

Cancer is a leading cause of death in every county in Washington State. In 2015, the state legislature created the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment (CARE) Fund, a bold public-private partnership that incentivizes additional investment by securing private and non-state matching funds to maximize the state's investment in cancer research.

## \$14 MILLION

**Total State Appropriations Since 2016** 

\$12.8M Research Grants \$1.2M

Program Administration To leverage Washington's world-class cancer research and care centers, the state legislature is authorized to commit up to \$10 million per year to the CARE Fund to carry out its mission to improve health outcomes and create new jobs in the biotechnology sector.

With the passage of House Bill 1873 during the 2019 Legislative Session, the CARE Fund will begin receiving a portion of vapor product tax revenue in 2020.

## **OBJECTIVES**









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# **FUNDING** Priorities

#### **Distinguished Researchers**

Supporting world-class, distinguished cancer researchers newly recruited to Washington State from around the globe.

#### Breakthrough Research

Funding innovative, cross-disciplinary research and collaborations that aim to find the next big discovery in cancer research.

### Grantee Highlight: Distinguished Researcher



Dr. Heather Greenlee, ND, PHD, MPH Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

An epidemiologist and naturopathic physician, Dr. Greenlee focuses on cancer prevention, control, and survivorship and integrative medicine. She opened the Integrative Medicine Clinic at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and is now leading an initiative to develop evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the use of integrative therapies alongside conventional cancer treatments. Dr. Greenlee has also developed research collaborations to study diet and physical activity interventions for Latino cancer survivors in the Yakima Valley.

### 11 GRANTS

awarded to support nine world-class Distinguished Researchers and two Breakthrough Research Projects

### **\$24.2 MILLION**

match from non-state resources to leverage state funding more than four to one

# **ANTICIPATED** Outcomes

The Andy Hill CARE Fund is projected to fund up to 15 Distinguished Researchers and two Breakthrough Research Projects through 2020.

### Program Administrator

Spokane-based Empire Health Foundation (EHF) serves as Program Administrator for the CARE Fund. EHF is responsible for working with expert scientific review panels to provide independent evaluation of grant applications and administer grants to fund cancer research.

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