



CANCER PREVENTION &
RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS
FOUNDATION

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW OF CPRIT FOUNDATION

The CPRIT Foundation is the 501(c)(3) non-profit arm of the Institute. Its sole purpose is to support the efforts of the Institute by providing additional resources for employing experienced leadership, promoting CPRIT and its mission through a variety of special projects to improve the lives of Texans, and creating opportunities for high-level collaboration among nationally-recognized cancer specialists.

- Collaboration with a variety of entities, community leaders, and other organizations involved in the fight against cancer;
- Innovation in the selection of research projects emphasizing immediate or long term medical breakthroughs;
- Commercialization of completed research; and
- Education for citizens with culturally appropriate information about ways in which their risks of developing and dying from cancer can be reduced.

Foundation activities include, but are not limited to:

- Support towards all efforts of the Institute;
- Marketing and grassroots campaigns to promote CPRIT and its objectives;
- Cancer prevention awareness and education programs to the public;
- Bring nationally-recognized cancer specialists to Texas for roundtable meetings and conferences; and
- Stakeholder relations and community outreach;

The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, therefore investments are tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

CREATION OF CPRIT

- ✓ November 2007, Texas voters approved Proposition 15 - HJR 90, the constitutional amendment which allowed the State of Texas to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- ✓ Mandated to issue \$3 billion in general obligation bonds over ten years to fund grants for cancer research and prevention, clinical trials, and laboratory facility construction in Texas
- ✓ CPRIT Oversight Committee, the governing body of the agency, is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor or Speaker of the House as well as the Comptroller and Attorney General.
- ✓ Bill Gimson, former Chief Operating Officer of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention named Executive Director

- ✓ Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D., renowned scientist and Nobel Laureate, named Chief Scientific Officer
- ✓ Phillip A. Sharp, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, to head CPRIT Scientific Review Council
- ✓ Rebecca Garcia, Ph.D., former Vice President of Health Services for the Susan G. Komen Foundation named Chief Prevention Officer
- ✓ Texas Legislature authorizes \$450 million for 2010-2011 fiscal years (biennium) for CPRIT
- ✓ CPRIT issues request for applications in August for five different research funding awards
- ✓ CPRIT issues request for applications in September for two prevention program grants
- ✓ 105 premiere cancer scientists from across the country recruited to conduct peer review of CPRIT applications

WHY IS CPRIT UNIQUE?

CPRIT is harnessing its unique place in the industry to share a new perspective on the ideas that can make a difference in the fight against cancer. If we take high risks, we will be rewarded by high reward. With CPRIT's innovative approach to cancer research and prevention, and the scientists who do the work, Texas has the potential to become the mecca of cancer research and prevention innovations.

WHY IS CPRIT NEEDED?

- Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Texas
- Texas has almost 98,000 new cancer cases each year
- 37,000 Texans diagnosed with cancer die every year
- Cost of Cancer in Texas is \$22 billion annually
- Cancer is the leading cause of death for Texas men and women between the ages of 35 and 74
- One out of every two Texas men will be diagnosed with cancer in his lifetime

