invoices for payment.

For general information on required qualifications for award recipients, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3.

Refer to [Section II.H.2, Administrative Actions](#), for a list of administrative actions that may be taken if a pre-application or application does not meet the administrative, eligibility, or ethical requirements defined in this program announcement.

### **II.D. Application and Submission Information**

*Submission of applications that are essentially identical or propose essentially the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year is prohibited and will result in administrative withdrawal of the duplicative application(s).*

#### **II.D.1. eBRAP and Grants.gov**

The **electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP)** (<https://ebrap.org>) is a secure web-based system that allows PIs to submit their pre-applications, view and verify extramural full applications submitted to Grants.gov (<https://grants.gov>), receive communications from the CDMRP, and submit documentation during award negotiations and throughout the period of performance. eBRAP also allows intramural organizations to submit full applications following pre-application submission.

**Grants.gov** is a federal system required to be utilized by agencies to receive and process extramural grant applications. Full applications may only be submitted to Grants.gov after submission of a pre-application through eBRAP.

Contact information for the eBRAP Help Desk and the Grants.gov Contact Center can be found in [Section II.G, Federal Awarding Agency Contacts](#).

#### ***Extramural Submission:***

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at eBRAP.org.
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at Grants.gov.

#### ***Intramural DOD Submission:***

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at eBRAP.org.
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at eBRAP.org.

***Note: Applications from an intramural DOD organization or from an extramural federal government organization may be submitted to Grants.gov through a research foundation.***

## II.D.2. Content and Form of the Application Submission

Submission is a two-step process requiring both *pre-application* (eBRAP.org) and *full application* (eBRAP.org or Grants.gov) as indicated below. The submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Full application submission guidelines differ for extramural (Grants.gov) and intramural (eBRAP.org) organizations (refer to [Table 1, Full Application Guidelines](#)).

*The application title, eBRAP log number, and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire pre-application and full application submission process.* Inconsistencies may delay application processing and limit or negate the ability to view, modify, and verify the application in eBRAP. If any changes need to be made, the applicant should contact the eBRAP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 prior to the application submission deadline.

### Partnering PI Option:

The Initiating PI must complete the pre-application submission process and submit the contact information for the Partnering PI. The Partnering PI will then be notified of the pre-application submission separately by email. *The Partnering PI must follow the link in the notification email to associate the partnering pre-application with their eBRAP account. After associating the pre-application to their eBRAP account, the Partnering PI should email the eBRAP Helpdesk ([help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)) to have the desired contact information associated to their pre-application. The email should include the pre-application log number, the name of the Business Official, the name(s) of the Performing/Contracting Organization(s), and the submission-type for the pre-application (extramural or intramural).* If not previously registered, the Partnering PI must register in eBRAP. A new pre-application based on this research project should not be initiated by the Partnering PI. Applicants are urged to complete these steps as soon as possible. If they are not completed, the Partnering PI will not be able to view and modify their application during the verification period in eBRAP. If these steps are not completed, an intramural partner will not be able to submit the Partnering PI's required full application package components to eBRAP

### II.D.2.a. Step 1: Pre-Application Submission Content

*During the pre-application process, eBRAP assigns each submission a unique log number. This unique eBRAP log number is required during the full application submission process.*

To begin the pre-application process, first select whether the submitting organization is extramural or intramural, then confirm your selection or cancel. **Incorrect selection of extramural or intramural submission type will delay processing.**

If an error has been made in the selection of extramural versus intramural and the pre-application submission deadline has passed, the PI or Business Official must contact the eBRAP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 to request a change in designation.

All pre-application components must be submitted by the Initiating PI through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org/>).

The applicant organization and associated PI(s) identified in the pre-application should be the same as those intended for the subsequent application submission. If any changes are necessary after submission of the pre-application, the applicant must contact the eBRAP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

PIs with an ORCID identifier should enter that information in the appropriate field in the “My Profile” tab in the “Account Information” section of eBRAP.

***When starting the pre-application, PIs should ensure that they have selected the appropriate mechanism option in eBRAP:***

- Clinical Translational Research Award (CTRA)
- Clinical Translational Research Award – Partnering PI Option (CTRA-PPIO)

The pre-application consists of the following components, which are organized in eBRAP by separate tabs (refer to the General Application Instructions, Section II.B, for additional information on pre-application submission):

- **Tab 1 – Application Information**

Submission of application information includes assignment of primary and secondary research classification codes, which may be found at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review and confirm the codes prior to making their selection.

- **Tab 2 – Application Contacts**

Enter contact information for the PI. Enter the organization’s Business Official responsible for sponsored program administration (the “person to be contacted on matters involving this application” in Block 5 of the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form). The Business Official must be either selected from the eBRAP list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

Select the performing organization (site at which the PI will perform the proposed work) and the contracting organization (organization submitting on behalf of the PI, which corresponds to Block 5 on the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form), and click on “Add Organizations to this Pre-application.” The organization(s) must be either selected from the eBRAP drop-down list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

It is recommended that applicants identify an Alternate Submitter in the event that assistance with pre-application submission is needed.

- **Tab 3 – Collaborators and Key Personnel**

Enter the name, organization, and role of all collaborators and key personnel associated with the application.

[FY23 TSCRP Programmatic Panel members](#) should not be involved in any pre-application or application. For questions related to panel members and pre-applications or applications, refer to [Section II.H.2.c, Withdrawal](#), or contact the eBRAP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

**Partnering PI Option:** The Initiating PI must enter the contact information for the Partnering PI in the Partnering PI section.

- **Tab 4 – Conflicts of Interest**

List all individuals other than collaborators and key personnel who may have a conflict of interest in the review of the application (including those with whom the PI has a personal or professional relationship).

- **Tab 5 – Pre-Application Files**

**Letter of Intent (LOI) (one-page limit):** Provide a brief description of the research to be conducted. Include the [FY23 TSCRP Focus Area\(s\)](#) or another important problem or unmet need in TSC research and/or patient care to be addressed.

