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Wolf Administration Awards \$10 Million to 23 Entities to Develop Effective COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments and Therapies

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced that 23 awardees will receive \$10 million in grant funding through the COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments and Therapies (CV-VTT) program to support the rapid advancement of vaccines, treatments and therapies by qualified biotechnology entities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We know that the only way we can get back to our normal lives is by developing a robust testing and tracing infrastructure combined with effective, safe and affordable treatments and vaccines,” said Gov. Wolf. “The funding awarded today will jumpstart a number of promising projects that would help Pennsylvania overcome this devastating global pandemic, setting us on a path to recovery and protection both now and in the future.”

Of the 23 projects, \$6.8 million was awarded to 12 vaccine projects, nearly \$1.2 million was awarded to five therapy projects, nearly \$1.6 million was awarded to five treatment projects, and \$430,000 was awarded to a project that will support the build out of physical infrastructure, advancing the development of leading edge innovations in the fight against SARS-CoV-2.

Projects awarded funding include those that will study the use of cancer medications on COVID-19 patients; the development of a research and training space to accelerate the pace of COVID-19 treatment development; the acceleration of vaccine development efforts; and the development of a protective antibody for at-risk individuals, including the elderly, among other innovative and promising new ideas.

The full list of grant recipients can be found [here](#).

The program, [announced last month](#), was made available to Pennsylvania-based entities that demonstrate both a financial need and a well-defined pathway to the accelerated commercialization of a new vaccine, treatment or therapy in direct response to fight against COVID-19.

Funding for the program was appropriated from the Act 2A of 2020, known as the COVID-19 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2019, to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), to be administered through a Notice of Subgrant by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Office of Technology and Innovation.

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, Pennsylvanians should follow <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/>.