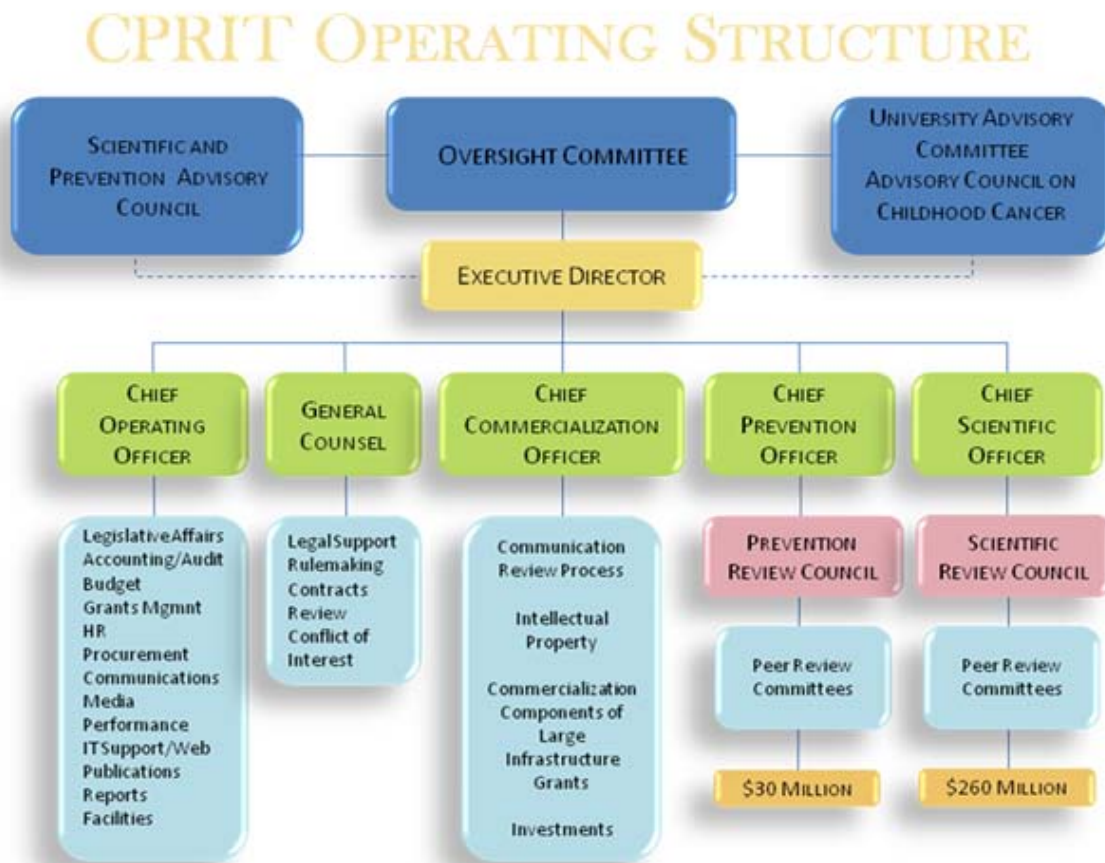
KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ First grant cycle awarded within 9 months of operation:
 - January 20, 2010 Announced first slate of research grants totaling over \$61 million
 - March 10, 2010 Announced first slate of prevention grants totaling over \$7 million
- ✓ In the fiscal year 2010, appropriations include more than \$79 million toward research and prevention awards.

BOARD AND STAFF

The CPRIT Foundation's Executive Committee consists of passionate and active members including

- Executive Director Jennifer Lustina
- Chairman Jimmy Mansour
- Joseph Bailes, M.D.
- Cindy Brinker Simmons



RESEARCH AND PREVENTION

Research – Research proposals will be assessed using an external-to-Texas peer review process. CPRIT's goal is to fund the very best science; focus on innovation and importance; encourage risk and share risk; support the entire spectrum of research: basic, translational, clinical; and make fundamental discoveries that will benefit patients.

Potential Research Focus Areas

- Cancer Biology and Genetics
- Cancer Treatment and Drug Discovery
- Immunology
- Epidemiology and Population Research
- Imaging and Diagnostics

Prevention – Ten percent of CPRIT funding, or up to \$30 million annually, to be used for prevention programs that will directly touch Texans throughout the state. Programs will help implement the Texas Cancer Plan, the statewide blueprint for cancer prevention and control in Texas.

Potential Prevention Focus Areas

- Prevention Information and Services
- Early Detection and Treatment
- Professional Education and Practice
- Cancer Data Acquisition and Practice
- Survivorship

CPRIT seeks to fund prevention programs that are:

- Collaborative, innovative, unique, effective and have a measurable impact
- Evidence based
- Seeking to establish evidence base if none exists
- Non-duplicative or cover areas/populations not well served