- **Tab 6 – Submit Pre-Application**

This tab must be completed for the pre-application to be accepted and processed.

LOIs are used for program planning purposes only (e.g., reviewer recruitment) and will not be reviewed during either the peer or programmatic review sessions. An invitation to submit a full application is *not* required. Applicants that have completed the pre-application step can submit full applications directly.

## **II.D.2.b. Step 2: Full Application Submission Content**

*The CDMRP cannot make allowances/exceptions to its policies for submission problems encountered by the applicant organization using system-to-system interfaces with Grants.gov.*

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this program announcement. The full application package is submitted by the Authorized Organizational Representative through Grants.gov (<https://grants.gov/>) for extramural organizations or through eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/>) for intramural organizations. See Table 1 below for more specific guidelines.

### **II.D.2.b.i. Full Application Guidelines**

Extramural organizations must submit full applications through Grants.gov. Applicants must create a Grants.gov Workspace for submission, which allows the application components to be completed online and routed through the applicant organization for review prior to submission. Applicants may choose to download and save individual PDF forms rather than filling out webforms in Workspace. A compatible version of Adobe Reader **must** be used to view, complete, and submit an application package consisting of PDF forms. If more than one person

is entering text into an application package, the *same version* of Adobe Reader software should be used by each person. Check the version number of the Adobe software on each user’s computer to make sure the versions match. Using different versions of Adobe Reader may cause submission and/or save errors – even if each version is individually compatible with Grants.gov. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, and the “Apply For Grants” page of Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>) for further information about the Grants.gov Workspace submission process. Submissions of extramural applications through eBRAP may be withdrawn.

*Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.*

**Table 1. Full Application Submission Guidelines**

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DOD Submissions
<b>Application Package Location</b>	
Download application package components for HT9425-23-TSCR-CTRA from Grants.gov ( <a href="https://grants.gov">https://grants.gov</a> ) and create a Grants.gov Workspace. Workspace allows online completion of the application components and routing of the application package through the applicant organization for review prior to submission.	Download application package components for HT9425-23-TSCR-CTRA from eBRAP ( <a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a> ).
<b>Full Application Package Components</b>	
<b>SF424 Research &amp; Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:</b> Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.	<p><b>Tab 1 – Summary:</b> Provide a summary of the application information.</p> <p><b>Tab 2 – Application Contacts:</b> This tab will be pre-populated by eBRAP; add Authorized Organizational Representative.</p>
<p>Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Personal Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Tab 3 – Full Application Files:</b> Upload files under each Application Component in eBRAP. Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Key Personnel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Performance Sites</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Tab 4 – Application and Budget Data:</b> Review and edit proposed project start date, proposed end date, and budget data pre-populated from the Budget Form.</p>

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DOD Submissions
<b>Application Package Submission</b>	
<p><b>Create a Grants.gov Workspace.</b> Add participants (investigators and Business Officials) to Workspace, complete all required forms, and check for errors before submission.</p> <p><b>Submit a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b> An application may be submitted through Workspace by clicking the “Sign and Submit” button on the “Manage Workspace” page, under the “Forms” tab. Grants.gov recommends submission of the application package <b>at least 24-48 hours prior to the close date</b> to allow time to correct any potential technical issues that may disrupt the application submission.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or needs to be modified, an updated Grants.gov application package must be submitted via Grants.gov as a “Changed/Corrected Application” with the previous Grants.gov Tracking ID <i>prior to</i> the application submission deadline. <b><i>Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.</i></b></p>	<p><b>Submit package components to eBRAP (<a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a>).</b></p> <p><b>Tab 5 – Submit/Request Approval Full Application:</b> After all components are uploaded and prior to the full application submission deadline, enter your password in the space provided next to “Enter Your Password Here” and press the “Submit Full Application” button. eBRAP will notify your Resource Manager/ Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official by email. <b><i>Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.</i></b></p>
<b><u><a href="#">Application Verification Period</a></u></b>	
<p>The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <b><i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form.</i></b></p>	<p>After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/ Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI(s) will receive email notification of this status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <b><i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form.</i></b> Your Resource Manager/ Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve prior to the application verification deadline.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	
<p><b>Tracking a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b> After successfully submitting a Workspace package, a Grants.gov Tracking Number is</p>	<p>Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV, for further information regarding eBRAP requirements.</p>

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DOD Submissions
<p>automatically assigned to the package. The number will be listed on the “Confirmation” page that is generated after submission.</p> <p>Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.</p>	

**Partnering PI Option:**

The CDMRP requires separate full application package submissions for the Initiating PI and Partnering PI, even if the PIs are located within the same organization. Initiating and Partnering PIs will each be assigned a unique eBRAP log number. Each full application package must be submitted using the unique eBRAP log number. *Note: All associated applications (the Initiating PI’s and the Partnering PI’s) must be submitted by the full application submission deadline.*

The full application package must be submitted using the unique eBRAP log number to avoid delays in application processing.

**II.D.2.b.ii. Full Application Submission Components**

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

**Attachments:**

*Each attachment to the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the formatting guidelines listed in the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4.*

For all attachments, ensure that the file names are consistent with the guidance. Attachments will be rejected if the file names are longer than 50 characters or have incorrect file names that contain characters other than the following: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, and period. In addition, there are file size limits that may apply in some circumstances. Individual attachments may not exceed 20 megabytes (MB), and the file size for the entire full application package may not exceed 200 MB.

- **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (15-page limit): Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”.** The page limit of the Project Narrative applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs (uniform resource locators)

that provide additional information to expand the Project Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

Describe the proposed project in detail using the outline below.

