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Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: 2023 Special Interest Project Competitive Supplement (SIPS)

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Overview

Participating Organization(s)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Components of Participating Organizations

Components of Participating Organizations:
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Title

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: 2023 Special Interest Project Competitive Supplement (SIPS)

Activity Code

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AMENDMENT1: February 2, 2023, Under "Executive Summary", Special Date(s) was edited because the Pre-Application Informational Call originally scheduled for February 7, 2023 has been canceled. Applicants should continue to send questions to the following email address: RESEARCHNOFO@cdc.gov.

Notice of Funding Opportunity Type

New

Agency Notice of Funding Opportunity Number

RFA-DP-23-004

Assistance Listings Number(s)

93.135

Category of Funding Activity

HL - Health

NOFO Purpose

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will provide supplemental funding to Prevention Research Centers (PRCs), currently funded under CDC RFA-DP-19-001 to conduct a Special Interest Project (SIP) to design, test, evaluate, disseminate, and translate effective applied public health prevention research on interventions (i.e. programs, practices, policies, or strategies) and tools developed in real-world settings to address the leading causes of illness, disabilities, and death in the United States. The research project announced in this NOFO align with public health priorities associated with Healthy People 2030 topic area: Vaccination and Infectious Disease.

Key Dates

Publication Date:

To receive notification of any changes to RFA-DP-23-004, return to the synopsis page of this announcement at www.grants.gov and click on the "Send Me Change Notification Emails" link. An email address is needed for this service.

Letter of Intent Due Date:

02/03/2023
02/03/2023

Application Due Date:

03/03/2023
03/03/2023

On-time submission requires that electronic applications be error-free and made available to CDC for processing from the NIH eRA system on or before the deadline date. Applications must be submitted to and validated successfully by Grants.gov no later than 11:59 PM U.S. Eastern Time.

Applicants will use a system or platform to submit their applications through Grants.gov and eRA Commons to CDC. ASSIST, an institutional system to system (S2S) solution, or Grants.gov Workspace are options. ASSIST is a commonly used platform because it provides a validation of all requirements prior to submission and prevents errors.

For more information on accessing or using ASSIST, you can refer to the ASSIST Online Help Site at: https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/assist. Additional support is available from the NIH eRA Service desk via http://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html.

- E-mail: commons@od.nih.gov
- Phone: 301-402-7469 or (toll-free) 1-866-504-9552
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding Federal holidays

Note: HHS/CDC grant submission procedures do not provide a grace period beyond the application due date time to correct any error or warning notices of noncompliance with

application instructions that are identified by Grants.gov or eRA systems (i.e., error correction window).

Scientific Merit Review:
05/15/2023

Secondary Review:
06/15/2023

Estimated Start Date:
09/30/2023

Expiration Date:
03/04/2023

Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the How to Apply - Application Guide except where instructed to do otherwise in this NOFO. Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the NOFO) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in Section IV. When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions.

Page Limitations: Pages that exceed the page limits described in this NOFO will be removed and not forwarded for peer review, potentially affecting an application's score.

Applications that do not comply with these instructions may be delayed or may not be accepted for review.

Telecommunications for the Hearing Impaired: TTY 1-888-232-6348

Executive Summary

- **Purpose.** Public health practitioners need scalable, feasible interventions and tools. Applied public health prevention researchers can engage communities to develop and evaluate health promotion and disease prevention interventions, disseminate new science, and translate proven effective interventions into public health practice and policy for population health benefit. This NOFO will provide supplemental funding to Prevention Research Centers (PRCs), currently funded under RFA-DP-19-001, to conduct a Special Interest Project (SIP) to design, test, evaluate, disseminate, and translate effective applied public health prevention research strategies to include interventions (i.e., programs, practices, policies, or strategies) and tools developed in real-world settings to address the leading causes of illness, disability, and death in the United States. Research strategies align with public health priorities such as the Healthy People 2030 topic area: Vaccination and Infectious Disease.
- **Mechanism of Support.** Cooperative Agreement
- **Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards.** The estimated total period of performance funding (including direct and indirect costs) is $1,500,000. The total funding (including direct and indirect costs) for the 12-month budget period is estimated to be $1,500,000. It is anticipated that up to 3 awards will be made under this NOFO. Awards issued under this NOFO are contingent upon availability of funds and receipt of a

sufficient number of meritorious applications. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research projects will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the total amount awarded, and the number of awards will depend upon the quality, and cost of the applications.

- **Budget and Project Period.** The estimated total funding (direct and indirect) for the first 12-month budget period, 9/30/2023 - 9/29/2024, is $1,500,000. The estimated total funding (direct and indirect) for the entire project period, 9/30/2023 to 9/29/2024, is $1,500,000. See Section VIII. Other Information - Special Interest Project Descriptions for the funding amount and project period for the SIP.
- **Application Research Strategy Length:** Page limits for the Research Strategy are clearly specified in Section IV. Application and Submission Information of this announcement.
- **Eligible Institutions/Organizations.** Institutions/organizations listed in Section III, 1.A. are eligible to apply.
- **Eligible Project Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/PIs).** Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research are invited to work with their institution/organization to develop an application for support. NOTE: CDC does not make awards to individuals directly only to institutions/organizations. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply.
- **Number of PDs/PIs.** Applications may include more than one PI/PD; however, the first PI/PD listed on the application must be the PRC Core PI/PD named on the PRC Core Notice of Award. The PRC Core PI/PD will be the contact PI/PD for all correspondence associated with this NOFO. If the actual SIP PI/PD is different from the PRC Core PI/PD, then the actual SIP PI/PD should be listed in the application as the SIP Co-PI/PD. Additional SIP PIs/PDs are permitted but would be also referred to as a SIP Co-PIs/PD.
- **Number of Applications.** Multiple applications for the same SIP from the same institution are not permitted (e.g., only one application per SIP per institution is allowed).
- **Application Type.** New
- **Special Date(s). Pre-Application Informational Call originally scheduled for February 7, 2023 has been canceled. Please send questions to Researchnofo@cdc.gov. with the NOFO number in the subject line of your email.**
- **Application Materials**. See Section IV.1 for application materials.

Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

Statutory Authority

Section 1706 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300u-5, academic health centers, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 300u-5(d) and Section 799B, as amended 42 U.S.C 295p.

1. Background and Purpose

The CDC Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) Program was established by Congress in 1984 (Public Law 98-551) to conduct research in health promotion, disease prevention, and methods

of appraising health hazards and risk factors.

Congress mandated that the centers be located at academic health centers capable of providing multidisciplinary faculty with expertise in public health, relationships with professionals in other relevant fields, graduate training and demonstrated curricula in disease prevention, and a capability for residency training in public health or preventive medicine. The PRCs also serve as demonstration sites for the use of new and innovative applied public health research and activities for disease prevention and health promotion.

CDC administers the PRC Program and provides leadership, technical assistance, and oversight. Funded PRCs are able to compete for SIPs, research projects sponsored by CDC, HHS, and other federal agencies, to conduct research and other activities in priority areas. Funded PRCs are encouraged to apply for SIPs that expand and strengthen their PRC's mission and increase their applied public health research activities.

The purpose of the PRC program's SIP mechanism is to support supplemental projects in health promotion and disease prevention research. A major focus of this supplemental funding program is to design, test, evaluate, translate and/or disseminate effective applied public health prevention research strategies. The SIP mechanism, created in 1993, allows the PRCs to compete for research projects sponsored by CDC organizational units and other HHS agencies.

Prevention research includes applied public health research that develops and evaluates health promotion and disease prevention and control strategies that are community- and population-based. It can involve testing interventions for efficacy, effectiveness, or translational power; may focus on primary, secondary, or tertiary prevention; or may improve health and prevent disease through approaches that involve changes to individual behavior, policy or environmental structure, health systems, or socio-economic factors. Prevention research may provide initial evidence of the efficacy or effectiveness of a health promotion or prevention strategy, raise current evidence to a higher level, or provide evidence of the effectiveness of a practice-based strategy.

Healthy People 2030 and other National Strategic Priorities
This NOFO supports efforts that align with the following public health priorities:

Healthy People 2030

- Health topic, objective and the associated SIP:
    - Vaccination and Infectious Disease - SIP 23-001

CDC's Health Impact in 5 Years (HI-5) Initiative

- Interventions addressing the social determinants of health, and interventions changing the context, The HI-5 Interventions | Health Impact in 5 Years | Health System Transformation | AD for Policy | CDC

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's Four Domains of Chronic Disease Prevention

- Domain 1: Epidemiology and surveillance;

- Domain 2: Environmental approaches that promote health and support and reinforce healthful behaviors;
- Domain 3: Health care system interventions; and
- Domain 4: Community programs linked to clinical services
    - https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/center/nccdphp/how.htm

Public Health Impact
Accomplishing the objectives of this NOFO will result in improvements in the delivery and outcomes of public health programs and practice:

SIP 23-001: **Effective Community Conversations for Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake**
This SIP seeks to obtain unique, in-depth insights on what makes community-level vaccine conversations effective. These insights can be used to help federal, state, and local entities develop effective programs for future community-level vaccine messengers, with the aim of increasing adult vaccination uptake.

Relevant Work
As appropriate, this information will be provided for the SIP in the individual descriptions contained in Section VIII. Other Information - Special Interest Project Description of this announcement.

2. Approach

Specific information for the following is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP:

- Objectives/Outcomes
- Public Health Priorities
- Target Population
- Collaboration/Partnerships
- Recruitment Plan
- Annual Action Plan
- Evaluation/Performance Measurement
- Dissemination Plan
- Translation Plan
- References

SIP recipients may be asked to participate in the PRC Program Evaluation Reporting System (PERS) to collect data that are used to evaluate Special Interest Projects.

