



Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative: Past, Present, Future

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For: 3rd Annual Invitational Symposium for Research to Inform Tobacco Control

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Presentation Objectives:

- Introduce the CTCRI's mission, values and history
- Present past and future levels of tobacco research funding in Canada
- Provide highlights of current funding programs and strategic activities
- Outline CTCRI future: options and challenges

CTCRI Mission

- To provide strategic leadership in Canada and internationally to stimulate, coordinate and sustain research that has a direct impact on tobacco control programs and policies across Canada.

CTCRI Strategic Objectives

- To increase research that informs decision-making regarding tobacco control policies and programs
- To increase the **use** of research in decision-making regarding tobacco control policies and programs

History

1997-1998 Planning and launch

- Initial seed funding from NCIC

1999-2003 Phase I CTCRI is a partnership of

- National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC)
- Canadian Cancer Society (CCS)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

2003-2008 Phase II CTCRI is a partnership of

- National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC)
- Canadian Cancer Society (CCS)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)

CTCRI Current Partners

Current key partners:

- National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC)
- Canadian Cancer Society (CCS)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (*Institutes of: Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction, Cancer Research, Aboriginal Peoples' Health, Circulatory and Respiratory Health, Gender and Health, Human Development Child and Youth Health*)

Partners contributing to CTCRI research funding programs:

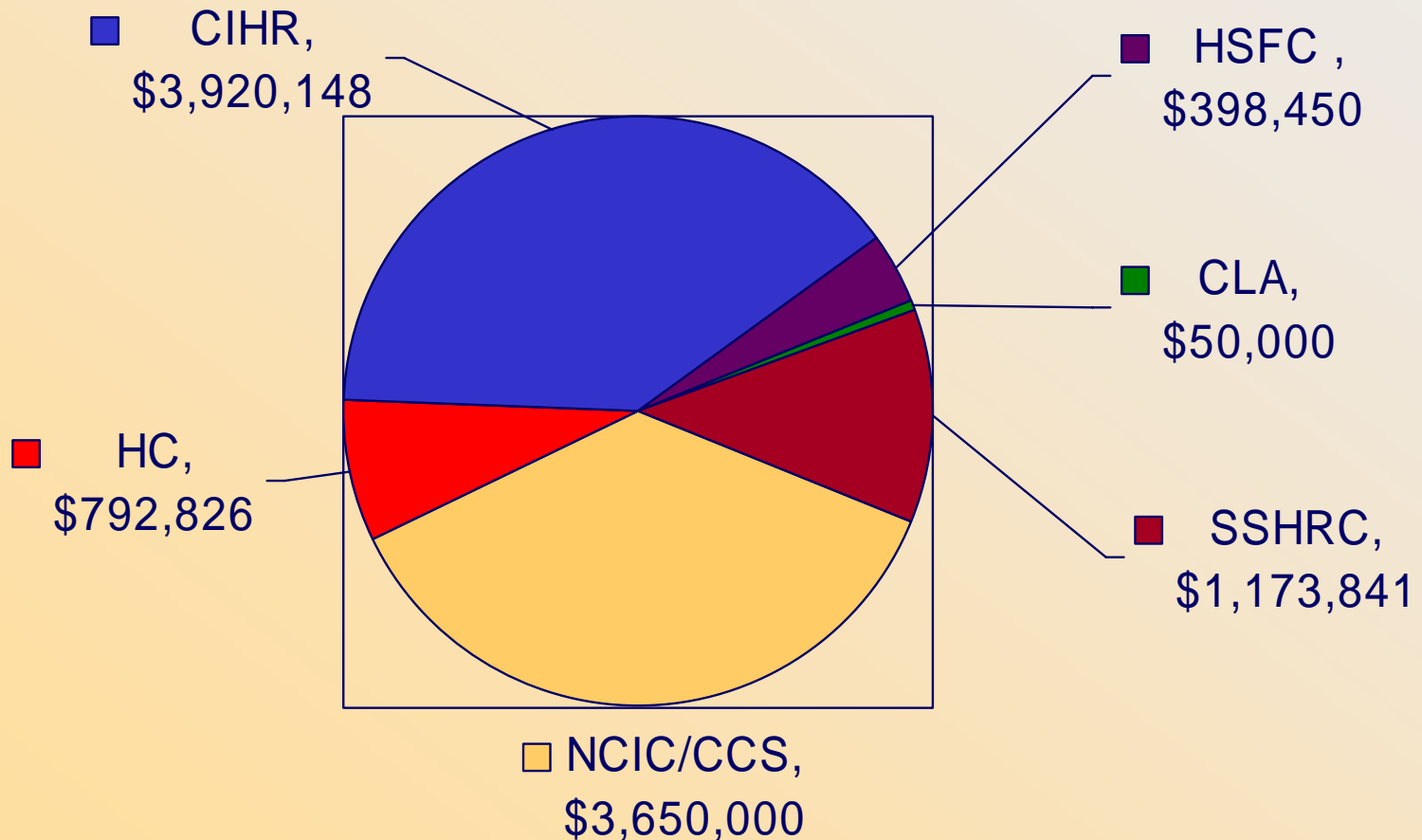
- Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Canadian Lung Association in partnership with l'Association pulmonaire du Québec