- **Background/Scientific Rationale:** Present the ideas and rationale behind the proposed research project, including a well-formulated, testable hypothesis and clear mechanistic underpinning. Include relevant literature citations. Describe previous experience and expertise most pertinent to the proposed research project. ***Inclusion of preliminary and/or published data that are relevant to TSC and the proposed research project is required.***
- **Hypothesis/Objective:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective to be reached.
- **Specific Aims:** Concisely explain the project’s specific aims to be funded by this award.
- **Research Strategy and Feasibility:**
  - Describe the experimental design and methods, including controls, sample size estimation, blinding, randomization, and power analysis to achieve reproducible and rigorous results.
  - Address potential problem areas and present alternative methods and approaches.
  - Describe how data will be collected, handled, and analyzed in a manner that is consistent with the study objectives. Describe the statistical analysis plan appropriate for the proposed research project. Include a complete power analysis to demonstrate that the sample size is appropriate to meet the objectives of the study.
  - Describe how data will be reported and how it will be assured that the documentation will support a regulatory filing with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), if applicable.
  - For clinical research or pilot clinical trial, describe the strategy for the inclusion of women and minorities appropriate to the objectives of the study, including a description of the composition of the proposed study population in terms of sex/gender, racial, and ethnic group, and an accompanying rationale for the selection of subjects. Studies utilizing human biospecimens or datasets that cannot be linked to a specific individual, gender, ethnicity, or race (typically classified as exempt from IRB review) are exempt from this requirement. The inclusion strategy should agree with the enrollment table(s) provided in [Attachment 2, Supporting Documents: Inclusion Enrollment Report](#).



- ***In addition, for applications involving data analysis and/or specimens from completed clinical trial(s) (including correlative studies):***
  - ❖ Describe the proposed pre-existing cohort and its relevance to TSC, including the type of the data and/or specimens, and the size of the cohort. Submission of [Attachment 10](#) is required to confirm the access of the necessary data and/or specimens.
- ***In addition, for applications involving a pilot clinical trial: (Note: The Project Narrative is not the formal clinical trial protocol. If recommended for funding, the clinical trial protocol will be requested.)***
  - ❖ Describe the type of pilot clinical trial to be performed, the intervention to be tested, human subject population to be recruited, outcome measures, ethical consideration, recruitment strategy, and regulatory strategy, as appropriate. Submission of [Attachment 10](#) is required to confirm the access to the intervention and patient population.
- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation: Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf”.** Start each document on a new page. If documents are scanned to PDF, the lowest resolution (100 to 150 dpi) should be used. The Supporting Documentation attachment should not include additional information such as figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, or drawings. These items should be included in the Project Narrative.

***There are no page limits for any of these components unless otherwise noted. Include only those components described below; inclusion of items not requested or viewed as an extension of the Project Narrative will result in the removal of those items or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.***

- **References Cited:** List the references cited (including URLs, if available) in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, title of reference, source of reference, volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
- **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols.
- **Facilities, Existing Equipment, and Other Resources:** Describe the facilities and equipment available for performance of the proposed project and any additional facilities or equipment proposed for acquisition at no cost to the award. Indicate whether government-furnished facilities or equipment are proposed for use. If so, reference should be made to the original or present government award under which the facilities or equipment items are now accountable. There is no form for this information.
- **Publications and/or Patents:** Include a list of relevant publication URLs and/or patent abstracts. If articles are not publicly available, then copies of up to five

- published manuscripts may be included in Attachment 2. Extra items will not be reviewed.
- **Letters of Organizational Support:** Provide a letter (or letters, if applicable) signed by the Department Chair or appropriate organization official, confirming the laboratory space, equipment, and other resources available for the project. Letters of support not requested in the program announcement, such as those from members of Congress, do not impact application review or funding decisions.
  - **Letters of Collaboration (if applicable):** Provide a signed letter from each collaborating individual or organization demonstrating that the PI has the support or resources necessary for the proposed work. If an investigator at an intramural organization is named as a collaborator on an application submitted through an extramural organization, the application must include a letter from the collaborator’s Commander or Commanding Officer at the intramural organization that authorizes the collaborator’s involvement.
  - **Intellectual Property:** Information can be found in the 2 CFR 200.315, “Intangible Property.”
    - **Intellectual and Material Property Plan (if applicable):** Provide a plan for resolving intellectual and material property issues among participating organizations.
  - **Data and Research Resources Sharing Plan:** Describe how data and resources generated during the performance of the project will be shared with the research community. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section K, for more information about the CDMRP expectations for making data and research resources publicly available.
  - **Data Management Plan (two-page limit):** Describe the data management plan in accordance with Section 3.c Enclosure 3, [DoD Instructions 3200.12](#).
    - For Extramural Applications: Refer to General Application Instructions, Section III.A.2, Attachments Form, Attachment 2, Supporting Documentation, for more detailed information.
    - For Intramural Applications: Refer to General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.1, Application Component – Attachments, Attachment 2, Supporting Documentation, for more detailed information.
  - **Use of DOD Resources (if applicable):** Provide a letter of support signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority confirming access to active-duty military populations and/or DOD resources or databases.
  - **Use of VA Resources (if applicable):** Provide a letter of support from the VA Facility Director(s) or individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), such as the Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development (ACOS/R&D) or Clinical

Service Chief, confirming access to VA patients, resources, and/or VA research space. For VA PIs, if the VA non-profit corporation is not identified as the applicant institution for administering the funds, include a letter from the VA ACOS/R&D confirming this arrangement and identifying the institution that will administer the funds associated with the proposed research.

- **Inclusion Enrollment Report (if applicable):** If proposing research involving human subjects, provide an anticipated enrollment table(s) for the inclusion of women and minorities appropriate to the objectives of the study with the proposed enrollment distributed on the basis of sex/gender, race, and ethnicity. The Public Health Service (PHS) Inclusion Enrollment Report is a three-page fillable PDF form, which can be downloaded from eBRAP at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>.
- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “TechAbs.pdf”.** The technical abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Of particular importance, programmatic reviewers do not have access to the full application and therefore rely on the technical abstract for appropriate description of the project’s key aspects. Therefore, clarity and completeness within the space limits of the technical abstract are highly important.