Objectives/Outcomes
Specific information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Target Population
Specific information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Collaboration/Partnerships
Specific information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Evaluation/Performance Measurement
Specific information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Translation Plan
Specific information the SIP is provided in Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

3. Funding Strategy

CA (Cooperative Agreement)
A support mechanism used when there will be substantial Federal scientific or programmatic involvement. Substantial involvement means that, after award, scientific or program staff will assist, guide, coordinate, or participate in project activities.

Section II. Award Information

Funding Instrument Type:
CA (Cooperative Agreement)
A support mechanism used when there will be substantial Federal scientific or programmatic involvement. Substantial involvement means that, after award, scientific or program staff will assist, guide, coordinate, or participate in project activities.

Application Types Allowed:
New - An application that is submitted for funding for the first time. Includes multiple submission attempts within the same round.

Estimated Total Funding:
$1,500,000
$1,500,000 (direct and indirect costs)

Specific funding information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII - Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Anticipated Number of Awards:
3
$1,500,000 (direct and indirect costs)

Specific funding information for the SIP is provided in Section VIII - Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for the SIP.

Awards issued under this NOFO are contingent on the availability of funds and submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

Award Ceiling:
$500,000
Per Budget Period

Award Floor:
$0
Per Budget Period

Total Period of Performance Length:
1 year(s)

Throughout the Period of Performance, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will depend on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and CDC’s determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government.

HHS/CDC grants policies as described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement (https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf) will apply to the applications submitted and awards made in response to this NOFO.
If you are successful and receive a Notice of Award, in accepting the award, you agree that the award and any activities thereunder are subject to all provisions of 45 CFR Part 75, currently in effect or implemented during the period of the award, other Department regulations and policies in effect at the time of the award, and applicable statutory provisions.

Section III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligibility Category:
06 (Public and State controlled institutions of higher education)

20 (Private institutions of higher education)

Additional Eligibility Category:

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for CDC support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:

Hispanic-serving Institutions

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)

Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions

2. Foreign Organizations

Foreign Organizations **are not** eligible to apply.

Foreign components of U.S. Organizations are not eligible to apply.

For this announcement, applicants may not include collaborators or consultants from foreign institutions. All applicable federal laws and policies apply.

3. Additional Information on Eligibility

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for CDC support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:

- Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions

Competition is limited to the 26 institutions currently funded under CDC RFA-DP-19-001 as CDC Prevention Research Centers (PRCs). The currently funded institutions are:

- U48 DP006377 Emory University
- U48 DP006393 Georgia State University
- U48 DP006376 Harvard University
- U48 DP006384 Johns Hopkins University
- U48 DP006411 Morehouse School of Medicine
- U48 DP006396 New York University School of Medicine - CUNY
- U48 DP006404 University of Alabama at Birmingham
- U48 DP006413 University of Arizona
- U48 DP006374 University of California, San Francisco
- U48 DP006399 University of Colorado, Denver
- U48 DP006392 University of Illinois, Chicago
- U48 DP006389 University of Iowa
- U48 DP006382 University of Maryland, College Park
- U48 DP006381 University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester
- U48 DP006397 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- U48 DP006414 University of Minnesota
- U48 DP006379 University of New Mexico
- U48 DP006400 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- U48 DP006394 University of Rochester
- U48 DP006401 University of South Carolina at Columbia
- U48 DP006408 University of Texas Houston
- U48 DP006398 University of Washington

- U48 DP006383 University of Wisconsin, Madison
- U48 DP006395 Washington University at St. Louis
- U48 DP006391 West Virginia University
- U48 DP006380 Yale University

For an application to be considered it must be responsive to the information below:

- Submitted by an institution currently funded as a CDC PRC under CDC RFA-DP-19-001.
- The institution name, EIN, and DUNS of the SIP applicant must match the information of the institution funded under RFA-DP-19-001 as listed in the Notice of Award.
- Special eligibility requirement(s) may apply to each SIP as listed in Section VIII. Other Information for Special Interest Project Descriptions of the NOFO announcement.
- If an application is incomplete or does not meet the responsiveness criteria in the special eligibility requirements listed in this section, it will be deemed non-responsive and will not enter into the peer review process.

4. Justification for Less than Maximum Competition

Competition is limited to recipients funded under RFA-DP-19-001 because they are uniquely positioned to perform, oversee, and coordinate applied public health promotion and chronic disease prevention research due to their established relationships with community partners.

5. Responsiveness

A SIP application will be responsive if it meets the following requirements:

Each SIP application, and SF 424 (R&R) must be submitted as a New Application (field 8) and must include the following:

- Field 4a. Enter the SIP number and the current PRC Award number (e.g., DP00123)
- Field 4b. Enter Title of SIP (e.g., enter as much of the SIP Title as allowable)
- Field 4c. leave field blank
    - SIP 23-001: Effective Community Conversations for Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake

The institution name, EIN, DUNS, and System for Award Management (SAM) registration of the SIP applicant must match the information of the PRC institution funded under RFA-DP-19-001, as listed in the Notice of Award.

The PRC Core PI/PD named on the PRC Core Notice of Award must be listed as the first PI/PD on all SIP applications. If the actual SIP PI/PD is different from the PRC Core PI/PD, then the SIP PI/PD should be listed as a Co-PI/PD. Additional SIP PIs/PDs are permitted but would be referred to as a SIP Co-PIs/PD.

Research Strategy component of the Research Plan is limited to 12 pages.

If an application requests a funding amount greater than the ceiling for the first 12 months for the SIP, HHS/CDC will consider the application non-responsive, and it will not enter into the review process (see Section VIII. Other Information - Special Interest Project Descriptions- Availability of Funds). HHS/CDC will notify the applicant that the application did not meet the submission requirements.

NOTE: Applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements stated in this section will be deemed as not responsive and therefore will not be entered into the review process.

6. Required Registrations

Applicant organizations must complete the following registrations as described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide to be eligible to apply for or receive an award. Applicants must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number in order to begin each of the following registrations.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective April 4, 2022, applicants must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of application submission. The UEI replaced the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and is generated as part of SAM.gov registration. Current SAM.gov registrants have already been assigned their UEI and can view it in SAM.gov and Grants.gov. Additional information is available on the GSA website, SAM.gov, and Grants.gov-Finding the UEI.

- (Foreign entities only): Special Instructions for acquiring a Commercial and Governmental Entity (NCAGE) Code: NCAGE Tool / Products / NCS Help Center (nato.int).
- System for Award Management (SAM) – must maintain current registration in SAM (the replacement system for the Central Contractor Registration) to be renewed annually, SAM.gov.
- Grants.gov
- eRA Commons

All applicant organizations must register with Grants.gov. Please visit www.Grants.gov at least 30 days prior to submitting your application to familiarize yourself with the registration and submission processes. The one-time registration process will take three to five days to complete. However, it is best to start the registration process at least two weeks prior to application submission.

All Senior/Key Personnel (including Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD/PIs) must also work with their institutional officials to register with the eRA Commons or ensure their existing Principal Investigator (PD/PI) eRA Commons account is affiliated with the eRA commons account of the applicant organization. All registrations must be successfully completed and active before the application due date. Applicant organizations are strongly encouraged to start the eRA Commons registration process at least four (4) weeks prior to the application due date. ASSIST requires that applicant users have an active eRA Commons account in order to prepare an application. It also requires that the applicant organization's Signing Official have an active eRA Commons Signing Official account in order to initiate the submission process. During the submission process, ASSIST will prompt the Signing Official to enter their

Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) credentials in order to complete the submission, therefore the applicant organization must ensure that their Grants.gov AOR credentials are active.

7. Universal Identifier Requirements and System for Award Management (SAM)

All applicant organizations **must obtain** a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number as the Universal Identifier when applying for Federal grants or cooperative agreements. The UEI number is a twelve-digit number assigned by SAM.gov. An AOR should be consulted to determine the appropriate number. If the organization does not have a UEI number, an AOR should register through SAM.gov. Note this is an organizational number. Individual Program Directors/Principal Investigators do not need to register for a UEI number.

Additionally, organizations must maintain the registration with current information at all times during which it has an application under consideration for funding by CDC and, if an award is made, until a final financial report is submitted or the final payment is received, whichever is later.

SAM.gov is the primary registrant database for the Federal government and is the repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at SAM.gov and the SAM.gov Knowledge Base.

If an award is granted, the recipient organization **must** notify potential sub-recipients that no organization may receive a subaward under the grant unless the organization has provided its UEI number to the recipient organization.

8. Eligible Individuals (Project Director/Principal Investigator) in Organizations/Institutions

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for HHS/CDC support.

9. Cost Sharing

This NOFO does not require cost sharing as defined in the HHS Grants Policy Statement (http://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf).

10. Number of Applications

As defined in the HHS Grants Policy Statement, (https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf), applications received in response to the same Notice of Funding Opportunity generally are scored individually and then ranked with other applications under peer review in their order of relative programmatic, technical, or scientific merit. HHS/CDC will not accept any application in response to this NOFO that is essentially the same as one currently pending initial peer review

unless the applicant withdraws the pending application.

Section IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

Applicants will use a system or platform to submit their applications through Grants.gov and eRA Commons to CDC. ASSIST, an institutional system to system (S2S) solution, or Grants.gov Workspace are options. ASSIST is a commonly used platform because, unlike other platforms, it provides a validation of all requirements prior to submission and prevents errors.

To use ASSIST, applicants must visit https://public.era.nih.gov where you can login using your eRA Commons credentials, and enter the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number to initiate the application, and begin the application preparation process.

If you experience problems accessing or using ASSIST, you can refer to the ASSIST Online Help Site at: https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/assist. Additional support is available from the NIH eRA Service desk via: http://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html

- Email: commons@od.nih.gov
- Phone: 301-402-7469 or (toll-free) 1-866-504-9552.
  Hours: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding Federal holidays.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Applicants must use FORMS-G application packages for due dates on or before January 24, 2023 and must use FORMS-H application packages for due dates on or after January 25, 2023.

