



Division of Violence Prevention

Notice of Funding Opportunity








Application due Monday, June 22, 2026

Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence and Suicide Among Children and Youth (K01)

Opportunity number: RFA-CE-26-021



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Before you begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your [SAM.gov](#) and [Grants.gov](#) registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registrations are active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov registration (this can take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov registration (this can take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Apply by the application due date

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. local time on Monday, June 22, 2026.



To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.



Step 1:

Review the Opportunity

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Basic information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Division of Violence Prevention

Funding research by new investigators on preventing interpersonal violence and suicide among children and youth.

Summary

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) helps researchers develop skills in conducting research on interpersonal violence and suicide. The goal is to help scientists become independent researchers in the field.

You must propose a research project focused on at least one of the listed NCIPC research priorities related to interpersonal violence, suicide, or both among children and youth, from birth to age 17, as described in the [Purpose section](#). You are encouraged to explore:

- Multiple forms of interpersonal violence, suicide, or both, among children and youth.
- Community factors that increase the risk of interpersonal violence, or suicide, or both.
- The practical relevance of the research for prevention and intervention efforts.



Have questions?
See [Contacts and Support](#).

Key facts

Opportunity name: Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence and Suicide Among Children and Youth (K01)

Opportunity number: RFA-CE-26-021

Assistance listing: 93.136

NOFO version: Original

Key dates

Application submission deadline: Monday, June 22, 2026

Informational call: June 1, 2026

Optional letter of intent deadline: May 29, 2026

Expected scientific review dates: July 31, 2026

Expected secondary review dates: August 10, 2026

Expected award date: August 27, 2026

Expected start date: September 30, 2026

Expiration date: December 18, 2026

See [Submit Your Application](#) for other submission requirements and deadlines that may apply to this NOFO.

Funding details

Funding type: Grant

Expected awards: 4

The number of awards is subject to available funds and program priorities.

Period of performance: 3 years in 12-month budget periods.

Application type: New

Expected total program funding over the performance period: \$1,800,000

Expected total program funding per budget period: \$600,000

Expected funding per applicant per budget period: \$150,000

Maximum award amount per budget period: \$150,000 ceiling

Minimum award amount per budget period: \$0 floor

Eligibility

Eligible applicants

Only these types of organizations may apply.

- State governments.
- County governments.
- City or township governments.
- Special district governments.
- Independent school districts.
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education.
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized).
- Public housing authorities and Indian housing authorities.
- Native American tribal organizations, other than federally recognized tribal governments.
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education.
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education.
- Private institutions of higher education.
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses.
- Faith-based organizations.
- Small businesses.
- Bona fide agents applying on behalf of state, territorial, local, and tribal government organizations.

Bona fide agents must submit documentation that demonstrates their arrangement with the eligible applicant. See [Other Attachments form](#).

Responsiveness criteria

We will review your application to make sure it meets these requirements.

These are the basic requirements you must meet to move forward in the competition. We won't consider an application that:

- Is from an organization that doesn't meet all eligibility criteria. See requirements in [Eligibility](#).
- Is submitted after the [application deadline](#).

Research proposal requirements

To be considered, your research proposal must:

- Have a budget for each fiscal year that does not exceed \$150,000, as described in the [Funding details section](#).
- Address at least one of the listed NCIPC research priorities related to interpersonal violence, suicide, or both among children and youth, from birth to age 17, as described in the [Purpose section](#).
- Align with the objectives of this announcement and assess outcomes related to interpersonal violence or suicide or key risk factors for one or more forms of interpersonal violence or suicide affecting children or youth from birth to age 17, as described in the [Objectives and outcomes section](#).

Project director (PD)/ Principal investigator (PI) requirements

You must show that the PD/PI meets the following requirements as of the [NOFO due date](#):

- Has a relevant research or health- professional doctoral or medical degree (such as PhD, ScD, DO, DrPH, MD, DVM, PharmD, DDS, DMD, PsyD, DBH, DNP, DPT, DNP) from an accredited institution in the SF-424 Biographical Sketch.
- Has less than 5 years of post-graduate experience as a researcher in the field of interpersonal violence, or suicide prevention, or both. (Research conducted during undergraduate or pre-graduate training does not count towards this limit. Only research on interpersonal violence or suicide prevention that is conducted *after* completing the required degree counts.)
 - Make sure the SF-424 Biographical Sketch documents:
 - All of the PD/PI's relevant research experience in the Positions and Employment section.
 - Periods of significant breaks in post-graduate employment, or employment in areas unrelated to violence prevention.
- Does not have current or former funding as a PD/PI on any of these independent research mechanisms:
 - CDC or NIH research project (R01 or U01).
 - Program project (P01).
 - Center grant (R49, P50).

- Sub-project of program project (P01).
- Sub-project of center grant (R49, P50).
- Other major individual career development award (e.g., K01, K07, K08, K22, K23, K25, K76, K99/R00).
 - You must show this in the PD/PI eRA Commons Grant History Profile.
- Has a full-time position at an eligible applicant institution. This does not have to be a tenure track appointment.
 - Show this in the Institutional Commitment to Candidate's Research Career Development section of your application by including a Candidate Eligibility Statement (e.g., an institutional letter of attestation) that:
 - Is signed by an Authorized Representative for the institution.
 - Verifies the PD/PI's full-time employment status.
- Commits to a minimum of 60% of full-time professional effort (at least 7.2 person-months/year) to the proposed research and career development and training activities for the entire performance period.
 - Document this in the budget, budget justification, and PHS 308 Career Development Award sections of the application.
- Has a primary mentor who is committed to supporting the PD/PI for the entire project.
 - You must include a letter of support (LoS) from the mentor in the Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-Mentor(s) section of the application.

Applications that do not meet all these requirements will not be considered.

See the [application checklist](#) to understand which elements of your application are part of the responsiveness criteria.

Application limits

You must follow these limits on the number of applications your organization can submit.

You may submit more than one application per institution if each application is scientifically distinct. The principal investigator (PI) must be different for each application you submit.

If two or more applications from the same PD/PI or with the same primary mentor are received, only the last application received, based on the document's time and date stamp in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), will be reviewed.

The PD/PI and primary mentor may be employed by the applicant institution or by different institutions.