The technical abstract should be structured to include the following points:

- **Background/Scientific Rationale:** State the [FY23 TSCRP Focus Area\(s\)](#) or another important problem or unmet need in TSC research and/or patient care to be addressed. Present the ideas and rationale behind the proposed research project.
- **Hypothesis/Objective:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective to be reached. Provide evidence or rationale that supports the hypothesis/objective.
- **Specific Aims:** State the specific aims of the proposed research project.
- **Study Design:** Briefly describe the study design, including appropriate controls.
- **Impact:** Briefly describe how the proposed research project will have a short- and long-term impact on TSC research and/or patient care.
- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “LayAbs.pdf”.** The lay abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information. Do not duplicate the technical abstract.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

The lay abstract is an important component of the application review process because it addresses issues of particular interest to the advocate community. Minimize use of acronyms and abbreviations, where appropriate.

The lay abstract should be written using the outline below.

- Explain how the proposed research addresses one or more of the [FY23 TSCRP Focus Areas](#) or an important problem or unmet need in TSC research and/or patient care. Describe the scientific objective and rationale for the proposed project in a manner that will be readily understood by readers without a background in science or medicine.
- Describe the ultimate applicability of the research.
  - What types of patients will it help, and how will it help them?
  - What are the potential clinical applications, benefits, and risks?
  - What is the projected time it may take to achieve a patient-related outcome?
  - What are the likely contributions of the proposed research project to improving the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC?
- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (four-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.** The suggested SOW format and examples specific to different types of research projects are available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). Recommended strategies for assembling the SOW can be found at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>.

For the FY23 TSCRP CTRA mechanism, refer to either the “*Suggested SOW Strategy Clinical Research*” or “*Suggested SOW Strategy Generic Research*”, whichever format is most appropriate for the proposed effort, and use the blank SOW format titled “*Suggested SOW Format*”. The SOW must be in PDF format prior to attaching.

***Partnering PI Option:***

***Each PI must submit an identical copy of a jointly created SOW. The contributions of the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI should be noted for each task.***

- **Attachment 6: Impact Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Impact.pdf”.** Explain why the proposed research project is important and the impact it will have on one or more of the [FY23 TSCRP Focus Areas](#). If the project does not address an FY23 TSCRP Focus Area, provide justification that the proposed research project addresses another important problem or unmet need in TSC research and/or patient care. Describe how the proposed research project has the potential to improve the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC by:

- Likelihood of having a major impact on therapy by applying promising and well-founded laboratory or other preclinical or clinical research findings to the care of patients, and/or
- Leveraging information from completed clinical trials to address knowledge gaps in resulting outcomes, validate key research and expand upon potentially transformative results, or investigate novel findings.

**Short-term impact:** Detail the anticipated outcomes that will make an important contribution toward advancing TSC research.

**Long-term impact:** Explain the anticipated long-term gains from the proposed research project, including how the new understanding may ultimately contribute toward improving the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC.

- **Attachment 7: Clinical Translation Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Translation.pdf”.** Describe the translational aspects of the proposed research. The ultimate goal of translational research is to move an observation forward into clinical application and accelerate the introduction of healthcare products, technologies, or practice guidelines for clinical use. State explicitly how the proposed research project is translational in nature and describe how it will help to move an observation forward into clinical practice. If the proposed research includes both preclinical research and a pilot clinical trial, explain how the preclinical research and pilot clinical trial aims are connected and necessary to advance the research toward clinical implementation. Include a clear description of the next step in the translation of the results of this research after the end of the project.
- **Attachment 8: Partnership Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Partnership.pdf” (only required for applications submitted under the Partnering PI Option).** Describe the expertise of the Initiating and Partnering PIs and how each will bring different strengths to the proposed project. Describe the unique expertise that each PI brings to the project and how it is critical for the research strategy and completion of the SOW, and why the work should be done together rather than through separate efforts. Outline the contribution and time commitment of each partner and how each will have significant intellectual input on the design, conduct, and analysis of the project. Describe how the PIs will manage the collaboration and workflow to optimize research efforts.
- **Attachment 9: Animal Research Plan (three-page limit) (only required if proposed research project involves animals): Upload as “AnimalPlan.pdf”.** When the proposed study involves animals, the applicant is required to submit a summary describing the animal research that will be conducted. Applicants should not submit a verbatim replica of the protocol(s) to be submitted to the IACUC as the Animal Research Plan. The Animal Research Plan should address the following points for each proposed animal study:

- Briefly describe the research objective(s) of the animal study. Explain how and why the animal species, strain, and model(s) being used can address the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the study’s relevance to human biology.
- Summarize the procedures to be conducted and endpoints/outcomes to be measured. Describe how the study will be controlled.
- Describe the randomization and blinding procedures for the study, and any other measures to be taken to minimize the effects of subjective bias during animal treatment and assessment of results. If randomization and/or blinding will not be utilized, provide justification.
- Provide a sample size estimate for each study arm and the method by which it was derived, including power analysis calculations.
- Describe how data will be handled, including rules for stopping data collection, criteria for inclusion and exclusion of data, how outliers will be defined and handled, statistical methods for data analysis, and identification of the primary endpoint(s).
- **Attachment 10: Letter(s) Confirming Access to Essential Resource (*only applicable for applications involving data analysis and/or specimens or involving in a pilot clinical trial*). Upload as “Access.pdf”.** If applications are involved in analyzing data and/or specimens from completed clinical trials, provide a letter of support, signed by the appropriate institution official who has the authority to confirm access to the proposed cohort data and/or specimens. If applications are involved in conducting a pilot clinical trial, provide a letter of support, signed by the appropriate institution official who has the authority to confirm access to the proposed intervention and patient population.
- **Attachment 11: Representations, if applicable (*extramural submissions only*): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the Required Representations template available on eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For more information, see the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B, Representations.
- **Attachment 12: Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format, if applicable: Upload as “MFBudget.pdf”.** If a military facility (Military Health System facility, research laboratory, medical treatment facility, dental treatment facility, or a DOD activity embedded with a civilian medical center) will be a collaborator in performance of the project, complete a separate budget, using “Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format”, available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>, including a budget justification, for each military facility as instructed. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.8, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

To evaluate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681[a] et seq.), the DOD is collecting certain demographic and career information to be able to assess the success rates of women who are proposed for key roles in applications in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. To enable this assessment, each application must include the following forms completed as indicated.