Application guides for FORMS-G and FORMS-H application packages are posted to the How to Apply - Application Guide page.

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the SF-424 (R&R) Application Guide How to Apply - Application Guide except where instructed in this Notice of Funding Opportunity to do otherwise. Conformance to the requirements in the Application Guide is required and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review. The package associated with this NOFO includes all applicable mandatory and optional forms. Please note that some forms marked optional in the application package are required for submission of applications for this NOFO. Follow the instructions in the SF-424 (R&R) Application Guide to ensure you complete all appropriate “optional” components.

When using ASSIST, all mandatory forms will appear as separate tabs at the top of the Application Information screen; applicants may add optional forms available for the NOFO by selecting the Add Optional Form button in the left navigation panel.

Please use the form and instructions for SF 424 (R&R) FORMS-H for applications due on or after January 25, 2023.

3. Letter of Intent

Due Date for Letter Of Intent 02/03/2023

02/03/2023
02/03/2022
Although a letter of intent (LOI) is not required, is not binding, and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application, the information that it contains allows CDC staff to estimate the potential review workload and plan the peer review.

By the date listed above and in Part 1. Overview Information, prospective applicants are asked to submit an LOI electronically that includes the following information:

- Name of Applicant (PRC Institution)
- SIP number and title
- Descriptive title of proposed SIP
- Name, address, and telephone number of the PRC Core PD/PI and SIP Co-PD/PI if applicable
- Names of other key personnel
- Participating institutions, if applicable
- Number and title of this notice of funding opportunity: RFA-DP-23-004: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers -2023 Supplemental Special Interest Project (SIP)

The LOI should be emailed with NOFO DP23-004 and the SIP number in the subject line to:

Natalie Darling, MPH
Scientific Program Official
Extramural Research Program Operations and Services (ERPOS)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Email: researchnofo@cdc.gov

4. Required and Optional Components

A complete application has many components, both required and optional. The forms package associated with this NOFO in Grants.gov includes all applicable components for this NOFO, required and optional. In ASSIST, all required and optional forms will appear as separate tabs at the top of the Application Information screen.

5. PHS 398 Research Plan Component

The SF424 (R&R) Application Guide includes instructions for applicants to complete a PHS 398 Research Plan that consists of components. Not all components of the Research Plan apply to all Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). Specifically, some of the following components are for Resubmissions or Revisions only. See the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide at How to Apply - Application Guide for additional information. Please attach applicable sections of the following Research Plan components as directed in Part 2, Section 1 (Notice of Funding Opportunity Description).

Follow the page limits stated in the SF 424 unless otherwise specified in the NOFO. As applicable to and specified in the NOFO, the application should include the bolded headers in this section and should address activities to be conducted over the course of the entire project, including but not limited to:

1. **Introduction to Application** (for Resubmission and Revision ONLY) - provide a clear description about the purpose of the proposed research and how it addresses the specific requirements of the NOFO.
2. **Specific Aims** – state the problem the proposed research addresses and how it will result in public health impact and improvements in population health.
3. **Research Strategy** – the research strategy should be organized under 3 headings: Significance, Innovation and Approach. Describe the proposed research plan, including staffing and time line.
4. **Progress Report Publication List** (for Continuation ONLY)

Other Research Plan Sections

5. **Vertebrate Animals**
6. **Select Agent Research**
7. **Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan.**
8. **Consortium/Contractual Arrangements**
9. **Letters of Support**
10. **Resource Sharing Plan(s)**
11. **Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources**
12. **Appendix**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide at How to Apply - Application Guide must be followed along with any additional instructions provided in the NOFO.

Applicants that plan to collect public health data must submit a Data Management Plan (DMP) in the Resource Sharing Plan section of the PHS 398 Research Plan Component of the application. A DMP is required for each collection of public health data proposed. Applicants who contend that the public health data they collect or create are not appropriate for release must justify that contention in the DMP submitted with their application for CDC funds.

The DMP may be outlined in a narrative format or as a checklist but, at a minimum, should include:

- A description of the data to be collected or generated in the proposed project;
- Standards to be used for the collected or generated data;
- Mechanisms for, or limitations to, providing access to and sharing of the data (include a description of provisions for the protection of privacy, confidentiality, security,

intellectual property, or other rights - this section should address access to identifiable and de-identified data);
- Statement of the use of data standards that ensure all released data have appropriate documentation that describes the method of collection, what the data represent, and potential limitations for use; and
- Plans for archiving and long-term preservation of the data, or explaining why long-term preservation and access are not justified (this section should address archiving and preservation of identifiable and deidentified data).

CDC OMB approved templates may be used (e.g. NCCDPHP template https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/pdf/nofo/DMP-Template-508.docx)

Other examples of DMPs may be found here: USGS, http://www.usgs.gov//products/data-and-tools/data-management/data-management-plans

Applicants must use FORMS-G application packages for due dates on or before January 24, 2023 and must use FORMS-H application packages for due dates on or after January 25, 2023.

Application guides for FORMS-G and FORMS-H application packages are posted to the How to Apply - Application Guide page.

Please use the form and instructions for SF424 (R&R) FORMS-H for applications due on or after January 25, 2023.

6. Appendix

Do not use the appendix to circumvent page limits. A maximum of 10 PDF documents are allowed in the appendix. Additionally, up to 3 publications may be included that are not publicly available. Follow all instructions for the Appendix as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

7. Page Limitations

All page limitations described in this individual NOFO must be followed. For this specific NOFO, the Research Strategy component of the Research Plan narrative is limited to 12 pages. Supporting materials for the Research Plan narrative included as appendices may not exceed 10 PDF files with a maximum of 30 pages for all appendices. Pages that exceed page limits described in this NOFO will be removed and not forwarded for peer review, potentially affecting an application's score.

8. Format for Attachments

Designed to maximize system-conducted validations, multiple separate attachments are required for a complete application. When the application is received by the agency, all submitted forms and all separate attachments are combined into a single document that is used by peer reviewers and agency staff. Applicants should ensure that all attachments are uploaded to the system.

CDC requires all text attachments to the Adobe application forms be submitted as PDFs and that all text attachments conform to the agency-specific formatting requirements noted in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide at .How to Apply - Application Guide.

Applicants must use FORMS-G application packages for due date on or before January 24, 2023 and must use FORMS-H application packages for due dates on or after January 25, 2023.

Application guides for FORMS-G and FORMS-H application packages are posted to the How to Apply - Application Guide page.

Please use the form and instructions for SF424 (R&R) FORMS-H for applications due on or after January 25, 2023.

9. Submission Dates & Times

Part I. Overview Information contains information about Key Dates. Applicants are strongly encouraged to allocate additional time and submit in advance of the deadline to ensure they have time to make any corrections that might be necessary for successful submission. This includes the time necessary to complete the application resubmission process that may be necessary, if errors are identified during validation by Grants.gov and the NIH eRA systems. The application package is not complete until it has passed the Grants.gov and NIH eRA Commons submission and validation processes. Applicants will use a platform or system to submit applications.

ASSIST is a commonly used platform because it provides a validation of all requirements prior to submission. If ASSIST detects errors, then the applicant must correct errors before their application can be submitted. Applicants should view their applications in ASSIST after submission to ensure accurate and successful submission through Grants.gov. If the submission is not successful and post-submission errors are found, then those errors must be corrected and the application must be resubmitted in ASSIST.

Applicants are able to access, view, and track the status of their applications in the eRA Commons.

Information on the submission process is provided in the SF-424 (R&R) Application Guidance and ASSIST User Guide at https://era.nih.gov/files/ASSIST_user_guide.pdf.

Note: HHS/CDC grant submission procedures do not provide a grace period beyond the grant application due date time to correct any error or warning notices of noncompliance with application instructions that are identified by Grants.gov or eRA systems (i.e., error correction window).

Applicants who encounter problems when submitting their applications must attempt to resolve them by contacting the NIH eRA Service desk at:
Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552; Phone: 301-402-7469
http://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time (closed on Federal holidays)

Problems with Grants.gov can be resolved by contacting the Grants.gov Contact Center at:

Toll-free: 1-800-518-4726
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html
support@grants.gov
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; closed on Federal holidays

It is important that applicants complete the application submission process well in advance of the due date time.

After submission of your application package, applicants will receive a "submission receipt" email generated by Grants.gov. Grants.gov will then generate a second e-mail message to applicants which will either validate or reject their submitted application package. A third and final e-mail message is generated once the applicant's application package has passed validation and the grantor agency has confirmed receipt of the application.

Unsuccessful Submissions: If an application submission was unsuccessful, the **applicant** must:

1. Track submission and verify the submission status (tracking should be done initially regardless of rejection or success).

    a. If the status states "rejected," be sure to save time stamped, documented rejection notices, and do #2a or #2b

2. Check emails from both Grants.gov and NIH eRA Commons for rejection notices.

    a. If the deadline has passed, he/she should email the Grants Management contact listed in the Agency Contacts section of this announcement explaining why the submission failed.

    b. If there is time before the deadline, correct the problem(s) and resubmit as soon as possible.

Due Date for Applications 03/03/2023

03/03/2023
Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.

10. Funding Restrictions

Expanded Authority:

For more information on expanded authority and pre-award costs, go to https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf and speak to your GMS.

All HHS/CDC awards are subject to the federal regulations, in 45 CFR Part 75, terms and conditions, and other requirements described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement. Pre-award costs may be allowable as an expanded authority, but only if authorized by CDC.

Public Health Data:

CDC requires that mechanisms for, and cost of, public health data sharing be included in grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. The cost of sharing or archiving public health data may also be included as part of the total budget requested for first-time or continuation awards.

Data Management Plan:

Fulfilling the data-sharing requirement must be documented in a Data Management Plan (DMP) that is developed during the project planning phase prior to the initiation of generating or collecting public health data and must be included in the Resource Sharing Plan(s) section of the PHS398 Research Plan Component of the application.