Additionally, if you are an institution submitting applications with essentially the same proposed research to two or more CDC NOFOs, you will not be funded by more than one NOFO. You must withdraw duplicate applications before the [Scientific review date](#).

Qualifications for principal investigator or project director

We invite anyone who has the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to carry out the proposed research as a project director or principal investigator (PD/PI) to work with their organization or institution to apply.

CDC does not award individuals directly. If you possess the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to conduct the proposed research, you should collaborate with your institution to submit a support application. Please also see the eligibility criteria for Project Directors (PDs)/Principal Investigators (PIs) in the [Responsiveness criteria section](#).

Number of PD/PIs

You may only list one PD/PI in the SF-424 Senior/Key Personnel project role category. Additional Senior/Key Personnel project roles are limited to Mentor, Co-Investigator, Consultant, and Other. Multiple PDs/PIs (M-PDs/PIs) and Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs) project roles are not allowed for this NOFO.

Please see the rest of the PD/PI requirements in the [Responsiveness criteria section](#).

Mentor requirements

This NOFO seeks to help you conduct important research with the guidance of an experienced mentor. The end goal is independence in your research.

So, you must choose a primary mentor to supervise your research and career development. The primary mentor must:

- Be an active researcher in interpersonal violence or suicide prevention research.

- Commit to both your career development and direct supervision of the entire project.
- Have sufficient research support and facilities for high-quality research.

You are encouraged to have more than one mentor (i.e., a mentoring team or advisory committee) for additional support. However, you can only identify one person as the primary mentor who will supervise the research.

You must work with your mentor(s) to prepare the application. The primary mentor and all members of the mentoring team should:

- Have a successful track record of mentoring people at your career stage.
- Demonstrate appropriate expertise, experience, and ability to guide you in organizing, managing, and implementing the proposed research project
- Be clearly identified in the Mentor project role category, in the SF-424 Senior/Key Personnel section of the application.

Please note that the primary mentor and all members of the mentoring team should have sufficient research support to cover any costs of the proposed research project more than the allowable costs of this award. This award does not include funds to support the primary mentor or any members of the mentoring team.

Mentor letter(s) of support

Each proposed mentor must provide a letter of support (LoS) in the Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-Mentor(s) section of the application.

Each mentor's LoS must describe:

- The partnership, i.e., specific roles and responsibilities between you and your mentor.
- The nature and extent of the relationship.

If more than one mentor is proposed, each mentor's LoS should describe:

- Their areas of expertise and responsibility.
- How mentoring will be coordinated among all mentors.

If the primary does not have an appointment at the applicant institution, you must describe how, and how frequently, they will communicate with you (the PD/PI), including face-to-face meetings.

Institutional support

Describe your institution's support of your career development plan and proposed research in the Description of Institutional Environment and Institutional Commitment to Candidate's Research Career Development.

Cost sharing and matching funds

This program has no cost-sharing requirement, meaning you do not need to contribute to the costs of this project.

If you choose to include cost-sharing funds, we won't consider it during review. If you receive an award, we will include your voluntary commitment in the award, and you must report on the funds.

Post-award requirements

Before you apply, make sure you understand the requirements that come with an award.

See [Step 6: Learn What Happens After Award](#) for information on regulations that apply, reporting, and more.

Agency priorities

Required alignment with CDC priorities

The recipient of this award must implement any funds awarded under this NOFO to effectuate program goals or agency priorities in accordance with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Priorities](#) when authorized (for a full description of the CDC Priorities, please follow the provided hyperlink).

Funded activities must:

- Align with CDC's core priorities by demonstrating a commitment to gold-standard science, transparency, and evidence-based practices.
- Support CDC's mission to protect Americans from infectious and chronic diseases, strengthen public health systems, and advance innovation in health data and infrastructure.
- Contribute to rapid, science-driven responses to health threats, promote global health leadership, and adhere to principles of integrity, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws and federal priorities.

Consistent with CDC's values, in carrying out any project funded under this NOFO, the recipient must adhere to the following principles where consistent with the authority and scope of the award and its activities:

- **A commitment to gold-standard science and ensuring trust, transparency, and credibility:** To build trust and improve CDC's ability to lead during health crises, CDC will increase transparency, be more accountable, and follow strict, gold-standard scientific practices that are open, unbiased, and based on clear evidence.
- **A commitment to global leadership:** With staff in 63 countries and supporting 20 more, CDC's Global Health Center:
 - Works to prevent disease and advance emergency response.
 - Detect health threats early, sends response teams, trains health workers, and provides personal protective equipment, vaccines, and medicines.
 - Test disease samples from around the world to prepare for flu and other serious outbreaks.
 - Has strengthened systems to better protect people at home and abroad after the COVID-19 outbreak.

- **A commitment to ensuring rapid, evidence-based responses to crises:** During public health emergencies, ensuring rapid, science-driven responses is critical to minimizing harm, maintaining public trust, and restoring stability. To meet this goal, CDC must continue to strengthen its emergency response systems by:
 - Streamlining internal processes.
 - Improving risk communication strategies.
 - Ensuring that laboratory capacity is fully equipped and tested—capable of rapidly developing and deploying scalable diagnostics during crises.
 - Embedding structures for real-time learning, independent after-action reviews, and the application of lessons learned will ensure that each crisis response is smarter, faster, and more effective than the last.
- **A commitment to vaccine safety and efficacy research:** CDC will apply “gold-standard” science to all of its vaccine safety and effectiveness research. It will make vaccine data, research methods, and related datasets publicly available through simple data use agreements to improve transparency, accountability, and trust.
- **A commitment to advancing our understanding of the causes of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs), and chronic disease:** CDC conducts research and works with partners to better understand the causes of autism spectrum disorder, neurodevelopmental disorders, and chronic diseases. It will use new and existing data to study the rise in these conditions, including the increase in autism diagnoses from 1 in 150 to nearly 1 in 31 over the past 25 years.
- **A commitment to modernizing public health infrastructure and enhancing our approach to health data:** CDC will modernize public health infrastructure to create a faster, more efficient health system that can detect and respond to outbreaks in real time. This effort includes:
 - Replacing data silos with integrated systems.
 - Using advanced technology.
 - Strengthening partnerships with states to ensure shared responsibility and strong local health data systems.
 - Emphasizing collaboration across federal and state partners, resilient and adaptable systems, and accountability for funded programs to ensure they align with these priorities and federal requirements.

