

## **Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) NOT-CA-24-041: Administrative Supplements for Assessing and Enhancing Survivorship Care**

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Goal of this supplement: to examine the extent to which survivorship care or programs align with recently developed National Standards for Survivorship Care. The ultimate goal is to better understand the existing landscape of care and how to achieve effective survivorship care.

### **Background**

Recently, as part of the Biden Cancer Moonshot and the President's Cancer Cabinet, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Veterans Affairs (VA) developed the *National Standards for Cancer Survivorship Care*. These standards define the (1) essential health system policy and process components of survivorship care programs; and (2) outcomes to evaluate the quality of survivorship care. The process to develop these standards included a review of relevant guidelines, literature, quality frameworks, and prior work outside the US, as well as national consensus meetings of subject-matter experts to prioritize indicators. The standards are available on the NCI Office of Cancer Survivorship website, for health systems and organizations to assess survivorship care quality and align current and future survivorship services.

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/ocs/special-focus-areas/developing-national-cancer-survivorship-standards>.

**Eligibility:** Only current awardees of an active NCI-funded R01, R37, R00, P01, P30, U01, UM1, UH3, or U19 are eligible to apply. Note that P30 NCI-Designated Cancer Centers are eligible to apply.

Investigators should request supplement support to utilize the National Standards for Survivorship Care to do the following:

- Assess alignment of the standards with an existing survivorship program within the healthcare system or cancer center
- Evaluate the extent to which the survivorship program is available and utilized by survivors (e.g., availability, affordability, accessibility, accommodation, and acceptability)
- Identify barriers and facilitators to accessing survivorship care, and
- Identify gap areas for future development

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is it acceptable to propose to enhance components of survivorship care without using the National Standards for Cancer Survivorship Care?**

The goal of this NOSI is to stimulate supplement applications that assess alignment with the National Standards for Cancer Survivorship Care and evaluate accessibility of survivorship programs, including barriers and facilitators. As such, applicants must propose to first evaluate alignment with the National Standards for Survivorship Care as part of their application.

### **Is it better to focus on multiple cancer types or a single cancer type?**

An application can focus on a single cancer type or multiple cancer types. The investigator must justify the choice of the cancer or cancers to be studied. Applications that propose assessment of survivorship care for one cancer type should address how this approach may serve as a prototype for other types of cancer.

### **Can the Principal Investigator (PI) request an administrative supplement if their grant is in the first year of a new award? Or in the last year?**

Administrative supplements to a grant in the first year of a new award (Type-1 or Type-2) may not be considered a high priority for funding, as the PI has not had sufficient time to determine if there is a need for additional funds/aims for the study. Conversely, PDs/PIs must hold an active award supported through NCI with sufficient time (minimum 1 year) left to complete the proposed project after the supplement has been awarded within the existing project period.

### **Who can request an administrative supplement?**

Personnel listed in the parent grant can initiate an administrative supplement request, but the request should be submitted by the awardee/recipient institution. For supplements to parent awards that include multiple PIs, the supplement may be requested by any or all of the PIs (in accordance with the existing leadership plan) and submitted by the awardee/recipient institution. Supplements for P30 Cancer Center Support Grants should list the PI of the grant but may include a project lead if different from the grant PI.

### **How will NCI prioritize applications for funding?**

NCI will be prioritizing supplements based on the scientific merit and innovation, as well as the strength of the rigor and methods to assess and enhance survivorship care.

### **When will these supplements start?**

These supplements are tentatively scheduled to begin in late summer of 2024.