Applicants who contend that the public health data they collect or create are not appropriate for release must justify that contention in the DMP submitted with their application for CDC funds (for example, privacy and confidentiality considerations, embargo issues).

Recipients who fail to release public health data in a timely fashion will be subject to procedures normally used to address lack of compliance (for example, reduction in funding, restriction of funds, or award termination) consistent with 45 CFR 74.62 or other authorities as appropriate. For further information, please see: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-25.html

Human Subjects:

Funds relating to the conduct of research involving human subjects will be restricted until the appropriate assurances and Institutional Review Board (IRB) approvals are in place. Copies of all current local IRB approval letters and local IRB approved protocols (and CDC IRB approval letters, if applicable) will be required to lift restrictions.

If the proposed research project involves more than one institution and will be conducted in the United States, awardees are expected to use a single Institutional Review Board (sIRB) to conduct the ethical review required by HHS regulations for the Protections of Human Subjects Research, and include a single IRB plan in the application, unless review by a sIRB would be prohibited by a federal, tribal, or state law, regulation, or policy or a compelling justification based on ethical or human subjects protection issues or other well-justified reasons is provided. Exceptions will be reviewed and approved by CDC in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Regulations (45 CFR Part 46), or a restriction may be placed on the award. For more information, please contact the scientific/research contact included on this NOFO.

Note: The sIRB requirement applies to participating sites in the United States. Foreign sites participating in CDC-funded, cooperative research studies are not expected to follow the requirement for sIRB.

11. Other Submission Requirements and Information

Risk Assessment Questionnaire Requirement
CDC is required to conduct pre-award risk assessments to determine the risk an applicant poses to meeting federal programmatic and administrative requirements by taking into account issues such as financial instability, insufficient management systems, non-compliance with award conditions, the charging of unallowable costs, and inexperience. The risk assessment will include an evaluation of the applicant's CDC Risk Questionnaire, located

at https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/PPMR-G-CDC-Risk-Questionnaire.pdf, as well as a review of the applicant's history in all available systems; including OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility and financial integrity systems (see 45 CFR 75.205(a)), and other sources of historical information. These systems include, but are not limited to: FAPIIS (https://www.fapiis.gov/), including past performance on federal contracts as per Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009; Do Not Pay list; and System for Award Management (SAM) exclusions.

CDC requires all applicants to complete the Risk Questionnaire, OMB Control Number 0920-1132 annually. This questionnaire, which is located at https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/PPMR-G-CDC-Risk-Questionnaire.pdf, along with supporting documentation must be submitted with your application by the closing date of the Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement. If your organization has completed CDC's Risk Questionnaire within the past 12 months of the closing date of this NOFO, then you must submit a copy of that questionnaire, or submit a letter signed by the authorized organization representative to include the original submission date, organization's EIN and UEI.

When uploading supporting documentation for the Risk Questionnaire into this application package, clearly label the documents for easy identification of the type of documentation. For example, a copy of Procurement policy submitted in response to the questionnaire may be labeled using the following format: Risk Questionnaire Supporting Documents _ Procurement Policy.

Duplication of Efforts

Applicants are responsible for reporting if this application will result in programmatic, budgetary, or commitment overlap with another application or award (i.e., grant, cooperative agreement, or contract) submitted to another funding source in the same fiscal year. Programmatic overlap occurs when (1) substantially the same project is proposed in more than one application or is submitted to two or more funding sources for review and funding consideration or (2) a specific objective and the project design for accomplishing the objective are the same or closely related in two or more applications or awards, regardless of the funding source. Budgetary overlap occurs when duplicate or equivalent budgetary items (e.g., equipment, salaries) are requested in an application but already are provided by another source. Commitment overlap occurs when an individual's time commitment exceeds 100 percent, whether or not salary support is requested in the application. Overlap, whether programmatic, budgetary, or commitment of an individual's effort greater than 100 percent, is not permitted. Any overlap will be resolved by the CDC with the applicant and the PD/PI prior to award.

Report Submission: The applicant must upload the report under "Other Attachment Forms." The document should be labeled: "Report on Programmatic, Budgetary, and Commitment Overlap."

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically following the instructions described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide. **PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Applicants must complete all required registrations before the application due date. Section III.6 "Required Registrations" contains information about registration.

For assistance with your electronic application or for more information on the electronic submission process, visit Applying Electronically (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide /url_ redirect.htm? id=11144).

Important reminders:
All Senior/Key Personnel (including any Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD/PIs) must include their eRA Commons ID in the Credential field of the Senior/Key Person Profile Component of the SF 424(R&R) Application Package. Failure to register in the Commons and to include a valid PD/PI Commons ID in the credential field will prevent the successful submission of an electronic application to CDC.

It is also important to note that for multi-project applications, this requirement also applies to the individual components of the application and not to just the Overall component.

The applicant organization must ensure that the UEI number it provides on the application is the same number used in the organization's profile in the eRA Commons and for the System for Award Management (SAM). Additional information may be found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

If the applicant has an FWA number, enter the 8-digit number. Do not enter the letters "FWA" before the number. If a Project/Performance Site is engaged in research involving human subjects, the applicant organization is responsible for ensuring that the Project/Performance Site operates under and appropriate Federal Wide Assurance for the protection of human subjects and complies with 45 CFR Part 46 and other CDC human subject related policies described in Part II of the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide and in the HHS Grants Policy Statement.

See more resources to avoid common errors and submitting, tracking, and viewing applications:

- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/avoiding_errors.htm
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/submit_app.htm
- https://era.nih.gov/files/ASSIST_user_guide.pdf
- http://era.nih.gov/erahelp/ASSIST/

Upon receipt, applications will be evaluated for completeness by the CDC Office of Grants Services (OGS) and responsiveness by OGS and the Center, Institute or Office of the CDC. Applications that are incomplete and/or nonresponsive will not be reviewed.

Section V. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

Only the review criteria described below will be considered in the review process. As part of the CDC mission (https://www.cdc.gov/about/organization/mission.htm), all applications submitted to the CDC in support of public health research are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the CDC peer review system.

Overall Impact
Reviewers will provide an overall impact/priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

Scored Review Criteria
Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

Significance
Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?

Investigator(s)
Are the PD/PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? Have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?

- Do the investigators have a successful track record in public health research?
- Is there evidence of past collaborations with the proposed research team?
- Have previous research results provided high quality outputs and contributed to improvements in public health practice and population health?

Innovation
Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed?

Approach
Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and

benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility, and will particularly risky aspects be managed?

If the project involves clinical research, are there plans for 1) protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion of minorities and members of both sexes/genders, as well as the inclusion of children, justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?

Environment
Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

Review Criteria for each SIP:

- See Section VIII- Other Information - Special Interest Project Description for additional review criteria that will be used in the review of applications submitted in response to this NOFO.
- As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the additional items while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact/priority score.

2. Additional Review Criteria

As applicable for the project proposed, *reviewers will evaluate* the following additional items while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact/priority score, but *will not give separate scores* for these items.

Protections for Human Subjects
If the research involves human subjects but does not involve one of the six categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.

For research that involves human subjects and meets the criteria for one or more of the six categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate: 1) the justification for the exemption, 2) human subjects involvement and characteristics, and 3) sources of materials. For additional information on review of the Human Subjects section, please refer to the HHS/CDC Requirements under AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements (https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-1.html).

If your proposed research involves the use of human data and/or biological specimens, you must provide a justification for your claim that no human subjects are involved in the Protection of Human Subjects section of the Research Plan.

Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children
When the proposed project involves clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for inclusion of minorities and members of both genders, as well as the inclusion of children. For additional information on review of the Inclusion section, please refer to the policy on the Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research (https://www.cdc.gov/maso/Policy/Policy_women.pdf and the policy on the Inclusion of Persons Under 21 in Research (https://www.cdc.gov/maso/Policy/policy496.pdf).

Vertebrate Animals
The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following four points: 1) proposed use of the animals, and species, strains, ages, sex, and numbers to be used; 2) justifications for the use of animals and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers proposed; 3) procedures for limiting discomfort, distress, pain and injury to that which is unavoidable in the conduct of scientifically sound research including the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs and/or comfortable restraining devices; and 4) methods of euthanasia and reason for selection if not consistent with the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia. For additional information on review of the Vertebrate Animals section, please refer to the Worksheet for Review of the Vertebrate Animal Section (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/VASchecklist.pdf).

Biohazards
Reviewers will assess whether materials or procedures proposed are potentially hazardous to research personnel and/or the environment, and if needed, determine whether adequate protection is proposed.

Dual Use Research of Concern
Reviewers will identify whether the project involves one of the agents or toxins described in the US Government Policy for the Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern, and, if so, whether the applicant has identified an IRE to assess the project for DURC potential and develop mitigation strategies if needed.

For more information about this Policy and other policies regarding dual use research of concern, visit the U.S. Government Science, Safety, Security (S3) website at: http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse. Tools and guidance for assessing DURC potential may be found at: http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse/Pages/companion-guide.aspx.

3. Additional Review Considerations

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will consider each of the following items, but will not give scores for these items, and should not consider them in providing an overall impact/priority score.

Sub-awards and Community Involvement
Reviewers will consider an applicant's proposed plan to competitively award subcontracts through an open process that is available to all qualified entities, including nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and for-profit organizations as well as involve such entities in community-based collaborative efforts relevant to the SIP's objective and public health priorities.

Applications from Foreign Organizations
N/A
Resource Sharing Plan(s)
HHS/CDC policy requires that recipients of grant awards make research resources and data readily available for research purposes to qualified individuals within the scientific community after publication. Please see: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-25.html

New additional requirement: CDC requires recipients for projects and programs that involve data collection or generation of data with federal funds to develop and submit a Data Management Plan (DMP) for each collection of public health data.

