



## CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

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Project Title:  
Increasing Breast, Cervical, and Colon Cancer Screening and increasing HPV vaccination among Underserved Texans: A collaboration with the United Way's 211 Program

Award Mechanism:  
Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Services

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### Lay Summary:

Cancer prevention and screening interventions for underserved Texans must recognize and address the fundamental challenges that these groups face such as competing priorities, access barriers, and unmet basic needs. We propose a cancer prevention and control program that will deliver and evaluate an intervention that will address these barriers and increase use of cancer prevention and control services. This will be accomplished through an innovative partnership with the United Way 2-1-1, a telephone information and referral system that reaches millions of low income Texans each year and connects them to available resources that meet their needs. The proposed renewal prevention program will continue to administer a phone navigator intervention designed to connect 2-1-1 callers to evidence-based screening and prevention services including mammography, Pap test screening, colorectal cancer screening, and HPV vaccination. We will also provide financial assistance to eligible participants for obtaining needed cancer screenings or transportation assistance to and from clinics. We will be partnering with community clinics in our three sites across Texas: El Paso, Weslaco and Houston. This collaborative effort combines expertise in developing and delivering cancer prevention interventions with the strength of the Texas 2-1-1 network. This partnership has tremendous potential to directly further the goals of the Texas Cancer Plan by developing a sustainable program that will increase use of effective and accessible cancer control services among thousands of underserved Texans.