**Research & Related Personal Data:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.3, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.2, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded):** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

- PI Biographical Sketch (five-page limit): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”. The suggested biographical sketch format is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP. The NIH Biographical Sketch may also be used. All biographical sketches should be submitted in uneditable PDF format.
- PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
  - For extramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, for detailed information.
  - For intramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.
- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (five-page limit each): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
  - For extramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, for detailed information.
  - For intramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Budget:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, and for intramural submissions (via

eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.

**Budget Justification (no page limit): Upload as “BudgetJustification.pdf”.** The budget justification for the entire period of performance must be uploaded to the Research & Related Budget after completion of the budget for Period 1.

**Partnering PI Option:**

*The initiating and Partnering PI must have a separate budget and justification specific to their distinct portions of the effort that the applicant organization will submit as separate Grants.gov or eBRAP application packages. The Initiating PI should not include budget information for Partnering PI even if they are located within the same organization. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed information.*

**Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.5, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form (if applicable):** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Subaward:** Complete the Research & Related Subaward Budget Form through Grants.gov. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.) Verify subaward budget(s) and budget justification forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.
- **Intramural DOD Collaborator(s):** Complete the “Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format” and upload to Grants.gov attachment form as [Attachment 12](#). (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.) Each Intramural DOD Collaborator should include costs per year on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs.

**Suggested DOD Military Budget Format:** A military facility collaborating in the performance of the project (but not participating as a Partnering PI) should be treated as a subaward for budget purposes. *Note:* Applicants should complete a separate military budget using “Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format” (available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page [\[https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm\]](https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm)) ([Attachment 12](#)) to show all direct and indirect costs. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.8, for detailed information.



## Application Components for the Partnering PI Option

The Partnering PI must follow the link in the email from eBRAP and, if not registered in eBRAP, must complete the registration process prior to the application submission deadline in order to associate their full application package with that of the Initiating PI.

For the Partnering PI, the Initiating PI must identify if the Partnering PI will be named on an extramural or intramural application (in accordance with the guidelines in [Section II.C.1.a, Organization](#)) and the appropriate mode of submission (Grants.gov for extramural and eBRAP for intramural). The Partnering PI must verify their contact information and mode of submission within eBRAP to ensure proper submission of their application.

The application submission process for the Partnering PI uses an abbreviated full application package that includes:

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

**Attachments:**

- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (four-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.2, for detailed information on completing the SOW. Each PI must submit an identical copy of a jointly created SOW. The contributions of the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI should be noted for each task.
- **Attachment 11: Representations (extramural submissions only): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the Required Representations template available on eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For more information, see the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B, Representations.
- **Attachment 12: Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format (if applicable): Upload as “MFBudget.pdf”.** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs.

**Research & Related Personal Data:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov) refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.3, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.2, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded):** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

- **PI Biographical Sketch (five-page limit): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”.** The suggested biographical sketch format is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP. The NIH

Biographical Sketch may also be used. All biographical sketches should be submitted in the PDF format that is not editable.

- PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
  - For extramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, for detailed information.
  - For intramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.
- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (five-page limit each): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
  - For extramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, for detailed information.
  - For intramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Budget:** For extramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, and for intramural submissions, refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.

**Budget Justification (no page limit):** Upload as “BudgetJustification.pdf”.

**Partnering PI Option:**

*Initiating and Partnering PIs must each submit a budget and justification specific to their own portion of the efforts as part of their separate Grants.gov or eBRAP application packages. The Research & Related Budget for the Partnering PI should not include budget information for the Initiating PI, even if they are located within the same organization. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed information.*

**Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.5, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form:**

- **Extramural Subaward:** Complete the Research & Related Subaward Budget Form through Grants.gov. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.)
- **Intramural DOD Collaborator(s):** Complete a separate DOD military budget, using Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format (available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page [<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>]), and upload to Grants.gov attachment form as Attachment 12. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.8, for detailed information.)

**II.D.3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)**

The applicant organization must be registered as an entity in SAM (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>) and receive confirmation of an “Active” status before submitting an application through Grants.gov. *As of April 2022, all federal awards including, but not limited to, contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements will use the UEI generated through SAM.gov.* Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.

**II.D.4. Submission Dates and Times**

All submission dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Pre-application and application submissions are required. The pre-application and application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Failure to meet either of these deadlines will result in submission rejection.

**Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP**

***For Both Extramural and Intramural Applicants:*** eBRAP allows an organization’s representatives and PIs to view and modify the full application submissions associated with them. Following retrieval and processing of the full application, eBRAP will notify the organizational representatives and PI by email to log into eBRAP to review, modify, and verify the full application submission. eBRAP will validate full application files against the specific program announcement requirements, and discrepancies will be noted in an email to the PI and in the “Full Application Files” tab in eBRAP. eBRAP does not confirm the accuracy of file content. Application viewing, modification, and verification in eBRAP are strongly recommended, but not required. It is the applicant’s responsibility to review all application components and ensure proper ordering as specified in the program announcement. ***If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or needs to be modified, an updated full application package must be submitted prior to the application submission deadline. The Project Narrative and Research & Related Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.*** Other application components may be changed until the end of the application verification period. Verify that subaward budget(s) and budget justification

forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period. After the end of the application verification period, the full application cannot be modified.

***Extramural Submission:*** The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form***, may be modified.

***Intramural DOD Submission:*** After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI(s)) will receive email notification of the status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form***, may be modified. The Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve the application package prior to the application verification deadline.

***For All Submissions:*** Verify that subaward budget(s) with budget justification are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.

#### **II.D.5. Funding Restrictions**

The maximum period of performance is **3** years.

**Application submissions without the Partnering PI Option:** The application's direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance should not exceed **\$1,000,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate.

The applicant may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum 3 years.

**Application submissions with the Partnering PI Option:** The application's direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance should not exceed **\$1,150,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate. Collaborating organizations should budget associated indirect costs in accordance with each organization's negotiated rate.