Investigators responding to this Notice of Funding Opportunity should include a detailed DMP in the Resource Sharing Plan(s) section of the PHS 398 Research Plan Component of the application. The AR-25 outlines the components of a DMP and provides additional information for investigators regarding the requirements for data accessibility, storage, and preservation.

The DMP should be developed during the project planning phase prior to the initiation of collecting or generating public health data and will be submitted with the application. The submitted DMP will be evaluated for completeness and quality at the time of submission.

The DMP should include, at a minimum, a description of the following:

- A description of the data to be collected or generated in the proposed project;
- Standards to be used for the collected or generated data;
- Mechanisms for, or limitations to, providing access to and sharing of the data (include a description of provisions for the protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights - this section should address access to identifiable and de-identified data);
- Statement of the use of data standards that ensure all released data have appropriate documentation that describes the method of collection, what the data represent, and potential limitations for use; and
- Plans for archiving and long-term preservation of the data, or explaining why long-term preservation and access are not justified (this section should address archiving and preservation of identifiable and de-identified data).

Applications submitted without the required DMP may be deemed ineligible for award unless submission of DMP is deferred to a later period depending on the type of award, in which case, funding restrictions may be imposed pending submission and evaluation.

CDC OMB approved templates may be used (e.g. NCCDPHP template https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/pdf/nofo/DMP-Template-508.docx

Other examples of DMPs may be found here USGS, http://www.usgs.gov//products/data-and-tools/data-management/data-management-plans

Budget and Period of Support
Reviewers will consider whether the budget and the requested period of support are fully

justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed research. The applicant can obtain guidance for completing a detailed justified budget on the CDC website, at the following Internet address: http://www.cdc.gov/grants/interestedinapplying/application-resources.html

The budget can include both direct costs and indirect costs as allowed.

Indirect costs could include the cost of collecting, managing, sharing and preserving data.

Indirect costs on grants awarded to foreign organizations and foreign public entities and performed fully outside of the territorial limits of the U.S. may be paid to support the costs of compliance with federal requirements at a fixed rate of eight percent of modified total direct costs exclusive of tuition and related fees, direct expenditures for equipment, and subawards in excess of $25,000. Negotiated indirect costs may be paid to the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization.

Indirect costs on training grants are limited to a fixed rate of eight percent of MTDC exclusive of tuition and related fees, direct expenditures for equipment, and sub-awards in excess of $25,000.

If requesting indirect costs in the budget based on a federally negotiated rate, a copy of the indirect cost rate agreement is required. Include a copy of the current negotiated federal indirect cost rate agreement or cost allocation plan approval letter.

4. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by an appropriate peer review group, in accordance with CDC peer review policy and procedures, using the stated review criteria.
As part of the scientific peer review, all applications:

- Will receive a written critique.

Applications will be assigned to the appropriate HHS/CDC Center, Institute, or Office. Applications will compete for available funds with all other recommended applications submitted in response to this NOFO. Following initial peer review, recommended applications will receive a second level of review. The following will be considered in making funding recommendations:

- Scientific and technical merit of the proposed project as determined by scientific peer review.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance of the proposed project to program priorities.

Specific funding preferences may apply to the SIP proposal (see Section VIII. Other Information - Special Interest Project Description of this announcement.

Review of risk posed by applicants.
Prior to making a Federal award, CDC is required by 31 U.S.C. 3321 and 41 U.S.C. 2313 to review information available through any OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information as appropriate. See also suspension and

debarment requirements at 2 CFR parts 180 and 376.

In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 2313, CDC is required to review the non-public segment of the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently the Federal Recipient Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) prior to making a Federal award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, defined in 41 U.S.C. 134, over the period of performance. At a minimum, the information in the system for a prior Federal award recipient must demonstrate a satisfactory record of executing programs or activities under Federal grants, cooperative agreements, or procurement awards; and integrity and business ethics. CDC may make a Federal award to a recipient who does not fully meet these standards if it is determined that the information is not relevant to the current Federal award under consideration or there are specific conditions that can appropriately mitigate the effects of the non-Federal entity's risk in accordance with 45 CFR §75.207.

CDC’s framework for evaluating the risks posed by an applicant may incorporate results of the evaluation of the applicant's eligibility or the quality of its application. If it is determined that a Federal award will be made, special conditions that correspond to the degree of risk assessed may be applied to the Federal award. The evaluation criteria is described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

In evaluating risks posed by applicants, CDC will use a risk-based approach and may consider any items such as the following:

(1) Financial stability;
(2) Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;
(3) History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards;
(4) Reports and findings from audits performed under 45 CFR Part 75, subpart F, or the reports and findings of any other available audits; and
(5) The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.

CDC must comply with the guidelines on government-wide suspension and debarment in 2 CFR part 180, and require non-Federal entities to comply with these provisions. These provisions restrict Federal awards, subawards and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal programs or activities.

5. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

After the peer review of the application is completed, the PD/PI will be able to access his or her Summary Statement (written critique) and other pertinent information via the eRA Commons.

Section VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

Any applications awarded in response to this NOFO will be subject to the UEI, SAM Registration, and Transparency Act requirements. If the application is under consideration for funding, HHS/CDC will request "just-in-time" information from the applicant as described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement (https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf).

PLEASE NOTE: Effective April 4, 2022, applicants must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of application submission. The UEI is generated as part of SAM.gov registration. Current SAM.gov registrants have already been assigned their UEI and can view it in SAM.gov and Grants.gov. Additional information is available on the GSA website, SAM.gov, and Grants.gov-Finding the UEI.

A formal notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NoA) will be provided to the applicant organization for successful applications. The NoA signed by the Grants Management Officer is the authorizing document and will be sent via email to the grantee's business official.

Recipient must comply with any funding restrictions as described in Section IV.11. Funding Restrictions. Selection of an application for award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of the NoA are at the recipient's risk. These costs may be allowable as an expanded authority, but only if authorized by CDC.

2. CDC Administrative Requirements

Overview of Terms and Conditions of Award and Requirements for Specific Types of Grants

Administrative and National Policy Requirements, Additional Requirements (ARs) outline the administrative requirements found in 45 CFR Part 75 and the HHS Grants Policy Statement and other requirements as mandated by statute or CDC policy. Recipients must comply with administrative and national policy requirements as appropriate. For more information on the Code of Federal Regulations, visit the National Archives and Records Administration: https://www.archives.gov/

Specific requirements that apply to this NOFO are the following:

Generally applicable ARs:

AR-1: Human Subjects Requirements

AR-2: Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
AR-9: Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR-10: Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11: Healthy People 2030

AR-12: Lobbying Restrictions

AR-13: Prohibition on Use of CDC Funds for Certain Gun Control Activities

AR-14: Accounting System Requirements

AR-16: Security Clearance Requirement
AR-22: Research Integrity

AR-24: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Requirements

AR-25: Data Management and Access

AR-26: National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

AR-28: Inclusion of Persons Under the Age of 21 in Research

AR-29: Compliance with EO13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving", October 1, 2009

AR-30: Information Letter 10-006, - Compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

AR-31: Research Definition

AR-32: Appropriations Act, General Provisions

AR-33: United States Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern

AR-36: Certificates of Confidentiality

AR-37: Prohibition on certain telecommunications and surveillance services or equipment for all awards issued on or after August 13, 2020.

Organization Specific ARs:

AR-8: Public Health System Reporting Requirements

AR-15: Proof of Non-profit Status

AR 23: Compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 87

3. Additional Policy Requirements

The following are additional policy requirements relevant to this NOFO:

Should you successfully compete for an award, recipients of federal financial assistance (FFA) from HHS will be required to complete an HHS Assurance of Compliance form (HHS 690) in which you agree, as a condition of receiving the grant, to administer your programs in compliance with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex and disability, and agreeing to comply with federal conscience laws, where applicable. This includes ensuring that entities take meaningful steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency; and ensuring effective communication with persons with disabilities. Where applicable, Title XI and Section 1557 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and gender identity. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. See

https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider- obligations/index.html and https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for- individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html.

- For guidance on meeting your legal obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to your programs or activities by limited English proficient individuals, see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html and https://www.lep.gov.
- For information on your specific legal obligations for serving qualified individuals with disabilities, including providing program access, reasonable modifications, and to provide effective communication, see http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/understanding/disability/index.html.
- HHS funded health and education programs must be administered in an environment free of sexual harassment, see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html.
- For guidance on administering your project in compliance with applicable federal religious nondiscrimination laws and applicable federal conscience protection and associated anti-discrimination laws, see https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html and https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html.

HHS Policy on Promoting Efficient Spending: Use of Appropriated Funds for Conferences and Meetings, Food, Promotional Items and Printing Publications This policy supports the Executive Order on Promoting Efficient Spending (EO 13589), the Executive Order on Delivering and Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government (EO 13576) and the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum on Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government (M-35-11). This policy applies to all new obligations and all funds appropriated by Congress. For more information, visit the HHS website at: https://www.hhs.gov/grants/contracts/contract-policies-regulations/efficient-spending/index.html.

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), P.L. 109–282, as amended by section 6202 of P.L. 110–252, requires full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds including grants, contracts, loans and other assistance and payments through a single, publicly accessible website, www.usaspending.gov. For the full text of the requirements, please review the following website: https://www.fsrs.gov/.

Plain Writing Act The Plain Writing Act of 2010, Public Law 111-274, was signed into law on October 13, 2010. The law requires that federal agencies use "clear Government communication that the public can understand and use" and requires the federal government to write all new publications, forms, and publicly distributed documents in a "clear, concise, well-organized" manner. For more information on this law, go to: https://www.plainlanguage.gov/.