- **Conflicts of interest:** CDC will not support funding programs with conflicts of interest and ensure its work is based on transparent, unbiased science.
- **Immigration:** CDC funds will not be used to support or encourage illegal immigration, consistent with federal law.
- **Protecting life and the family:** CDC funds will not be used to support elective abortions, consistent with the Hyde Amendment, and will promote maternal health, the dignity of life, and strong families.
- **Ending disorder on America's streets:** CDC will prioritize evidence-based programs that reduce homelessness, drug use, and public disorder. It will support comprehensive services for people with serious mental illness and substance use disorder. CDC will not support housing first strategies, harm-reduction or safe consumption sites, or related activities. To the extent allowable by federal law, CDC intends to give priority to grantees in States and municipalities that have laws and policies that support and enforce CDC's priorities.
- **[Gender ideology and protecting children:](#)** CDC will not fund medical interventions for minors seeking gender transition and will define sex based on biological criteria.
- **DEI:** CDC will not support DEI initiatives based on group identity and focus on merit-based, evidence-driven approaches to improve health outcomes.
- **Parental rights:** CDC will support policies that protect parental authority, promote transparency, and give parents greater control over their children's education.

The recipient must demonstrate ongoing compliance with the full description and listing of CDC values and priorities, in all programs that are authorized to advance them, through program design, implementation, reporting, and evaluation.

Failure to meaningfully align funded activities with the applicable requirements may result in corrective action, additional reporting requirements, or other enforcement actions consistent with federal grant regulations found at 2 CFR Part 200 and the terms and conditions of this award. The full CDC Priorities Statement can be found here: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Priorities](#).

Program description

Background

Healthy People 2030

NCIPC is committed to achieving the objectives of "[Healthy People 2030](#)." This NOFO addresses multiple interpersonal violence- and suicide-related objectives of Healthy People 2030. Your research proposal should add to the existing evidence on effective strategies for preventing multiple forms of interpersonal violence and suicide.

About NCIPC

Interpersonal violence, including adverse childhood experiences, child abuse and neglect, youth violence, teen dating violence, and sexual violence, and suicide are major public health issues that impact children and youth. The mission of CDC's NCIPC is to prevent injuries through surveillance, research and evaluation, and prevention activities. NCIPC uses the same scientific methods to prevent violence and suicide that are used to prevent disease, including:

- Carefully describing the problem through surveillance.
- Studying factors that increase or decrease risk for violence and suicide.
- Designing and evaluating prevention strategies that address these risk and protective factors.
- Ensuring that proven strategies are implemented in communities nationwide.

Supporting new investigators

Strong, innovative, and relevant research requires a growing field of new qualified researchers. NCIPC supports the development of new investigators so they can:

- Grow the field of interpersonal violence and suicide prevention.
- Gain experience as independent investigators.
- Eventually conduct independent research as a principal investigator of research grants (R01) and cooperative agreements (U01).

Research focus

Exposure to interpersonal violence and suicide can negatively affect health and development at all ages. Forms of interpersonal violence include:

- Adverse childhood experiences.
- Child abuse and neglect.
- Youth violence.
- Sexual violence.
- Intimate partner violence, including teen dating violence.

Multiple forms of interpersonal violence and suicide often share risk and protective factors. Despite these links, research often focuses on a specific form of interpersonal violence or suicide. This can limit understanding of prevention strategies' cross-cutting impacts. You are encouraged to address multiple forms of interpersonal violence, as well as suicide, among children or youth, when possible.

Purpose

This NOFO is for the NCIPC Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01). New investigators are supported by a mentor to conduct research on interpersonal violence and suicide prevention and gain research independence.

The research must address at least one [NCIPC research priority](#) on interpersonal violence, suicide, or both, within the following topics:

- Adverse childhood experiences.
- Child abuse and neglect.
- Youth violence.
- Intimate partner violence, including teen dating violence.
- Sexual violence.
- Suicide.
- Cross-cutting prevention examining two or more of the topics listed above.

You are also encouraged to address the following:

- Multiple forms of interpersonal violence, suicide, or both impacting children or youth.
- Community factors that increase the risk of interpersonal violence, suicide, or both.
- The practical relevance of the research for prevention and intervention efforts.

Applications must assess interpersonal violence outcomes, suicide outcomes, or key risk or protective factors for one or more forms of interpersonal violence or suicide impacting children or youth, from birth to age 17.

Public health impact

NCIPC's Division of Violence Prevention has developed and published [Prevention Resources for Action](#) to help states and communities take advantage of the best available evidence to prevent interpersonal violence and suicide. These documents present strategies and approaches at multiple levels (e.g., individual, relationship, family, school, community, and societal factors) that influence risk and protective factors for interpersonal violence and suicide.

CDC priorities

NCIPC's [research priorities](#) strengthen the understanding of risk and protective factors and the evaluation of prevention strategies that address multiple forms of violence, as well as suicide, and focus on those at elevated risk. Examples of previously-funded research and descriptions of interpersonal violence and suicide prevention initiatives are available on [NCIPC's website](#).

Approach

Research strategy requirements

The Specific Aims section of your application must state the NCIPC interpersonal violence or suicide research priority (or priorities) that you will address.

Clearly describe your proposed research approach including:

- Data source(s) and data access plans.
- Planned analyses and how the analytic approach is well suited to the data source, including estimated sample size and a power analysis for outcomes of interest clearly specified.
- A research plan that describes the:
 - Research question(s) of interest.
 - Proposed hypothesis for the study.
 - Proposed aims and objectives.
 - Research study design used to test the hypothesis.
 - Expected outcomes to be evaluated.

Analytic plans should anticipate and evaluate the effects of threats to the internal and external validity of the specified research design. We expect rigorous research designs using quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods that are appropriate for the research questions. You must propose studies that can feasibly be completed within the budget and performance period.

Proposed research projects may expand on an investigation that you (the PD/PI) are currently involved with or analyses of secondary data.

Objectives and outcomes

This section includes the outcomes we expect you to report progress on and achieve within the period of performance if you receive funding.

