

On November 5<sup>th</sup> Texans will vote on Proposition 6 to continue Texas' historic initiative to cure and prevent cancer by providing \$3 billion to the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Cancer is the leading cause of death for Texans under 85. One in three people will get cancer; more children and teens die from cancer than any other disease. In economic terms, cancer cost the state \$40 billion in direct medical costs and mortality losses in 2018.

Texans created CPRIT in 2007 and its investments have made the state a cancer research powerhouse. In 2018 alone, CPRIT-funded scientists won the Nobel Prize for Medicine, a MacArthur "Genius Grant," and the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences for work that expands the boundaries of available cancer treatments. In addition, \$1.4 billion in total expenditures resulted in adding \$720 million in gross product to the state's economy as well as 10,100 jobs.

CPRIT-funded scientists and clinicians make cancer prevention and cures possible with every advancement. More than 19,000 patients have enrolled in 132 CPRIT-funded clinical studies. In addition, CPRIT spends 12 percent of its portfolio on childhood and adolescent cancers, proportionally three times more than the national rate. Thirty-six CPRIT-funded companies, including 13 that have relocated to Texas, enhance the state's growing reputation as a major life-science cluster. This work creates high-quality jobs, supports critical lab infrastructure assets, and along the way, helps thousands of cancer patients extend their lives.

CPRIT has supported cancer prevention projects to Texans from all 254 counties, with screenings detecting 21,000 cancers and cancer precursors. Addressing geographic disparities is a top CPRIT priority, and its prevention programs have done much to strengthen clinical health networks in rural and underserved areas.

Continuing CPRIT's work includes opportunities to increase clinical trial options available to Texans, make Texas the world leader in immunotherapy and childhood cancer research and treatment, expand networks across the state providing proven cancer prevention services, spur further growth of the emerging life science industry in Texas, and improve cancer research capabilities of the state's institutions.