Pilot Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protections All applicants will be subject to a term and condition that applies the terms of 48 CFR section 3.908 to the award and requires that grantees inform their employees in writing (in the predominant native language of the workforce) of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Copyright Interests Provision This provision is intended to ensure that the public has access to the results and accomplishments of public health activities funded by CDC. Pursuant to applicable grant regulations and CDC's Public Access Policy, Recipient agrees to submit into the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system an electronic version of the final, peer-reviewed manuscript of any such work developed under this award upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication. Also at the time of submission, Recipient and/or the Recipient's submitting author must specify the date the final manuscript will be publicly accessible through PubMed Central (PMC). Recipient and/or Recipient's submitting author must also post the manuscript through PMC within twelve (12) months of the publisher's official date of final publication; however, the author is strongly encouraged to make the subject manuscript available as soon as possible. The recipient must obtain prior approval from the CDC for any exception to this provision.

The author's final, peer-reviewed manuscript is defined as the final version accepted for journal publication and includes all modifications from the publishing peer review process, and all graphics and supplemental material associated with the article. Recipient and its submitting authors working under this award are responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted articles reserve adequate right to fully comply with this provision and the license reserved by CDC. The manuscript will be hosted in both PMC and the CDC Stacks institutional repository system. In progress reports for this award, recipient must identify publications subject to the CDC Public Access Policy by using the applicable NIHMS identification number for up to three (3) months after the publication date and the PubMed Central identification number (PMCID) thereafter.

Language Access for Persons with Limited English Proficiency Recipients of federal financial assistance from HHS must administer their programs in compliance with federal civil rights law. This means that recipients of HHS funds must ensure equal access to their programs without regard to a person's race, color, national origin, disability, age and, in some circumstances, sex and religion. This includes ensuring your programs are accessible to persons with limited English proficiency. Recipients of federal financial assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs by persons with limited English proficiency.

Dual Use Research of Concern On September 24, 2014, the US Government Policy for the Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern was released. Grantees (foreign and domestic) receiving CDC funding on or after September 24, 2015 are subject to this policy. Research funded by CDC, involving the agents or toxins named in the policy, must be reviewed to determine if it involves one or more of the listed experimental effects and if so, whether it meets the definition of DURC. This review must be completed by an Institutional Review Entity (IRE) identified by the funded institution.

Recipients also must establish an Institutional Contact for Dual Use Research (ICDUR). The award recipient must maintain records of institutional DURC reviews and completed risk mitigation plans for the term of the research grant, cooperative agreement or contract plus three years after its completion, but no less than eight years, unless a shorter period is

required by law or regulation.

If a project is determined to be DURC, a risk/benefit analysis must be completed. CDC will work collaboratively with the award recipient to develop a risk mitigation plan that the CDC must approve. The USG policy can be found at http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse.

Non-compliance with this Policy may result in suspension, limitation, restriction or termination of USG-funding, or loss of future USG funding opportunities for the non-compliant USG-funded research project and of USG-funds for other life sciences research at the institution, consistent with existing regulations and policies governing USG-funded research, and may subject the institution to other potential penalties under applicable laws and regulations.

Data Management Plan(s)

CDC requires that all new collections of public health data include a Data Management Plan (DMP). For purposes of this announcement, "public health data" means digitally recorded factual material commonly accepted in the scientific community as a basis for public health findings, conclusions, and implementation.

This new requirement ensures that CDC is in compliance with the following; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum titled "Open Data Policy–Managing Information as an Asset" (OMB M-13-13); Executive Order 13642 titled "Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information"; and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memorandum titled "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research" (OSTP Memo).

The AR-25 https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-25.html outlines the components of a DMP and provides additional information for investigators regarding the requirements for data accessibility, storage, and preservation.

Certificates of Confidentiality: Institutions and investigators are responsible for determining whether research they conduct is subject to Section 301(d) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Section 301(d), as amended by Section 2012 of the 21st Century Cures Act, P.L. 114-255 (42 U.S.C. 241(d)), states that the Secretary shall issue Certificates of Confidentiality (Certificates) to persons engaged in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or other research activities in which identifiable, sensitive information is collected. In furtherance of this provision, CDC-supported research commenced or ongoing after December 13, 2016 in which identifiable, sensitive information is collected, as defined by Section 301(d), is deemed issued a Certificate and therefore required to protect the privacy of individuals who are subjects of such research. Certificates issued in this manner will not be issued as a separate document, but are issued by application of this term and condition to this award. See Additional Requirement 36 to ensure compliance with this term and condition. The link to the full text is at: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-36.html.

4. Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions

CDC Project Scientist/Scientific Collaborator will have substantial programmatic involvement that is above and beyond the normal stewardship role in awards. CDC staff will serve as consultants on this project, and will provide technical assistance, as requested, on project activities such as evaluation design, data collection and analysis, and data interpretation and dissemination of results. CDC staff may be co-authors on manuscripts. However, CDC staff will not have contact with human subjects or data collected from human subjects.

The PD(s)/PI(s) will have the following responsibility:

- The PRC Core PI/PD named on the PRC Core Notice of Award must be listed as the first PI/PD on all SIP applications. If the actual SIP PI/PD is different from the PRC Core PI/PD, then the SIP PI/PD should be listed as a Co-PI/PD. Additional SIP PIs/PDs are permitted but would be referred to as a SIP Co-PIs/PD
- Obtaining appropriate Institutional Review Board approvals for research involving human subjects for all participating institutions
- Adhering to the rights and responsibilities of the PD/PI as described in each SIP description under Section VIII, Award Administration, of this NOFO
- Coordinating all CDC required reporting submissions and prior approval requests with the PRC PI
- Participating in the PRC Network as applicable

HHS/CDC Responsibilities:

- CDC staff have substantial programmatic involvement that is above and beyond the normal stewardship role in awards, as described in the Special Interest Project Description contained in Section VIII, Award Administration, of this NOFO
- Additional responsibilities include:
    - Assisting the PI, as needed, in complying with the Investigator responsibilities described in the Policy on Public Health Research and Non-research Data Management and Access

SIP Sponsor (Project Scientist) will:

- Be identified as the CDC Project Scientist
- Provide technical assistance and consultation on research design and methodology, program implementation, measurement selection, dissemination of study findings, and translation of project
- Monitor performance against approved project objectives
- Promote dissemination of promising practices, programs, interventions, and other results from the research in collaboration with the PRC Program

PRC Program Project Officer (PO) will:

- Be named in the Notice of Award as the Project Officer
- Provide administrative and technical assistance to the CDC SIP sponsors and award recipient
- Make recommendations on requests for changes in scope, objectives, and/or budgets that deviate from the approved peer-reviewed application

- Assist SIP Project Scientist with monitoring performance against approved project objectives
- Promote dissemination of promising practices, programs, interventions, and other results from the research in collaboration with the SIP Sponsor

ERPOS Scientific Program Official (SPO) will:

- Be named in the Notice of Award as the Scientific Program Official
- Provide normal overall scientific oversight and assure overall scientific and programmatic stewardship of the award
- Collaborate with the PRC Program to monitor performance against approved project objectives
- Assure assessment of the public health impact of the research conducted under this NOFO

5. Reporting

Recipients will be required to complete Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) in eRA Commons at least annually
(see https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm; https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/report_on_grant.htm) and financial statements as required in the HHS Grants Policy Statement.

A final progress report, invention statement, equipment inventory list and the expenditure data portion of the Federal Financial Report are required for closeout of an award, as described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement.

Although the financial plans of the HHS/CDC CIO(s) provide support for this program, awards pursuant to this funding opportunity depend upon the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports) and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act), includes a requirement for recipients of Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY2011 or later.

Compliance with this law is primarily the responsibility of the Federal agency. However, two elements of the law require information to be collected and reported by recipients:
1) Information on executive compensation when not already reported through the SAM Registration; and
2) Similar information on all sub-awards/ subcontracts/ consortiums over $25,000. It is a requirement for recipients of Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY2011 or later. All recipients of applicable CDC grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) available at www.fsrs.gov on all subawards over $25,000. See the HHS Grants Policy

Statement (https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgps107.pdf).

A. Submission of Reports

The Recipient Organization must submit:

1. **Yearly Non-Competing Grant Progress Report** is due 90 to 120 days before the end of the current budget period. The RPPR form (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm; https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/rppr_instruction_guide.pdf) is to be completed on the eRA Commons website. The progress report will serve as the non-competing continuation application. Although the financial plans of the HHS/CDC CIO(s) provide support for this program, awards pursuant to this funding opportunity are contingent upon the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports) and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government.
2. **Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF 425 (**Reporting | Grants | CDC) is required and must be submitted to the Payment Management System accessed through the FFR navigation link in eRA Commons or directly through PMS **within 90 days after the budget period ends.**
3. **A final progress report**, invention statement, equipment/inventory report, and the final FFR are required **90 days after the end of the period of performance.**

B. Content of Reports

1. Yearly Non-Competing Grant Progress Report: The grantee's continuation application/progress should include:

    - Description of Progress during Annual Budget Period: Current Budget Period Progress reported on the RPPR form in eRA Commons (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm). Detailed narrative report for the current budget period that directly addresses progress towards the Measures of Effectiveness included in the current budget period proposal.
    - Research Aims: list each research aim/project

    a) Research Aim/Project: purpose, status (met, ongoing, and unmet), challenges, successes, and lessons learned

    b) Leadership/Partnership: list project collaborations and describe the role of external partners.

    - Translation of Research (1 page maximum). When relevant to the goals of the research project, the PI should describe how the significant findings may be used to promote, enhance, or advance translation of the research into practice or may be used to inform public health policy. This section should be understandable to a variety of audiences, including policy makers, practitioners, public health programs, healthcare institutions, professional organizations, community groups, researchers, and other potential users. The PI should identify the research findings that were translated into public health policy or practice and how the findings

have been or may be adopted in public health settings. Or, if they cannot be applied yet, this section should address which research findings may be translated, how these findings can guide future research or related activities, and recommendations for translation. If relevant, describe how the results of this project could be generalized to populations and communities outside of the study. Questions to consider in preparing this section include:

- How will the scientific findings be translated into public health practice or inform public health policy?
- How will the project improve or effect the translation of research findings into public health practice or inform policy?
- How will the research findings help promote or accelerate the dissemination, implementation, or diffusion of improvements in public health programs or practices?
- How will the findings advance or guide future research efforts or related activities?