Objectives

An objective of this NOFO is to contribute to improvements in real-world outcomes for children or youth, particularly those who are experiencing elevated burden of or risk for interpersonal violence, suicide, or both. Further, NCIPC's research seeks to enhance the effects of interpersonal violence and suicide prevention activities by accounting for the conditions that contribute to greater risk, and by focusing on interconnections between different forms

of interpersonal violence and suicide. Cross-cutting violence and suicide prevention activities can use resources more effectively by focusing on the conditions that contribute to increased risk for multiple outcomes.

Another objective is to expand the pool of public health investigators in the field of interpersonal violence and suicide prevention. New investigators can contribute to knowledge about the best ways to prevent and address interpersonal violence and suicide impacting children or youth, and this can increase opportunities for developing innovative and impactful violence and suicide prevention solutions. A goal of this NOFO is the meaningful growth and development of the PD/PI's research and leadership skills.

Outcomes

You must assess at least one of the following outcomes from birth to age 17:

- Interpersonal violence victimization, perpetration, or both.
- Suicide deaths, attempts, and/or thoughts.
- At least two key risk or protective factors for one or more forms of interpersonal violence or suicide.

Data collection, acquisition, and analysis

You must identify and describe appropriate data sources and provide evidence of your ability to acquire and/or collect data of sufficient quantity and quality to conduct and complete the proposed research within the three-year period of performance. Your application should clearly describe and justify the proposed sampling methods, sample size, power estimates, and data collection methods for the primary outcome(s) and other proposed secondary measures and subgroup analyses. You must specify the timeline for data acquisition (requests for extant data and or primary data collection).

Appropriate data sources will vary by the proposed research approach and outcome measures. You should measure the outcome(s) at the level consistent with the research focus (e.g., federal, state, local, or organizational), the population of interest, and the data sources available or collected for the purposes of this project (e.g., administrative, survey, surveillance, hospital or emergency departments, detention facilities). If you propose the use of qualitative or mixed methods approaches, you should utilize rigorous qualitative research methods. These rigorous qualitative or mixed methods should be stringent and disciplined to ensure credibility, dependability, confirmability, and transferability of research findings.

Focus populations

This NOFO focuses on addressing interpersonal violence, suicide, or both, that impacts children or youth, from birth to age 17. You may propose research that focuses on a subset of ages between 0 and 17. You may also include participants and outcomes outside this age range. Nonetheless, the application should describe how the research question and results are relevant to those ages 0 to 17.

You are encouraged to:

- Focus on children or youth who are at high risk of suicide or experiencing interpersonal violence.
- Examine the underlying conditions that contribute to this risk.

This NOFO, including funding and eligibility, is not limited to, based on, nor does it discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex (including sexual orientation and pregnancy) or other constitutionally protected statuses.

Career development plan

Your application should include a career development plan that provides:

- Detailed information about the primary mentor's and any member of a mentoring team 's research qualifications and previous experience as a research supervisor.
- A plan that describes the nature of the supervision and mentoring that will occur during the proposed award period.
- A plan for career progression for the PD/PI to move from the mentored stage of their career to independent research investigator status during the award period.
- A plan for monitoring the PD/PI's research, publications, and progression towards independence.
- A plan to provide annual evaluations of the PD/PI's progress as required in the annual progress report.

Collaborations

As a recipient, your institution is required to carry out the majority of the proposed research work plan. Document how you will do so in SF-424 Research and Related Budget. You cannot serve as a "pass through" to fund another entity to conduct the majority of the research.

Letters of support

We encourage you to partner with state and local departments of public health, health systems, mental health, schools, hospitals, law enforcement, municipalities, or any other entities to support the proposed research. If you partner with entities that hold the existing data or data sources necessary to answer any proposed questions of interest, you need to show accessibility to the data with letters of agreement or memoranda of understanding. Clearly specify the role of the partners and their level of involvement and commitment to provide data, support, and any other resource required for the study. Include any letters of agreement or memoranda of understanding in the Letters of Support section of your application. Find more details on how you will be evaluated on this in [Scored criteria](#).

Community partnerships

You are expected to demonstrate significant and meaningful community partnerships, as appropriate. For example, if you are implementing a prevention approach, this might include partnering with local entities that are: involved in implementing the approach; participating in the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of the strategy; providing access to outcome data or study participants; and supporting and facilitating community engagement activities necessary to support the conduct of the study and dissemination of findings.

Evaluation and performance measurement

You must evaluate performance during each stage of the research process, including data extraction, retention, and data analysis. As a recipient, you will be expected to conduct periodic performance monitoring to ensure that each stage is progressing appropriately and on time, and that research activities are of high scientific quality.

You must include a clear description of relevant performance measures for each stage of the research project. The performance measures will be used to document how well the proposed activities are progressing.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Any activities involving information collection from 10 or more individuals or organizations may require the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval. The PRA requires review and approval of the information collection by the White House Office of Management and Budget.

To determine if a proposed activity requires PRA approval, contact your scientific and research contact. Collections include items like surveys and questionnaires. If you have collections requiring PRA approval, CDC is responsible for working with OMB to gain the approval.

For more information about CDC's requirements under PRA see [CDC Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance](#).

Translation plan

You are encouraged to present and publish your findings in peer-reviewed journals. You are also expected to develop a translation plan for sharing research findings beyond presentations and publications to the scientific community.

To this end, your application should:

- Describe how your research may be applied to prevention practice, including how your research findings will be used to expand the evidence base for populations at risk for interpersonal violence, suicide, or both.
- Include plans to inform impacted communities about the proposed study.
- Outline a plan for working collaboratively and in partnership with communities, and community members impacted by interpersonal violence and/or suicide, including plans for disseminating findings to these communities.
- Clearly describe the potential for widespread dissemination, implementation, and sustainability of the proposed policies or programs.

Travel budget

As a recipient, you may be required to travel to Atlanta once per year to meet with CDC/NCIPC staff during the performance period to review your progress and findings and to discuss opportunities for widespread dissemination of your research achievements and lessons learned. You must include travel costs for attending this meeting in your travel budget for this NOFO.

Funding policies and limitations

Changes in HHS regulations

As of October 1, 2025, HHS has adopted [2 CFR 200](#), with some exceptions included in [2 CFR 300](#). These regulations replace those in 45 CFR 75. You can find details in HHS Summary of Regulatory Changes, which is posted in the Grants.gov Related Documents tab for this opportunity.