The applicants may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum **3** years. The duration of the period of performance for the Initiating PI and Partnering PI should be the same. A separate award will be made to each PI's organization.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the total direct costs of the primary award.

For this award mechanism, direct costs may be requested for (not all-inclusive):

- Support for multidisciplinary collaborations, including travel
- Costs for one investigator of each award to travel to one scientific/technical meeting per year to present project information of disseminate project results from the FY23 TSCR P CTRA.

For extramural awards with an intragovernmental component, direct transfer of funds from an extramural award recipient to a DOD or other federal agency is not allowed except under very limited circumstances. Funding to intramural DOD and other federal agencies will be managed through a direct funds transfer. Intramural applicants are responsible for coordinating through their agency's procedures the use of contractual or assistance funding awards or other appropriate agreements to support extramural collaborators.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, for budget regulations and instructions for the Research & Related Budget. *For federal agencies or organizations collaborating with federal agencies, budget restrictions apply as are noted in the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5.*

#### **II.D.6. Other Submission Requirements**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4, for detailed formatting guidelines.

### **II.E. Application Review Information**

#### **II.E.1. Criteria**

##### **II.E.1.a. Peer Review**

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated according to the following **scored criteria**, where **Clinical Translational Potential** is ranked as most important, **Impact** is ranked as second most important and **other scored criteria** are of equal importance:

- **Clinical Translational Potential**
  - To what extent the proposed research project is translational in nature and will help to move an observation forward into clinical practice.
  - If the proposed research includes both preclinical research and a pilot clinical trial, to what extent the preclinical research and pilot clinical trial aims are connected and necessary to advance the research toward clinical implementation.
  - How well the application has described the next step in the translation of the results of this research after the end of the project.

- **Impact**

- How well the proposed research project addresses one or more of the [FY23 TSCR P Focus Areas](#) or another important problem or unmet need in TSC research and/or patient care.
- To what extent the proposed research project has the potential to improve the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC by applying promising and well-founded laboratory or other preclinical or clinical research findings to the care of patients, and/or leveraging information from completed clinical trials to address knowledge gaps or investigate novel findings.
- ***Assuming the objectives/goals of the proposed research project are realized:***
  - To what extent the anticipated short-term outcomes will make an important contribution toward advancing TSC research.
  - To what extent the anticipated long-term outcomes will make a significant contribution toward improving the diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of TSC.
  - To what extent the data and resources generated during the performance of the project will be shared with the research community.

- **Rationale**

- How well the scientific rationale, including a well-formulated, testable hypothesis and clear mechanistic underpinning, supports the proposed research project.
- To what extent the provided preliminary data support the proposed research project.

- **Research Strategy and Feasibility**

- ***For all applications, the following criteria apply:***
  - How well the study (or studies) is designed to achieve reproducible and rigorous results, including controls, sample size estimation, blinding, randomization, and power analysis.
  - To what extent the statistical analysis plan is appropriate for the proposed research project.
  - How well the handling, collection, and analysis of data are consistent with the study objectives.
  - If applicable, whether data will be appropriately reported and documented to support a regulatory filing with the FDA.
  - If applicable, whether the strategy for the inclusion of women and minorities and distribution of proposed enrollment are appropriate for the proposed research.

- If applicable, how well the proposed animal studies are designed to achieve the objectives, including the choice of model and endpoints/outcome measures to be used.
- To what extent the proposed research project is feasible as described.
- How well the application identifies potential problems and addresses alternative approaches.
- ***Additionally, for applications involving data analysis and/or specimens from completed clinical trial(s) (including correlative studies), the following criteria apply:***
  - How well the application demonstrates access to the proposed pre-existing cohort specimens and/or data.
  - To what extent the proposed cohort is relevant to TSC.
  - To what extent the type of data and/or specimens and the size of the cohort is characterized.
- ***Additionally, for studies including a pilot clinical trial, the following criteria apply:***
  - How well the study design supports the objective of the proposed pilot clinical trial., including type of pilot clinical trial to be performed, , the intervention to be tested, human subject population to be recruited, outcome measures, ethical consideration, recruitment strategy, and regulatory strategy.
  - How well the study design (including inclusion/exclusion criteria, access to patients, access to the intervention/diagnostic, recruitment/consent plan, data collection and analysis methods, and outcomes/endpoints) supports the objective of the proposed pilot clinical trial.
  - To what extent the proposed pilot clinical trial is feasible as described, including the access to the proposed intervention and patient population.
- **Personnel**
  - To what degree the PI and research team’s experience, expertise, and record of accomplishment demonstrate their ability to successfully complete the proposed research project.
  - To what extent the levels of effort by the PI and other key personnel are appropriate to ensure success of the proposed research project.

***For applications submitted under the Partnering PI Option:***

- **Partnership**
  - How well the research project is supported by the nature of the collaboration.

- To what extent the PIs' unique expertise, combined as a partnership, will complement each other, and better address the research question rather than through separate efforts.
- How well the application reflects the requirement that the partners have significant intellectual input into the design, conduct, and analysis of the project.

In addition, the following **unscored criteria** will also contribute to the overall evaluation of the application:

- **Budget**

- Whether the **direct** exceed the allowable direct costs as published in the program announcement.
- Whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed research.

- **Environment**

- If applicable, to what degree the intellectual and material property plan is appropriate
- How the scientific environment is appropriate for the proposed research.
- How the research requirements are supported by the availability of, and accessibility to, facilities and resources (including collaborative arrangements).
- How the quality and extent of organizational support are appropriate for the proposed research.

- **Application Presentation**

- To what extent the writing, clarity, and presentation of the application components influence the review.

