The Diversity in Early Development Clinical Trials Research Grants Program is supporting four teams to increase diversity among participants in Phase 1 and Phase 2 cancer clinical trials. The objective is to increase accessibility for patients of all racial and ethnic backgrounds and/or medically underserved locations to equally participate in studies.

Each Team is bringing together key stakeholders that are deeply connected to the impacted communities, integrating social/behavioral determinants of health, community engagement and outreach with cancer biology, prevention, and treatment, and realizing the ideal of health equity. To accomplish this, the Eliminating Enrollment Barriers to Early Phase Trials in a Diverse Population in Los Angeles County team will:

1. Engage oncology care providers in a safety net hospital system to identify referral barriers and facilitators using key informant interviews.

2. Create a multicomponent intervention tailored to address barriers at the patient, provider, and system levels and to optimize the referral and enrollment process in early phase therapeutic trials in a safety-net setting.

3. Evaluate the impact of remote trial enrollment in a funded investigator-initiated trial.