General guidance

All activities proposed in your application and budget narrative must align with applicable law, including but not limited to statutes, executive orders, federal regulations and applicable judicial holdings. Accordingly, discretionary awards shall not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate; racial preferences or other forms of racial discrimination by the recipient, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; denial by the recipient of the sex binary in humans, or the belief that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic; illegal immigration; or any other initiatives that compromise public safety. If an application does not align, the application will not receive funding to the extent permitted by law and applicable court orders.

- You may use funds only for reasonable program purposes consistent with the award, its terms and conditions, and federal laws and regulations that apply to the award. If you have questions about these purposes, [ask the grants management specialist](#).
- Your budget is arranged in eight categories: salaries and wages, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other (includes consultant costs), and indirect costs.
- Support beyond the first budget year will depend on:
 - Appropriation of funds.
 - Satisfactory progress in meeting your project's objectives.
 - A decision that continued funding is in the government's best interest.
- Generally, you may not use funds to purchase furniture or equipment. Clearly identify and justify any such proposed spending in the budget.
- If we receive more funding for this program, we will consider:
 - Funding more applicants.

- Extending the period of performance.
- Awarding supplemental funding.

Unallowable costs

You may not use funds for:

- Clinical care, except as allowed by law.
- Pre-award costs, unless we give you prior written approval.
- Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships:
 - Publicity or propaganda purposes, including preparing, distributing, or using any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body.
 - The salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

See [Anti-Lobbying Restrictions for CDC Recipients](#).

For guidance on some types of costs that we restrict or do not allow, see 2 CFR 200.420, [Considerations for Selected Items of Cost](#).

Indirect costs

Indirect costs are those shared across multiple projects and not easily separated. Learn more at [CDC Budget Preparation Guidelines](#).

To charge indirect costs you can select one of two methods:

Method 1 — Approved rate. If you currently have an indirect cost rate approved by your cognizant federal agency, you may use that rate.

Enclose a [copy of the current approved rate agreement](#) in your Other Attachments form.

Method 2 — *De minimis* rate. If you do not have a current negotiated indirect cost rate, you may elect to charge a *de minimis* rate (see [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)). This rate is 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC). See the definition of MTDC ([2 CFR 200.1](#)). You can use this rate indefinitely.

Other indirect cost policies

As described in [2 CFR 200.403\(d\)](#), you must consistently charge items as either indirect or direct costs and may not double charge.

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

Salary rate limitation

The salary rate limitation in the current appropriations act applies to this program. As of January 2026, the salary rate limitation is \$228,000. We update this limitation when it changes.

Program income

If you earn any money from your award-supported project activities (known as program income), you must use it for the purposes and under the conditions of the award. Find more about program income at [2 CFR 200.307](#).

Expanded authority

For more information on expanded authority and pre-award costs, see the [HHS Grants Policy Statement](#) and speak to the [grants management contact](#).

Pre-award costs may be allowable as an expanded authority, but only if we authorize the costs.

Public health data

We require that awards include the needed costs and methods to share public health data. You may include the reasonable cost of sharing or archiving public health data as part of your requested budget for first-time or continuation awards. For more information, see [Data Management and Access](#).

Human subjects

We will restrict funds related to conducting research involving human subjects until the appropriate assurances and Institutional Review Board (IRB) approvals are in place. To lift the restrictions, we require copies of all current local IRB approval letters, local IRB-approved protocols, and CDC IRB approval letters, when applicable.

If the proposed research project involves more than one institution and will be conducted in the United States, we expect you to:

- Use a single Institutional Review Board (sIRB) to conduct the required ethical review.
- Include a single IRB plan in your research plan and PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form, unless either of the following is true:

- Review by an sIRB would be prohibited by a federal, tribal, or state law, regulation, or policy.
- You provide a compelling justification based on ethical or human subject protection issues or other well-justified reasons.

Do not duplicate information in the research plan form and the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form.

In your research plan, discuss the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses of your proposed research. Use the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form to provide detailed information for human subjects studies and clinical trials.

We will review and approve exceptions in accordance with [45 CFR part 46](#) and, as applicable, [21 CFR part 50](#) and [21 CFR part 56](#), or we may place a restriction on the award.

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

For more information, please consult the [scientific and research contact listed for this NOFO](#).

Statutory authority

Awards are made under the authorization of Section 301 (a) [42 U.S.C. 241(a)] of the Public Health Service Act, and section 391 (a) [42 U.S.C. 280 b(a)] of the Public Service Health Act, as amended.



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Get Ready to Apply

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Find the application package

The application package has all the forms you need to apply. You can find it online. Go to [Grants Search at Grants.gov](#) or [eRA ASSIST](#) and search for opportunity number RFA-CE-26-021 After opening the opportunity, select the “package” tab to see the forms.

We recommend that you select the Subscribe button from the View Grant Opportunity page for this NOFO to get updates.

If you can't use Grants.gov to download application materials or have other technical difficulties, including issues with application submission, [contact Grants.gov](#) for help.

Get registered

You must be registered in both SAM.gov and Grants.gov to apply. You can review the requirements and get started on developing your application before your registrations are complete.

SAM.gov

You must have an active account with SAM.gov to apply. SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

To register:

- Go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](#) and select Get Started. From the same page, you can also select the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.
- You must agree to the [financial assistance general certifications and representations](#) specifically. Those for contracts are different.

When you register, you will also receive your required Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

Once you register:

- You will have to maintain your registration throughout the life of any award.
- If your organization has multiple UEIs, use the one associated with your physical location.

Grants.gov

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](#). You can see step-by-step instructions at the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

eRA Commons

You must register in [eRA Commons](#). Your senior and key personnel must also register and affiliate their accounts with your organization's account.

Register at least four weeks before the application deadline.

Need help? See [Contacts and Support](#).

Help applying

For help with the application process and tips for preparing your application, see [How to Apply](#) on our website and the [Research Instructions for NIH and Other PHS Agencies \[PDF\]](#).

If any instructions differ from those in this NOFO, follow the instructions in this NOFO.

For other questions, see [Contacts and Support](#).