### **II.E.1.b. Programmatic Review**

To make funding recommendations and select the application(s) that, individually or collectively, will best achieve the program objectives, the following criteria are used by programmatic reviewers:

- Ratings and evaluations of the peer reviewers
- Relevance to the mission of the Defense Health Program and FY23 TSCR, as evidenced by the following:
  - Adherence to the intent of the award mechanism
  - Program portfolio composition
  - Relative clinical translational potential and impact



## **II.E.2. Application Review and Selection Process**

All applications are evaluated by scientists, clinicians, and consumers in a two-tier review process. The first tier is **peer review**, the evaluation of applications against established criteria to determine technical merit, where each application is assessed for its own merit, independent of other applications. The second tier is **programmatic review**, a comparison-based process in which applications with high scientific and technical merit are further evaluated for programmatic relevance. Final recommendations for funding are made to the Commanding General, USAMRDC. *The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section II.E.1.b, Programmatic Review](#).* Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found at <https://cdmrp.health.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>. An information paper describing the funding recommendations and review process for the award mechanisms for the TSCRIP will be provided to the PI(s) and posted on the CDMRP website.

All CDMRP review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the merit-based selection process. Panel members sign a statement declaring that application and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the dissolving of a panel(s) and other corrective actions. In addition, personnel at the applicant or collaborating organizations are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review and approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the administrative withdrawal of the organization's application. Violations by panel members or applicants that compromise the confidentiality of the review and approval process may also result in suspension or debarment from federal awards. Furthermore, the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information of one party to another third party is a crime in accordance with 18 USC 1905.

## **II.E.3. Integrity and Performance Information**

Prior to making an assistance agreement award where the federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in 2 CFR 200.1, over the period of performance, the federal awarding agency is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

An applicant organization may review FAPIIS, accessible through SAM, and submit comments to FAPIIS on any information about the organization that a federal awarding agency previously entered and is currently available in FAPIIS.

The federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under federal awards when determining a recipient's qualification prior to award, according to the qualification standards of the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs), Section 22.415.

## **II.E.4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

All application review dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#).

Each PI and organization will receive email notification of posting of the funding recommendation in eBRAP. Each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application.

## **II.F. Federal Award Administration Information**

### **II.F.1. Federal Award Notices**

Awards supported with FY23 funds are anticipated to be made no later than September 30, 2024. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for additional award administration information.

After email notification of application review results through eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from the USAMRAA will contact the Business Official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI's organization.

**Pre-Award Costs:** An institution of higher education, hospital, or non-profit organization may, at its own risk and without the government's prior approval, incur obligations and expenditures to cover costs up to 90 days before the beginning date of the initial budget period of a new award. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5.

***Only an appointed USAMRAA Grants Officer may obligate the government to the expenditure of funds.*** No commitment on the part of the government should be inferred from discussions with any other individual. **The award document signed by the Grants Officer is the official authorizing document.**

**Federal Government Organizations:** Funding made to federal government organizations (to include intramural DOD organizations) will be executed through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) or Funding Authorization Document (FAD) process. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intramural applicants and collaborators are reminded to coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective Resource Manager/Task Area Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official.

#### **II.F.1.a. PI Changes and Award Transfers**

The organizational transfer of an award supporting a pilot clinical trial is strongly discouraged and in most cases will not be allowed. Approval of a transfer request will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Grants Officer.

**Partnering PI Option:** An organizational transfer of an award supporting the Initiating PI or Partnering PI is discouraged and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and only allowed at the discretion of the Grants Officer.

Unless otherwise restricted, changes in PI will be allowed at the discretion of the Grants Officer, provided the intent of the award mechanism is met.

An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the (original) period of performance or any extension thereof.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section B, for general information on organization or PI changes.

### **II.F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Applicable requirements in the DoDGARs found in 32 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter C, and 2 CFR, Chapter XI, apply to grants and cooperative agreements resulting from this program announcement.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for general information regarding administrative requirements.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, for general information regarding national policy requirements.

Refer to full text of the latest [DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions](#) and the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions: Addendum to the DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions](#) for further information.

Certification Regarding Disclosure of Funding Sources. The proposing entity must comply with Section 223(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, which requires that the PI, Partnering PIs (if applicable), and all key personnel:

- Certify that the current and pending support provided on the application is current, accurate, and complete;
- Agree to update such disclosure at the request of the agency prior to the award of support and at any subsequent time the agency determines appropriate during the term of the award; and
- Have been made aware of the requirements under Section 223(a)(1) of this Act.

False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may result in criminal, civil, or administrative penalties (18 USC 1001).

### **II.F.3. Reporting**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section A, for general information on reporting requirements. ***If there are technical reporting requirement delinquencies for any existing USAMRAA-sponsored awards at the applicant organization, no new awards will be issued to the applicant organization until all delinquent reports have been submitted.***

Annual progress reports as well as a final progress report will be required.

The Award Terms and Conditions will specify if additional and/or more frequent reporting is required.

**Award Expiration Transition Plan:** An Award Expiration Transition Plan must be submitted with the final progress report. Use the one-page template “Award Expiration Transition Plan,” available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) under the “Progress Report Formats” section. The Award Expiration Transition Plan must outline whether and how the research supported by this award will progress and must include source(s) of funding, either known or pending.

**PHS Inclusion Enrollment Reporting Requirement (*only required for clinical research studies and pilot clinical trials*):** Enrollment reporting on the basis of sex/gender, race, and/or ethnicity will be required with each annual and final progress report. The PHS Inclusion Enrollment Report is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP.

Awards resulting from this program announcement may entail additional reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance matters. Recipient organizations that have federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10M are required to provide information to FAPIIS about certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with performance of a federal award. These recipients are required to disclose, semiannually, information about criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable Representations (see General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B).

## **II.G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts**

### **II.G.1. eBRAP Help Desk**

Questions related to program announcement content or submission requirements as well as questions related to the pre-application or intramural application submission through eBRAP should be directed to the eBRAP Help Desk, which is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET (closed on most U.S. federal holidays). Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.

Phone: 301-682-5507

Email: [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

### **II.G.2. Grants.gov Contact Center**

Questions related to extramural application submission through Grants.gov portal should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

(closed on U.S. federal holidays). Note that the eBRAP Help Desk is unable to provide technical assistance with Grants.gov submission.

