



The Tax Check-off Program

In 1997, the State Legislature added contributions from the state income tax return donation check-off program to the California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP). Line 57 of the California Income Tax Return Form 540 enables residents to make a donation to the California Breast Cancer Research Fund from their tax refunds or to add a contribution to their tax bill.

- Contributions to line 57 are simple, effective, and automatically tax-deductible for the following year
- The tax check-off program has drawn over \$6 million for breast cancer research
- Since 1994, the CBCRP has awarded over \$164 million in 672 grants at 73 institutions and community organizations throughout California
- Ninety-five percent of all funds received by the CBCRP go to research and educational efforts

A sample of the broad research supported by Tax Check-off contributions:

- Lifestyle influences (like diet and obesity) that increase breast cancer risks
- Environmental factors (like dioxins and PBDEs) that potentially cause breast cancer
- Natural and low-toxic preventive agents and therapies like mushrooms and Chinese herbs
- Earlier detection methods such as optical detectors or blood tests
- Reliable predictors of the disease
- Better support networks for socially or geographically isolated women
- Living well post-diagnosis, looking at such issues as returning to work, the partner's role in recovery, and the effectiveness of support groups

For a full list of grants that received funds from Tax Check-off contributions, visit www.endbreastcancer.org.