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SUBJECT: AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: Alzheimer's Disease Program

The Chronic Disease Control Branch, Alzheimer's Disease Program (ADP) is pleased to announce its intent to award seven (7) research grants totaling \$1,680,000.

The award recipients and research categories are:

1. BIOMARKERS AND EARLY DETECTION. Innovations in tracking and monitoring the development and progression of Alzheimer's disease.

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Principal Investigator: Edmund Teng, M.D., PhD  
Institution: University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Title: "Plasma Neuronal Pentraxins as Markers of Synaptic Dysfunction in Alzheimer's Disease"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$240,000/Three Years

Principal Investigator: David Teplow, PhD  
Institution: University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Title: "Diagnostic and Prognostic Test for Alzheimer's Disease"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$240,000/Three Years

2. CAREGIVING. The economic and social impacts of caregiving.

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Principal Investigator: Donna Benton, PhD  
Institution: University of Southern California, in consortium with Family Caregiver Alliance and National Center on Caregiving  
Project Title: "Pilot Test and Evaluation of Online Multi-Component Support Program for Caregivers of Adults with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$480,000/Three Years

Principal Investigator: Michael Weiner, M.D.  
Institution: University of California, San Francisco  
Project Title: "Elucidating the Effects of Alzheimer's Caregiving Using the Brain Health Registry"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$240,000/Three Years

3. EPIDEMIOLOGY. The identification of risk factors and targets for preventive healthcare and public health messaging.

Principal Investigator: Penny Brennan, PhD  
Institution: University of California, San Francisco  
Project Title: "Late Life-Span Use of Alcohol: Prospective Effects on Dementia Risk and Cognitive Functioning"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$160,000/Two Years

4. HEALTH DISPARITIES. Identifying and understanding upstream determinants of health that result in disproportionate health outcomes, and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders among California's diverse population.

Principal Investigator: Guerry Peavy, PhD  
Institution: University of California, San Diego  
Project Title: "Cognitive Decline in Hispanic versus non-Hispanic Alzheimer Caregivers"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$240,000/Three Years

Principal Investigator: Laurel Beck, PhD  
Institution: Public Policy Institute of California  
Project Title: "Planning for California's Growing Alzheimer's Population"  
Amount/Years Awarded: \$80,000/One Year

The State of California supports research that contributes to the better understanding, care, and support of patients and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

~~Pursuant to Revenue & Taxation Code Sections 18761-18766, the ADP is authorized to award funds for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders research. All awards are funded solely from California taxpayers, through voluntary contributions to the Alzheimer's Disease tax check-off fund.~~

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations that dedicated time and effort to submitting applications.