- Public Health Relevance and Impact (1 page maximum). This section should address improvements in public health as measured by documented or anticipated outcomes from the project. The PI should consider how the findings of the project relate beyond the immediate study to improved practices, prevention or intervention techniques, inform policy, or use of technology in public health. Questions to consider in preparing this section include:
- How will this project lead to improvements in public health?
- How will the findings, results, or recommendations been used to influence practices, procedures, methodologies, etc.?
- How will the findings, results, or recommendations contribute to documented or projected reductions in morbidity, mortality, injury, disability, or disease?

- Current Budget Period Financial Progress: Status of obligation of current budget period funds and an estimate of unobligated funds projected provided on an estimated FFR.

- New Budget Period Proposal:
- Detailed operational plan for continuing activities in the upcoming budget period, including updated Measures of Effectiveness for evaluating progress during the upcoming budget period. Report listed by Research Aim/Project.
- Project Timeline: Include planned milestones for the upcoming year (be specific and provide deadlines).

- New Budget Period Budget: Detailed line-item budget and budget justification for the new budget period. Use the CDC budget guideline format.

- Publications/Presentations: Include publications/presentations resulting from this CDC grant only during this budget period. If no publication or presentations have

been made at this stage in the project, simply indicate "Not applicable: No publications or presentations have been made."

- IRB Approval Certification: Include all current IRB approvals to avoid a funding restriction on your award. If the research does not involve human subjects, then please state so. Please provide a copy of the most recent local IRB and CDC IRB, if applicable. If any approval is still pending at time of APR due date, indicate the status in your narrative.

- Update of Data Management Plan: The DMP is considered a living document that will require updates throughout the lifecycle of the project. Investigators should include any updates to the project's data collection such as changes to initial data collection plan, challenges with data collection, and recent data collected. Applicants should update their DMP to reflect progress or issues with planned data collection and submit as required for each reporting period.

- Additional Reporting Requirements:

Specific to this NOFO, the following instructions clarify the reporting requirement detailed in Section VI, 5. Reporting, B. Content of Reports.

- **Yearly Non-Competing Grant Progress Report**
  - Dissemination of research results refers to sharing information with practice, academic, and community audiences
  - Translation of Research findings refers to implementation of research or scientific findings into public health programs or practice
  - New Budget Period Proposal: Detailed Operational Plan refers to the Annual Action Plan. Refer to Section VIII. Special Interest Project Description, Annual Action Plan, for additional information
  - Publications/Presentations/Tools/Other Products:
    - Include peer reviewed publications and presentations, evaluated research and practice tools, and other products from the SIP, along with other publications and presentations resulting from this award during the budget period

- **Final Reports**
  - Dissemination of research results refers to sharing information with practice, academic, and community audiences
  - Translation of Research findings refers to implementation of research or scientific findings into public health programs or practice
  - Publications/Presentations/Tools/Other Products:
    - Include peer reviewed publications and presentations, evaluated research and practice tools, and other products from the SIP, along with other publications and presentations resulting from this award during the budget period

- **Additional Reporting Requirements**

    - Refer to Section VIII. Special Interest Project Description, Project Activities and Submission Requirments for additional information
    - Information for the PRC Program Evaluation Reporting System (PERS)

- **Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR)**
    - FFRs should report separate unobligated balances for each PRC award and SIP award

2. Annual Federal Financial Reporting The Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF 425 is required and must be submitted through the Payment Management System (PMS) within 90 days after the end of the budget period. The FFR should only include those funds authorized and disbursed during the timeframe covered by the report. The final FFR must indicate the exact balance of unobligated funds and may not reflect any unliquidated obligations. There must be no discrepancies between the final FFR expenditure data and the Payment Management System's (PMS) cash transaction data.

Failure to submit the required information in a timely manner may adversely affect the future funding of this project. If the information cannot be provided by the due date, you are required to submit a letter explaining the reason and date by which the Grants Officer will receive the information.

Additional resources on the Payment Management System (PMS) can be found at https://pms.psc.gov.

Recipients must submit closeout reports in a timely manner. Unless the Grants Management Officer (GMO) of the awarding Institute or Center approves an extension, recipients must submit a final FFR, final progress report, and Final Invention Statement and Certification within 90 days of the period of performance. Failure to submit timely and accurate final reports may affect future funding to the organization or awards under the direction of the same Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI).

Organizations may verify their current registration status by running the “List of Commons Registered Organizations” query found at: https://era.nih.gov/registration_accounts.cfm. Organizations not yet registered can go to https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/ for instructions. It generally takes several days to complete this registration process. This registration is independent of Grants.gov and may be done at any time.

The individual designated as the PI on the application must also be registered in the Commons. The PI must hold a PI account and be affiliated with the applicant organization. This registration must be done by an organizational official or their delegate who is already registered in the Commons. To register PIs in the Commons, refer to the eRA Commons User Guide found at: https://era.nih.gov/docs/Commons_UserGuide.pdf.

3. Final Reports: Final reports should provide sufficient detail for CDC to determine if the stated outcomes for the funded research have been achieved and if the research findings resulted in public health impact based on the investment. The grantee's final report should include:

- Research Aim/Project Overview: The PI should describe the purpose and approach to the project, including the outcomes, methodology and related analyses. Include a discussion of the challenges, successes and lessons learned. Describe the collaborations/partnerships and the role of each external partner.
- Translation of Research Findings: The PI should describe how the findings will be translated and how they will be used to inform policy or promote, enhance or advance the impact on public health practice. This section should be understandable to a variety of audiences, including policy makers, practitioners, public health programs, healthcare institutions, professional organizations, community groups, researchers and other potential end users. The PI should also provide a discussion of any research findings that informed policy or practice during the course of the Period of Performance. If applicable, describe how the findings could be generalized and scaled to populations and communities outside of the funded project.
- Public Health Relevance and Impact: This section should address improvements in public health as measured by documented or anticipated outcomes from the project. The PI should consider how the findings of the project related beyond the immediate study to improved practices, prevention or intervention techniques, or informed policy, technology or systems improvements in public health.
- Publications; Presentations; Media Coverage: Include information regarding all publications, presentations or media coverage resulting from this CDC-funded activity. Please include any additional dissemination efforts that did or will result from the project.
- Final Data Management Plan: Applicants must include an updated final Data Management Plan that describes the data collected, the location of where the data is stored (example: a repository), accessibility restrictions (if applicable), and the plans for long term preservation of the data.

6. Termination

CDC may impose other enforcement actions in accordance with 45 CFR 75.371- Remedies for Noncompliance, as appropriate.

The Federal award may be terminated in whole or in part as follows:

(1) By the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity, if the non-Federal entity fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award;

(2) By the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity for cause;

(3) By the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity with the consent of the non-Federal entity, in which case the two parties must agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated; or

(4) By the non-Federal entity upon sending to the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity written notification setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity determines in the case of partial termination that the reduced or modified portion of the Federal award or subaward will not accomplish the purposes for which the Federal award was made, the HHS awarding agency or pass-through entity may terminate the Federal award in its entirety.

7. Reporting of Foreign Taxes (International/Foreign projects only)

A. Valued Added Tax (VAT) and Customs Duties – Customs and import duties, consular fees, customs surtax, valued added taxes, and other related charges are hereby authorized as an allowable cost for costs incurred for non-host governmental entities operating where no applicable tax exemption exists. This waiver does not apply to countries where a bilateral agreement (or similar legal document) is already in place providing applicable tax exemptions and it is not applicable to Ministries of Health. Successful applicants will receive information on VAT requirements via their Notice of Award.

B. The U.S. Department of State requires that agencies collect and report information on the amount of taxes assessed, reimbursed and not reimbursed by a foreign government against commodities financed with funds appropriated by the U.S. Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act (SFOAA) ("United States foreign assistance funds"). Outlined below are the specifics of this requirement:

1) Annual Report: The recipient must submit a report on or before November 16 for each foreign country on the amount of foreign taxes charged, as of September 30 of the same year, by a foreign government on commodity purchase transactions valued at 500 USD or more financed with United States foreign assistance funds under this grant during the prior United States fiscal year (October 1 – September 30), and the amount reimbursed and unreimbursed by the foreign government. [Reports are required even if the recipient did not pay any taxes during the reporting period.]

2) Quarterly Report: The recipient must quarterly submit a report on the amount of foreign taxes charged by a foreign government on commodity purchase transactions valued at 500 USD or more financed with United States foreign assistance funds under this grant. This report shall be submitted no later than two weeks following the end of each quarter: April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15.

3) Terms: For purposes of this clause:

"Commodity" means any material, article, supplies, goods, or equipment;

"Foreign government" includes any foreign government entity;

"Foreign taxes" means value-added taxes and custom duties assessed by a foreign government on a commodity. It does not include foreign sales taxes.

4) Where: Submit the reports to the Director and Deputy Director of the CDC office in the country(ies) in which you are carrying out the activities associated with this cooperative agreement. In countries where there is no CDC office, send reports to VATreporting@cdc.gov.

5) Contents of Reports: The reports must contain:

a. recipient name;

b. contact name with phone, fax, and e-mail;

c. agreement number(s) if reporting by agreement(s);

d. reporting period;

e. amount of foreign taxes assessed by each foreign government;

f. amount of any foreign taxes reimbursed by each foreign government;

g. amount of foreign taxes unreimbursed by each foreign government.

6) Subagreements. The recipient must include this reporting requirement in all applicable subgrants and other subagreements.

Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

Application Submission Contacts

Grants.gov Customer Support (Questions regarding Grants.gov registration and submission, downloading or navigating forms)
Contact Center Phone: 800-518-4726
Email: support@grants.gov
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; closed on Federal holidays

eRA Commons Help Desk (Questions regarding eRA Commons registration, tracking application status, post submission issues, FFR submission)
Phone: 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)
TTY: 301-451-5939
Email: commons@od.nih.gov
Hours: Monday - Friday, 7am - 8pm U.S. Eastern Time

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Note: Include SIP NOFO number (RFA-DP23-004) in the email subject line when submitting questions.

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Section VIII. Other Information

Other CDC Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at www.grants.gov.

All awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement.

Authority and Regulations
Awards are made under the authorization of Sections of the Public Health Service Act as amended and under the Code of Federal Regulations.

Special Interest Project Description
The section includes the description and requirements for the Special Interest Project included in this NOFO.

SIP 23-001: **Effective Community Conversations for Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake**

Project Description
Community-level messengers have been promoted and funded as a way of increasing uptake of vaccinations (1). During the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding was dedicated to community partners for this work through the Partnering for Vaccine Equity (P4VE) mechanism

(2). Evaluations have been performed on community-level messengers to demonstrate their impact. However, such generalized evaluations are limited by very broad categorizations (3) or confounded by their implementation in a multi-component program (4). More detailed studies on the optimal messenger and message for community-level vaccine conversations are needed for more effective implementation of this strategy. From the aspect of behavioral and psychological science, very few interventions have been demonstrated to change what people think and feel about vaccinations (5). The observation of effective community-level vaccine conversations can inform further research in this area.

The purpose of this SIP is to better understand the impact and successful elements of community conversations with trusted messengers. The end-result of this SIP should inform the design of larger, more rigorous trials of community-level messenger recruitment and training.

This SIP seeks to answer the following questions:

- How does the socio-demographic and relational characteristics of the community-level messengers relative to the targeted community affect successful vaccine conversations? (i.e., How important is the messenger?)
- What are the elements of a successful/productive vaccine conversation when conducted by the community-level messenger? (i.e., How important is the message?)
- What are elements in the successful training of community-level messengers? (i.e., What is the best way to train community-level messengers?)

Project Objectives and Outcomes

This SIP aims to determine the key elements of successful, community-level vaccine conversations, including assessments on:

- Social, demographic, and relational characteristics that define successful community-level vaccine messengers
- Conversational content, styles, and tone of successful vaccine conversations
- Valuable elements in the training of community-level vaccine messengers

Objectives:

- Conduct an assessment of community-level vaccine conversations, the messengers, and training used
- Provide a detailed report of project findings, including:
    - Social, demographic, and relational characteristics as stratified by effectiveness in community-level vaccine conversations
    - Tone and messages applied in vaccine conversations, stratified by effectiveness
    - Training received by community-level messengers, including useful aspects, elements found to be less-useful, as well as missing but desired training.
    - Other key insights as obtained.

- Provide a report of recommendations for public health practice, including strategies for the recruitment of community-level vaccine messengers training and modeled conversations for community-level messengers.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved understanding of the social, demographic, and relational characteristics of high-impact vaccine messengers
- Improved understanding of the critical elements in successful community-level vaccine conversations
- Improved understanding of the most valuable elements in training curriculum of vaccine conversations.

Results from this project will be used to improve ISD funding of community-level vaccine messengers. Findings from this project will allow ISD to better tailor future project requirements when soliciting community partnerships in promoting vaccine uptake

Public Health Priorities
Healthy People 2030 Topics and Objectives

- Vaccination: Increase the proportion of people who get the flu vaccine every year — IID-09
- Infectious Disease: Increase the proportion of adults aged 19 years or older who get recommended vaccines — IID-D03

NCCDPHP Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Domains
Domain 4: Community Programs Linked to Clinical Services

Project Activities and Submission Requirements
Applications submitted in response to this SIP should present a Research Plan that addresses the following requirements listed below:

Study Design and Methods

The applicant is expected to:

- Utilize systematic qualitative and/or quantitative approaches to achieve the study objectives as outlined in the SIP.
- Justify and clearly describe the study methods used, including data sources and measures; activities related to data collection; data collection mode, sampling, and recruitment; and potential analyses.
- Collect data on the content of community-level vaccine conversations that extend beyond key-informant interviews. Examples of this include audio-visual recordings/transcripts of community-level conversations.
- Include study participants from the priority populations listed below.

Target population

The priority populations for this proposal are groups with historical under-vaccination for recommended adult vaccination, with a focus on rural populations, racial/ethnic minorities, and pregnant persons. Given funding amounts and time frame, applicants are encouraged to focus on a specific population to achieve the sample size appropriate for the proposed study design.

Collaboration/Partnerships
This proposal encourages multisector partnerships and collaborations for the purpose of advancing community-based interventions to increase vaccine uptake. The applicant's partnerships and collaborations may include new or existing stakeholders including:

- Community health organizations: Including federally qualified health clinics, community health workers, etc.
- Government: Including local public health agencies, local governments, area agencies on ageing, etc.
- Non-profit organizations: faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, service clubs, state, and national associations

CDC staff will facilitate relationships between funded organizations employing the techniques of interest and the successful applicant(s) as needed to identify activities for evaluation.

Recruitment Plan
Applicants are expected to describe plans to recruit participants as part of the study design and methods section. Recruitment plans for data collection should consider parameters to ensure participants and samples reflect characteristics of the communities and geographies they represent.

Annual Action Plan
Applicant should provide a detailed 12-month action plan that uses SMART goals and objectives and includes a description of activities and a progressive timeline for completion of activities.

Evaluation Plan/Performance measurement
Applicants are expected to develop an evaluation and performance measurement plan to assess project performance and evaluate progress on the extent to which project objectives and anticipated outcomes were met. The plan is expected to identify, but
not be limited to, responsible parties, source of information used to assess progress toward project objectives and outcomes, and determination of project feasibility. Plan should include SMART project goals and objectives and plans to remediate any anticipated barriers. Applicants may also consider including an evaluation plan to describe lessons learned about the study process and effective engagement with study participants.

Data Management Plan
If the applicant is collecting public health data, a standalone data management plan that addresses the five elements of AR-25 must be submitted in Appendix A.
https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-25.html

Dissemination & Translation Plan

The applicant should provide a dissemination and translation plan consisting of the following sections.

- **Dissemination section** - this section should describe how the results will be shared with key audiences and stakeholders, including project participants and their families and through peer-reviewed publications, professional conference presentations, etc.

Note: For the purposes of this NOFO, dissemination is defined as the purposeful and facilitated process of distributing research findings, information, and tools to community, practice, and academic audiences, organizations, and individuals who can use them to improve health. Dissemination products are developed with the primary purpose of sharing scientific findings or research results with community, practice, and academic audiences.

- **Translation section** - this section should provide details on the anticipated strategies to translate the research finding into practice, describes how the results from the project will be implemented and sustained after project completion, identify successes and challenges, and determine promising practices that are effective, scalable, and sustainable after the funding cycle.

Note: For the purposes of this NOFO, translation is defined as the process and steps needed or taken to ensure effective and widespread use of science-based programs, practices, and policies; a term for the entire process of putting research into practice. Translation products include research and practice tools, that are developed with the primary purpose of enabling public health practitioners to adopt, implement, or scale up evidence-based interventions.

Public Health Impact

This SIP seeks to obtain unique, in-depth insights on what makes community-level vaccine conversations effective. These insights can be used to help federal, state, and local entities develop effective programs for future community-level vaccine messengers, with the aim of increasing adult vaccination uptake.

Special Eligibility and Responsiveness

If an application requests a funding amount greater than the year one award ceiling of $500,000, HHS/CDC will consider the application non-responsive, and it will not enter the review process. HHS/CDC will notify the applicant that the application did not meet the submission requirements".

Additional Review Criteria

In addition to the standard review criteria (Significance, Approach, Innovation, Investigators, and Environment) used to evaluate the scientific and technical merit of research applications, the following additional review criteria specific to this SIP will be considered in the determination of scientific merit and the priority score:

- Does the applicant have a track record in the implementation of vaccine promotion activities or in the study of under-vaccination?
- Does the applicant have a record of service with the stated priority population or demonstrate existing relationships with new/existing stakeholders that work closely with the stated priority population? Evidence of existing relationships can include publications

or workplans of ongoing work as well as memorandum of understanding specific to this application.
- Does the applicant (or its collaborators) have a track record of applying the proposed qualitative/quantitative methodology?

Funding Preferences
None

Research Plan Length and Supporting Material
The Research Strategy Section of the Research Plan is limited to a maximum of 12 pages. Supporting material included as appendices may not exceed 10 PDF (maximum of 30 pages) attachments. The appendices should include materials that show evidence of the applicant's ability to successfully conduct the proposed project and other evidence deemed necessary to support the contents of the proposal.

Availability of Funds
It is anticipated that approximately $500,000-$1,500,000 available to fund 1-3 Prevention Research Centers for a 1-year project period. The average award for each recipient is expected to be approximately $500,000 for year one. The year one ceiling per recipient is $500,000. Funding may vary and is subject to change. **Funding available includes direct and indirect costs.**

Research Status

Research Projects
It is expected that this project will be non-exempt research involving human subjects. It is anticipated that this project will require local IRB approval. Applicants should provide a federal-wide assurance number for each performance site included in the project.

OMB/PRA
OMB/PRA is not expected to apply

Award Administration
CDC Project Scientist/Scientific Collaborator will have substantial programmatic involvement that is above and beyond the normal stewardship role in awards. CDC staff will serve as consultants on this project, and will provide technical assistance, as requested, on project activities such as evaluation design, data collection and analysis, and data interpretation and dissemination of results. CDC staff may be co-authors on manuscripts. However, CDC staff will not have contact with human subjects or data collected from human subjects.

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