Join the informational call

For more information about this opportunity, join our informational call. A pre-application webinar call will be conducted on June 1, 2026, to address questions from prospective applicants regarding NOFO RFA-CE-26-021. The call will begin at 2 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) and end at 2:50 p.m. ET, or sooner if all questions are addressed. Questions and answers from the discussion are anticipated to be included in an amended NOFO approximately 3 weeks after the webinar.

[Join the meeting via Microsoft Teams.](#)

- **Meeting ID:** 298 378 324 129 351
- **Passcode:** it2Co95w

If you are not able to join through your computer, you can call in.

- [+1 \(404\) 498-3000,,396573768#](#) United States, Atlanta
- [\(888\) 994-4478,,396573768#](#) United States (Toll-free)
- [Find a local number](#)
- **Phone conference ID:** 396 573 768#

Joining and participating is voluntary and does not affect eligibility, application scoring, or award selection. You can attend anonymously.



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Build Your Application

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Application checklist

You must follow the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#) to complete your application.

In this section, we also provide NOFO-specific guidance for some forms.

Make sure that you have everything you need to apply:

Form	Required for
<input type="checkbox"/> PHS 398 Research Plan form	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> SF-424 (R&R)	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement form	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> PHS 398 Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> SF-424 (R&R) Other Project Information	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> SF-424 (R&R) Project/Performance Site Locations	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> SF-424 (R&R) Senior/Key Person Profile	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> R&R Budget form or PHS 398 Modular Budget form	All applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include only one of these forms, not both, in your application. • The modular form is typically used by domestic organizations requesting \$250,000 or less per budget period in direct costs.
<input type="checkbox"/> R&R Subaward Budget Attachments form	If your application proposes subawards.
<input type="checkbox"/> PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> PHS Assignment Request form	Optional.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Attachments form	All applications.
<input type="checkbox"/> Report on overlap	If applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bona fide agents documentation	If applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Indirect cost agreement	If applicable.

See [submission requirements and deadlines](#) to see if there are other requirements beyond the application itself.

Important: public information

When filling out your SF-424 form, pay attention to Box 15: Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project.

We share what you put there with [USAspending](#). This is where the public goes to learn how the federal government spends their money.

Instead of just a title, insert a short description of your project and what it will do.

[See instructions and examples.](#)

Application contents and format

You must follow the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#) in the [How to Apply: Application Guide](#) unless this NOFO says otherwise. We strictly enforce these requirements. If you do not follow them, we may delay or not accept your application for review.

See [responsiveness criteria](#) to make sure you meet all requirements.

As you build your application, keep the [review criteria](#) in mind.

PHS 398 Research Plan form

You will use the PHS 398 Research Plan form to complete your research plan. You will upload each of the following parts of the form as a separate attachment.

Some parts may not be required for your application. We provide guidance here and in the [Application Guide](#).

Follow all instructions beginning on page 80 of the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#). We note additional instructions in this NOFO.

Introduction

This section only applies to resubmission or revision applications. Do not include this section if you are submitting a new or renewal application.

Research plan section

To complete this section use the instructions beginning on page 82 of the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#). The parts for this section include:

Parts	Required for	Page limit
Specific aims	All applications.	1
Research strategy	All applications.	12
Progress report publication list	Renewal applications only.	12

To complete this section use the instructions beginning on page 86 of the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#). The parts for this section include:

Parts	Required for	Page limit
Vertebrate animals	If you answer "Yes" to the question "Are Vertebrate Animals Used?" on the R.220 - R&R Other Project Information Form.	None
Select agent research	If your proposed activities involve the use of select agents at any time during the proposed period of performance.	None
Multiple PI/PD leadership plan	If you designate multiple PD/Pis (on the R.240 - R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Form).	None
Consortium and contractual arrangements	If you include any consortiums or contracts in your budget.	None
Letters of support	All applications.	None
Resource sharing plans	All applications.	None
Other plans	All applications.	None
Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources	All applications.	None

Other plans: Data management plan

For all public health data you plan to collect, a data management plan (DMP) is required. For a definition of “public health data” and other key information, see [Data Management and Access](#) on our website.

Submit your DMP in the Other Plans section of your PHS 398 Research Plan and include:

- The data you will collect or generate and what its sources will be.
- Whether there are reasons why you cannot share data collected or generated under the award with CDC. These could include legal, regulatory, policy, or technical concerns.
- Who can access data and how you will protect it.
- Data standards that explain what documentation released data will have. That documentation should describe collection methods, what the data represent, and data limitations.
- Archival and long-term data preservation plans.
- How you will update the DMP as new information becomes available over the life of the project. You will provide updates to the DMP in annual reports. For more information about CDC’s policy on the DMP, see [Data Management and Access Requirement](#) at CDC’s website.
- Use this [template on our website](#). We require a DMP for each collection of public health data you propose. If you claim that the public health data you collect or create are not appropriate for release, you must justify that claim in the DMP submitted with your application.

For a definition of “public health data” and other key information, see [AR 25: Data Management and Access](#) on our website.

Appendix

We allow only limited appendix materials. Follow all the appendix instructions detailed on page 94 of the [research instructions \[PDF\]](#).

Do not use the appendix to get around page limits. You may attach up to 10 PDF documents in the appendix. Additionally, you can include up to three publications that are not publicly available.

Budget form

To develop your budget, see [CDC's Budget Preparation Guidelines](#).

Be sure to follow the guidance in [funding policies and limitations](#).

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

Other Attachments form

You will use the Other Attachments form to upload the following attachments.

Report on overlap

File name: Report on overlap

You must provide this attachment only if you have submitted a similar request for a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract to another funding source in the same fiscal year and that request may result in any of the following types of overlap:

Programmatic

- They are substantially the same project.
- A specific objective and the project design for accomplishing it are the same or closely related.

Budgetary

- You request duplicate or equivalent budget items that are already funded by another source or requested in the other submission.

Commitment

- Given all current and potential funding sources, an individual's time commitment exceeds 100%, which is not allowed.
- We will discuss the overlap with you and resolve the issue before award.

Bona fide agent documentation

File name: Bona fide agent

A bona fide agent is an organization eligible to submit an application on behalf of another organization.

If you are applying as a bona fide agent of a state, territorial, tribal, or local government, you must attach a legal, binding agreement from the government as documentation of your status as their agent.

Indirect cost agreement

File name: Indirect cost agreement

If you include indirect costs in your budget using an approved rate, include a copy of your current agreement approved by your [cognizant agency for indirect costs](#) (2 CFR 200.1). If you use the *de minimis* rate, you do not need to submit this attachment.



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Application review

Initial review

We will review your application to make sure that it meets the [responsiveness criteria](#). If your application does not meet these criteria, we will not move it to the merit review phase.

We will not review any pages over the page limit.

Scientific merit review

We use a two-level merit review process:

- External scientists with expertise in relevant scientific disciplines and research areas perform the first level.
- Internal senior federal scientists with broad scientific and programmatic experience perform the second level.

First level of merit review

Reviewers will consider each of the following review criteria to determine 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 is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

The reviewers use the following criteria. Overall impact and criterion scores (1-to-9-point scale: 1 = exceptional; 9 = poor).

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score. This score indicates how likely they think it is that the project will have a sustained, powerful influence on the research fields involved. They consider the following scored criteria and additional review criteria.

We will average the eligible reviewers impact scores for each application (calculated to one decimal point) and multiply it by 10 to determine the final overall impact score. The final overall impact score ranges from 10 (high impact) to 90 (low impact).

Scored criteria

PD/PI

- How well is the PD/PI suited to both lead the proposed research and complete the proposed career development activities?
- How well has the PI demonstrated the appropriate experience, training, skills, leadership, and management abilities to successfully conduct the proposed research?
- How appropriate are the research and career development plans:
 - To the PD/PI's stage of research development?
 - As a vehicle for developing the research skills described in the career development plan?

Career development plan, career goals, and objectives

- If successfully implemented, how well would the combined career development plan and research experience lead to significant growth and development of the PD/PI's research skill and leadership as an independent scientific investigator?
- How appropriate are the content, scope, phasing, and duration of the career development plan, in the context of prior training or research experience, and the stated training and research objectives for achieving research independence?
- How adequate is the description of the quality and extent of the mentor's proposed role in providing guidance and advice to the PD/PI?
- Is there an adequate description of the elements of the research career development activities?

Research plan

- Does this project address at least one of NCIPC's research priorities related to interpersonal violence or suicide impacting children and youth?
- How likely is the research to impact the fields of interpersonal violence or suicide prevention among children or youth from birth to age 17?
- How likely is the research to contribute to improvements in real-world outcomes for children or youth who are experiencing elevated burden or risk for interpersonal violence, or suicide, or both, and the underlying conditions that are contributing to this burden?
- How well does the research incorporate and seek to account for the conditions that contribute to a greater risk for interpersonal violence and/or suicide across population groups?

- How well does the application propose a sound research design?
- How well does the application demonstrate the ability to access all study related data and study populations necessary to complete the proposed research within the period of performance?
- How well is the conceptual framework, design, methods, sample size, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, and appropriate to the specific aims of the project?
- How well does the application describe working collaboratively and in partnership with communities, and community members impacted by interpersonal violence and/or suicide, including plans for disseminating findings to these communities?

Mentor(s), consultant(s), collaborator(s)

- How appropriate is the experience, qualifications, and background of the mentoring team, particularly the primary mentor, in providing the proposed career development guidance and experiences?
- How appropriate is the experience, qualifications, and background of the mentoring team, in providing scientific and technical guidance on the development, conduct, and analysis of the proposed research?
- Is there evidence of the primary mentor's previous experience in fostering the development of independent investigators?
- Is there an adequate description of the quality and extent of each mentor's proposed role in providing guidance and advice to the PD/PI?
- Are there adequate plans for monitoring and evaluating the candidate's career development and progress towards independence?

Environment and institutional commitment to PD/PI

- How will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success?
- How adequate is the availability of the institutional supports to the investigator for the project proposed?
- Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?
- How well does the application demonstrate that the institution intends to support the PD/PI's development as an independent investigator?
- How well does the application demonstrate sufficient institutional support for both the career development and research plans?

- How well do the letters of support, memoranda of understanding, and data sharing agreements, as applicable to the application's research plan, demonstrate the necessary collaborations and commitment from partners to conduct the proposed research?

Additional review criteria

When applicable to a proposed project, reviewers will evaluate the following additional items and consider them when assigning an impact score but will not give separate scores for these items.

Protections of 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](#), and, as applicable, [21 CFR part 50](#) and [21 CFR part 56](#), the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation using the following five review criteria:

- Risk to subjects.
- Adequacy of protection against risks.
- Potential benefits to the subjects and others.
- Importance of the knowledge to be gained.
- 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:

- The justification for the exemption.
- Human subject involvement and characteristics.
- Sources of materials.

Including children in research

When the proposed project involves clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for the inclusion of children.

For more information, see [Additional Requirement 28: Inclusion of Persons Under the Age of 21 in Research](#).

Vertebrate animals

The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following four points:

- Proposed use of the animals, and species, strains, ages, sex, and numbers to be used.
- Justifications for the use of animals and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers proposed.
- 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, or comfortable restraining devices.
- 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, see the [Checklist for Applicants and Reviewers: Vertebrate Animals](#).

Biohazards

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

Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research

Under the [Executive Order on Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research](#), the CDC will not accept competitive grant or cooperative agreement applications for dangerous gain-of-function research (as defined in Section 8 of the Order).

This prohibition will stay in place until the new policy described in Section 4(a) is put into effect.

Additional review considerations

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

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.

Resource-sharing plan

Reviewers will comment on whether the resource-sharing plan (for example, sharing model organisms) or the rationale for not sharing the resources is reasonable.

After the merit review of your application is complete, the PD/PI will be able to access their summary statement in [eRA Commons](#).

Second level of merit review

After the first level of merit review, we refer applications to a second level of review where they are evaluated based on their value in relation to:

- Program priorities.
- Program relevance.
- Research portfolio balance.
- Geographic considerations.
- Budgetary considerations.
- Other criteria stated in the notice of funding opportunity

We do not consider **voluntary** cost sharing as part of the merit review process.

Risk review

Before making an award, we review the risk that you will not prudently manage federal funds. We need to make sure you've handled any past federal awards well and demonstrated sound business practices. We use SAM.gov [Responsibility / Qualification](#) to check this history for awards. We also check Exclusions.