Other co-funders:

- Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
- Interprovincial Consortium on Problem Gambling Research
- Research for International Tobacco Control (RITC)
- American Cancer Society
- Cancer Research UK

Partner Contributions 1999-2005

Total CTCRI Funding \$9,985,000



Other CTCRI Collaborators

The Annual Symposium is being co-organized and sponsored by

- CTCRI
- Strategic Training Program in Tobacco Research (STPTR)
- the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU)
- the Strategic Training Program on Tobacco Use in Special Populations (TUSP)
- the Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Grant Programs (ICE)
- l'Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ), and
- Health Canada

International Partners:

- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office on Smoking and Health
- US National Cancer Institute (NCI), Tobacco Control Research Branch
- US National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Youth Tobacco Cessation Collaborative (YTCC)

CTCRI Governance

The CTCRI Board of Directors:

- 2 representatives from each of the 4 main funding partners: Canadian Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute of Canada, Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Health Canada.

CTCRI staff

- 1 Director, 2 Managers and 2 Admin

CTCRI Priorities for Research

(Identified by Canadian Tobacco Control Research Summit, 2002)



PRIORITY TOPICS:

- Aboriginal Peoples
- Determinants of Tobacco Use
- Economics of Tobacco Control
- Harm Reduction: Cessation, ETS, and Product Modification
- Integrated Interventions
- Nicotine Addiction
- Sex Differences, Gender Influences
- Tobacco Industry Practices

CHALLENGES:

- Developing capacity to conduct excellent tobacco-related research
- Addressing gaps in research data
- Stimulating knowledge translation
- Enhancing research methods
- Fostering national coordination
- Building international collaboration

Overview of CTCRI Grant Programs

Peer-reviewed
Expert-reviewed

- Idea Grants \$50,000 April 1 and October 1
- Policy Research Grants \$80,000 April 1 and October 1
 - Policy FastTrack \$80,000 any time except 1 month before and/or after regular competitions
- Knowledge Synthesis Grants \$120,000 April 1, 2006
- CTCRI Small Grants: flexible deadlines
 - Planning \$15,000 Feb 28, May 30, Aug 30, Nov 30
 - Student Research \$10,000 Mar 30, Jun 30, Sep 30, Dec 30
 - Researcher Travel \$3,000 any time
 - Workshop and Learning Opportunity \$15,000 any time

New! Knowledge Synthesis Funding Program

Funding: \$120,000 for 1 year

Goal: support interdisciplinary teams of researchers and practitioners/decision-makers to conduct collaborative reviews of evidence for particular tobacco control interventions

Expected outcomes of the reviews will be:

- (1) guidelines for practice in the relevant area(s);
- (2) priorities for further research; and
- (3) feedback on the use of the best practices model associated with the RFA.

Method: "user-directed" approach.

Deadline: Pilot Test April 1 **Announced:** Jan 15

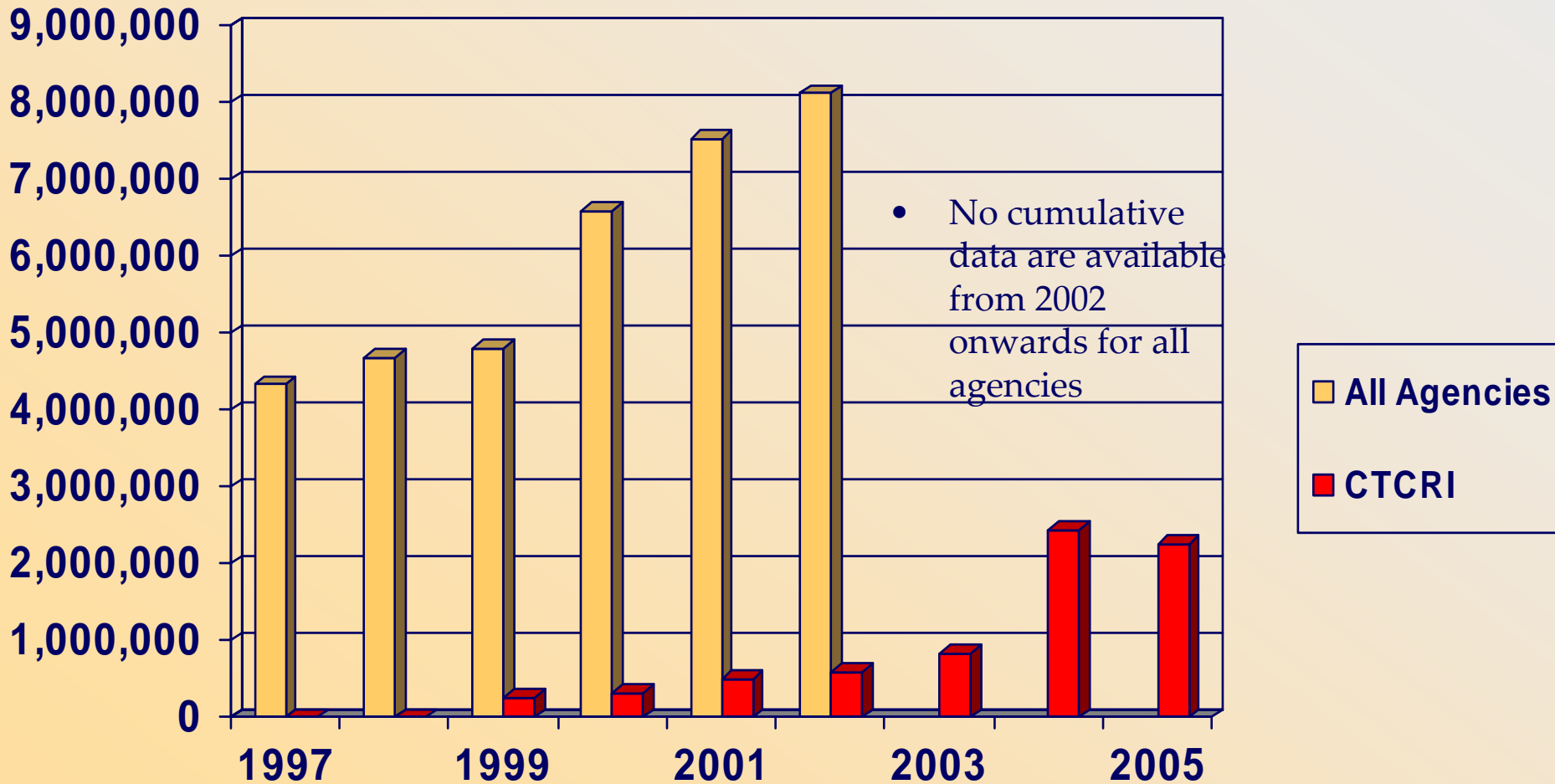
CTCRI Special Grant Programs

- CTCRI-administered Partnership Programs:
 - **Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Team Grants**
2003, \$300,000 per year for up to 5 years
 - **Community-based Research Grants (CBR)**
2005, \$250,000 per year for 5 years

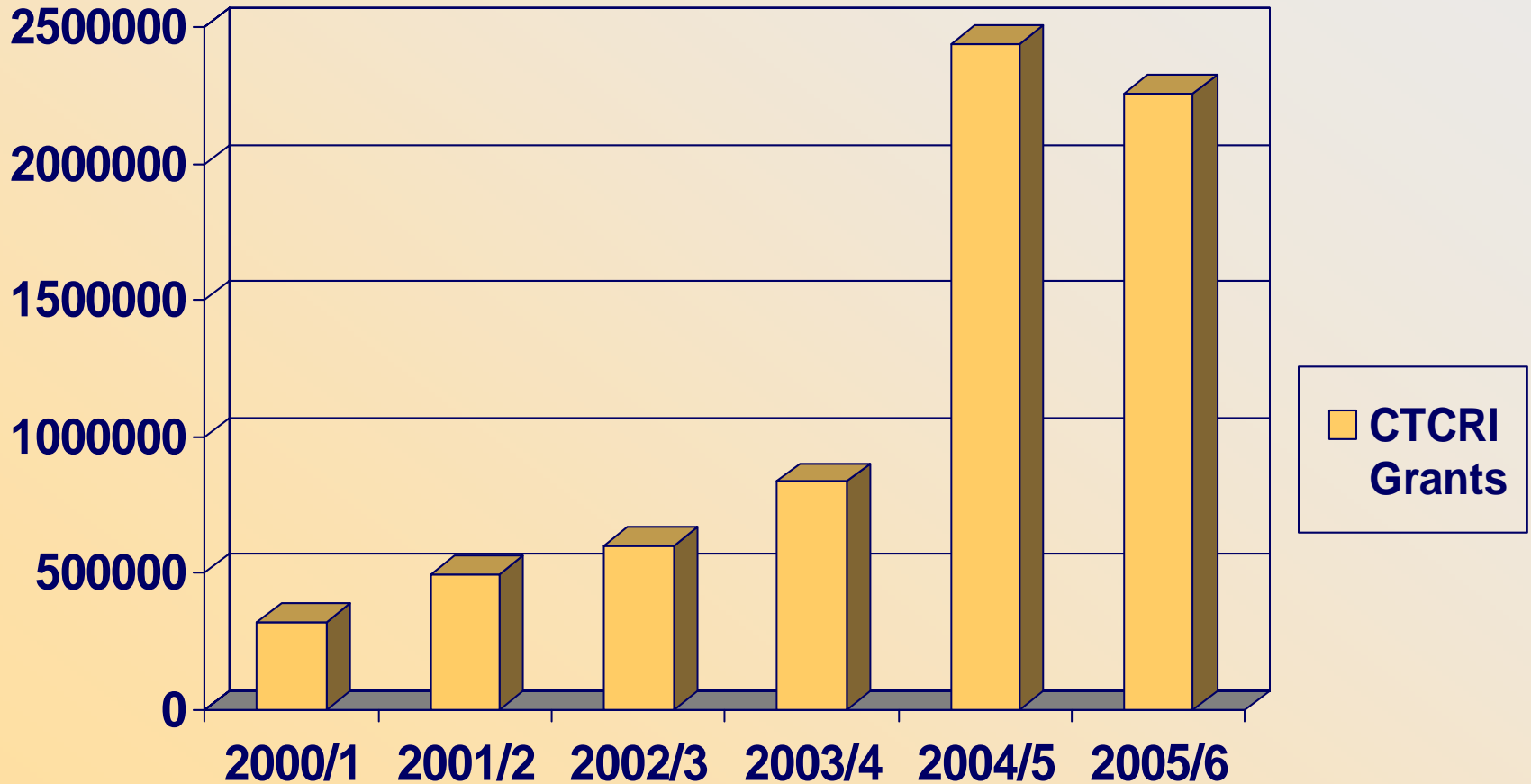
- Partner-administered Partnership Programs:
 - Strategic Initiative "Research in Addictions: Innovative Approaches in Health Research" 2005, various tools and \$s

- International Grants
 - **Small Policy grants for low- and middle-income countries**
"Research to Support and Inform Ratification, Implementation and/or Enforcement of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)"
2004-2005, \$10,000 a year, one year grants

Funded Research in Canada 1997-2002



CTCRI Funded Research 2000-2006



Highlights of CTCRI Funding Programs

- **2004** 40+ grants **\$5,687,897**
total approved
Including 3 ICE grants
- **2005** 30+ grants **\$2,600,000**
total approved
Including 2 CBR grants

Highlights of CTCRI Strategic Activities

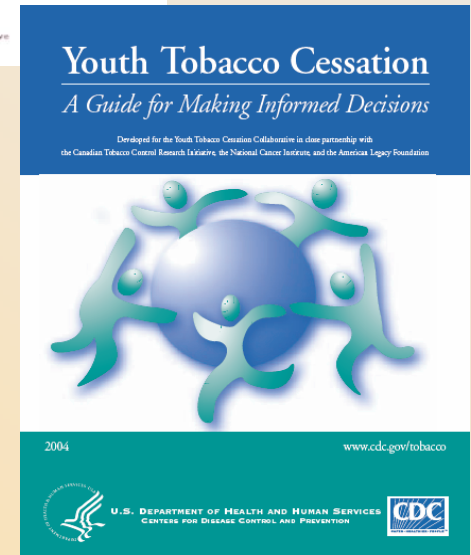
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
 - The CTCRI's National Advisory Group on Monitoring and Evaluation
 - The report “Indicators for Monitoring Tobacco Control: A Resource for Decision-Makers, Evaluators & Researchers”, 2006



Highlights of CTCRI Strategic Activities

Youth Cessation:

- “Identifying Outcome Indicators and Measurement Items for Evaluating Youth Smoking Cessation Interventions”, 2006
- “Youth Tobacco Cessation: A Guide for Making Informed Decisions”, 2004



CTCRI Future

- CTCRI Board vision for Phase III:
 - Aim at continuation of the CTCRI after 2008
 - Actively explore funding opportunities with new and continuing partners in tobacco and other areas
 - Incorporating tobacco control work into and adding value to: chronic disease prevention and population health research initiatives
 - Review and incorporate current grants programs and projects
 - Actively explore options for future secretariat funding for the CTCRI

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