UCDHS GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATING
MULTI-INVESTIGATOR PROGRAM PROJECT & CENTER GRANT MATCHES
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Premise:
Matching funds may be an institutional requirement for consideration of extramural funding.

Specific Evaluation Criteria:
Matching funds requests will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
1. The proposal involves a coordinated research program involving four to six investigators, funded by an NIH P-series or similar grant. Sponsor-initiated clinical trials are not eligible.
2. The proposal enhances the quality, scope and size of our research programs, in a manner consistent with the UCDHS strategic plan.
3. The proposal is innovative, collaborative and inter/multi-disciplinary.
4. The proposal increases the potential for making high-impact discoveries.
5. The proposal is synergistic with other institutional missions (e.g. education, clinical care, or community outreach)
6. The PI and associated faculty have demonstrated leadership skills, experience and relevant individual grant support.
7. The requested institutional support maximizes our return on investment and maintains institutional financial stability. (Typically, approximately 5-10% of the grant’s proposed direct costs would be a reasonable match.)

Procedure for requesting matching funds:
1. Requests for UCDHS support should be directed to the Associate Dean for Research no less than six weeks before a letter of commitment is required. Send requests in writing to the attention of Dr. Ted Wandzilak at MedBridgeAndMatchFunds@ucdavis.edu.
2. UCDHS requests should include:
a. A copy of the grant RFA or PA,
b. A list of participating faculty investigators with departmental affiliations
c. A copy of the proposal’s specific aims, overall budget, and a specific match request.
3. When programs involve multiple campus schools or colleges, requests should be forwarded, instead, to the ACCLS (Academic Coordinating Council for Life Sciences) for consideration of a coordinated, multi-school/college match. PI’s should arrange with the College of Biological Sciences Deans Office to schedule a formal presentation to the Council no less than two months before a letter of commitment is required.
4. A UCDHS review committee (unless submitted to the ACCLS) will evaluate the request and make a recommendation for partial or full support.
5. Final support will be approved by the Executive Associate Dean for Research and Education.

Mechanism for funding:
1. Initial internal fund source will be identified by the Dean’s Office.
2. Wherever possible, returned indirect costs will be used to replenish the funding pool.