Phone: 800-518-4726; International 1-606-545-5035

Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Sign up on Grants.gov for “send me change notification emails” by following the link on the “Synopsis” page for the program announcement or by responding to the prompt provided by Grants.gov when first downloading the Grants.gov application package. If the Grants.gov application package is updated or changed, the original version of the application package may not be accepted by Grants.gov.

## **II.H. Other Information**

### **II.H.1. Program Announcement and General Application Instructions Versions**

Questions related to this program announcement should refer to the program name, the program announcement name, and the program announcement version code 801b. The program announcement numeric version code will match the General Application Instructions version code 801.

### **II.H.2. Administrative Actions**

After receipt of applications, the following administrative actions may occur:

#### **II.H.2.a. Rejection**

The following will result in administrative rejection of the application:

- Pre-application was not submitted.
- Project Narrative exceeds page limit or is missing.
- Budget is missing.

#### **II.H.2.b. Modification**

- Pages exceeding the specific limits will be removed prior to review for all documents other than the Project Narrative.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

#### **II.H.2.c. Withdrawal**

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the application:

- An FY23 TSCR Programmatic Panel member is named as being involved in the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation, and the development of any supporting documentation. *A list of the FY23 TSCR Programmatic Panel members can be found at <https://cdmrp.health.mil/tscrp/panels/panels23>.*
- The application fails to conform to this program announcement description.
- Inclusion of URLs, with the exception of links in References Cited and Publication and/or Patent Abstract sections.
- Page size is larger than 8.5 inches x 11.0 inches (approximately 21.59 cm x 27.94 cm).
- To preserve the integrity of its peer and programmatic review processes, the CDMRP discourages inclusion of any employee of its review contractors having any role in the preparation, research or other duties for submitted applications. For FY23, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found at the CDMRP website (<https://cdmrp.health.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>). Applications that include names of personnel from either of these companies may be administratively withdrawn.
- Personnel from applicant or collaborating organizations are found to have contacted persons involved in the review or approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process.
- Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DOD federal agencies, received through eBRAP may be withdrawn.
- Applications submitted by an intramural DOD organization may be withdrawn if the intramural organization cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance, or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to extramural collaborators.
- Submission of the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- [Attachment 9, Animal Research Plan](#), is missing (if applicable).
- For projects involving data analysis and/or specimens from completed clinical trial(s) or involving in a pilot clinical trial, [Attachment 10, Letter\(s\) Confirming Access to Essential Resource](#) is missing.
- The PI does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Projects that are strictly animal research and do not include a clinical component.
- **Partnering PI Option:** Failure to submit all associated (Initiating and Partnering PI) applications by the deadline.

#### **II.H.2.d. Withhold**

Applications that appear to involve research misconduct will be administratively withheld from further consideration pending organizational investigation. The organization will be required to provide the findings of the investigation to the USAMRAA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

### II.H.3. Application Submission Checklist

Application Components	Action	Initiating PI Completed	Partnering PI Completed
SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance ( <b>extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete form as instructed		
Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) ( <b>intramural submissions only</b> )	Complete tabs as instructed		
Attachments	Project Narrative: Upload as Attachment 1 with file name "ProjectNarrative.pdf"		
	Supporting Documentation: Upload as Attachment 2 with file name "Support.pdf"		
	Technical Abstract: Upload as Attachment 3 with file name "TechAbs.pdf"		
	Lay Abstract: Upload as Attachment 4 with file name "LayAbs.pdf"		
	Statement of Work: Upload as Attachment 5 with file name "SOW.pdf"		
	Impact Statement: Upload as Attachment 6 with file name "Impact.pdf"		
	Clinical Translation Statement: Upload as Attachment 7 with file name "Translation.pdf"		
	Partnership Statement: Upload as Attachment 8 with file name "Partnership.pdf" if applicable		
	Animal Research Plan: Upload as Attachment 9 with file name "AnimalPlan.pdf" if applicable		
	Letter(s) Confirming Access to Specimens and/or Data: Upload as Attachment 10 with file name "Access.pdf" if applicable		
	Representations (extramural submissions only): Upload as Attachment 11 with file name "RequiredReps.pdf"		
	Suggested Collaborating DOD Military Facility Budget Format: Upload as Attachment 12 with file name "MFBudget.pdf" if applicable		



<b>Application Components</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Initiating PI Completed</b>	<b>Partnering PI Completed</b>
Research & Related Personal Data	Complete form as instructed		
Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)	Attach PI Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field		
	Attach PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (Support_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field		
	Attach Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field		
	Attach Previous/Current/Pending (Support_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field		
Research & Related Budget ( <b>extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete as instructed. Attach Budget Justification (BudgetJustification.pdf) to the appropriate field		
Budget ( <b>intramural submissions only</b> )	Complete the Suggested DOD Military Budget Format, including justification		
Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form	Complete form as instructed		
Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form	Complete form as instructed		

## APPENDIX 1: ACRONYM LIST

ACOS/R&D	Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development
ACURO	Animal Care and Use Review Office
ARRIVE	Animal Research: Reporting In Vivo Experiments
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CTRA	Clinical Translational Research Award
CTRA-PPIO	Clinical Translational Research Award Partnering PI Option
DHP	Defense Health Program
DOD	Department of Defense
DoDGARs	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
eBRAP	Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal
EC	Ethics Committee
ET	Eastern Time
FAD	Funding Authorization Document
FAPIIS	Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IRB	Institutional Review Board
LAM	Lymphangioliomyomatosis
LOI	Letter of Intent
M	Million
MB	Megabyte
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
NIH	National Institutes of Health
OHARO	Office of Human and Animal Research Oversight
OHRA	Office of Human Research Oversight
ORCID	Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc.
PDF	Portable Document Format
PPIO	Partnering PI Option
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator
SAM	System for Award Management
SOW	Statement of Work
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics
TAND	TSC-Associated Neuropsychiatric Disorders
TSC	Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
TSCRCP	Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program

UEI	Unique Entity Identifier
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USAMRAA	U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
USAMRDC	U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command
USC	United States Code
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs