

# Pre-registered and coordinated research: the EGAP regranting pool

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- Despite difficulties, it seems critical to explore whether channels that link intervention to outcome are operative in different contexts

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- The RFP will go out soon. Co-PIs on regranting initiative are Craig McIntosh (UCSD), Susan Hyde (Yale), and Guy Grossman (U. of Pennsylvania).

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