You can comment on your organization's information in SAM.gov. We'll consider your comments before making a decision about your level of risk.

We may ask for additional information prior to award based on the results of the risk review.

If we find a significant risk, we may choose not to fund your application or to place specific conditions on the award.

For more details, see [2 CFR 200.206](#).

Selection process

When making funding decisions, we consider:

- Scientific merit review results. The results of the first- and second-level reviews are key in making decisions but are not the only factor.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance of the proposed project to program priorities.
- Geographic balance of proposed projects to broaden distribution of the awards.

We may:

- Fund applications out of the rank order developed in merit review to increase the geographical balance of proposed projects, as shown by the congressional district of your organization, to broaden the distribution of awards.

We may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Decide not to allow a prime recipient to subaward if they may not be able to monitor and manage subrecipients properly.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.

Our ability to make awards depends on available appropriations.

Award notices

If you are successful, we will email a Notice of Award (NoA) to your authorized official.

We will email you or write you a letter if your application is not responsive or unsuccessful.

The NoA is the only official award document. The NoA tells you about the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. Until you receive the NoA, you don't have permission to start work.

Once you draw down funds, you have accepted all terms and conditions of the award.

If you want to know more about NoA contents, go to [Understanding Your Notice of Award](#) at CDC's website.



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Submission requirements and deadlines

Optional letter of intent

Due on May 29, 2026

We ask that you let us know if you plan to apply for this opportunity. We do this to plan for the number of reviewers we will need to evaluate applications. You do not have to submit a letter of intent to apply.

Please email the notice to ncipc-peer-review@cdc.gov.

In your email, include:

- The funding opportunity number and title.
- Your organization's name and address.
- A contact name, phone number, and email address.
- The descriptive title of your proposed research.
- Names of your project director or principal investigator and other key personnel.
- Participating institutions.

Application

Due on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

We encourage you to submit your application before the application deadline.

Grants.gov creates a date and time record when it receives the application. If you submit the same application more than once, we will accept the last on-time submission.

The grants management officer may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as documented natural disasters or a verifiable widespread disruption of electric or mail service.

Submission methods

Your organization's authorized official must certify your application.

To submit your application, you have three choices:

- Submit your application directly in Grants.gov using Workspace.
- Use eRA ASSIST, which connects to Grants.gov.
- Use a different system-to-system interface of your choice that connects to Grants.gov.

See [Contacts and Support](#) if you need help.

File format for all submissions

You must submit all text attachments to the Adobe application forms as PDFs. All text attachments must use the agency-specific formatting requirements noted in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

See [How to Apply - Application Guide](#). The Application guides for FORMS-I application packages are also posted here.

Grants.gov

You must submit your application through Grants.gov. See [get registered](#).

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files.

See [Contacts and Support](#) if you need help.

eRA ASSIST

The Application Submission System and Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST) helps you prepare your application, submit it through Grants.gov, and track it.

You must have an eRA Commons ID to use this system. The system will prompt your signing official to enter the Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) credentials to submit the application.

For instructions, see [Using ASSIST](#) and [Submit the Application](#).



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Post-award requirements and administration

We adopt by reference all materials included in the links within this NOFO.

Administrative and national policy requirements

There are important rules you need to read and know if you get an award. You must follow:

- All terms and conditions in the Notice of Award (NoA), including [CDC General Terms and Conditions](#). The NoA includes the requirements of this NOFO.
- The rules listed in [2 CFR 200](#), Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, or any superseding regulations, including HHS-specific requirements in [2 CFR 300](#).
- The HHS [Grants Policy Statement](#) (GPS). This document has policies relevant to your award. If there are any exceptions to the GPS, they'll be listed in your Notice of Award.
- All federal statutes and regulations relevant to federal financial assistance, including the cited authority in this award, the funding authority used for this award, and those highlighted in the [HHS Grants Policy Statement, Appendix D](#): HHS Administrative and National Policy Requirements.
- All anti-discrimination laws: By applying for or accepting federal funds from HHS, recipients certify compliance with all federal antidiscrimination laws and these requirements and that complying with those laws is a material condition of receiving federal funding streams. Recipients are responsible for ensuring subrecipients, contractors, and partners also comply.
- We can take corrective or enforcement actions if your performance is poor, in accordance with [2 CFR 200.339](#) and [2 CFR 200.340](#), as appropriate.

Reporting

If you are successful, you will have to submit financial and performance reports. These include:

Report	Description	When
Annual Performance Report (Research Performance Progress Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves as yearly continuation application. Includes performance measures, successes, and challenges. Updates research plan. Includes how CDC could help overcome challenges. Includes budget for the next 12-month budget period. Complete list of the publications planned or completed to date - including status (e.g., published [include reference], in review, under development). Description of any changes made in the use of human subjects or IRB approval status. Includes how data are collected and used (Data Management Plan). 	120 days prior to the end of the budget period, or the date identified in guidance that CDC distributes.
Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes funds authorized and disbursed during the budget period. Indicates exact balance of unobligated funds and other financial information. 	90 days after the end of each budget period.
Final Performance Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes information similar to the Annual Performance Report. 	120 days after the end of the period of performance.
Final Federal Financial Report (FFR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes information in Federal Financial Report. 	120 days after the end of the period of performance.
Response to Technical Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to any progress concerns or areas for improvement noted on their annual Technical Review within the time period specified in the annual award continuation notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually specified in annual award continuation notice

To learn more about these reporting requirements, see [Reporting](#) on the CDC website.



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Help with systems

Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides [24/7 support](#) (closed on Federal holidays).

You can call 1-800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

eRA Commons

Contact the [eRA Commons Help Desk](#) for questions regarding eRA Commons registration, tracking application status, and post-submission issues. The Help Desk is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. Closed on federal holidays.

You can call toll free at 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 or TTY 301-451-5939.

You can email commons@od.nih.gov.

Reference websites

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#)
- [Grants Dictionary of Terms](#)
- [CDC Grants: How to Apply](#)
- [Research Instructions \[PDF\]](#)
- [CDC Grants: Already Have a CDC Grant?](#)
- [Grants.gov Accessibility Information](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\)](#)
- [United States Code \(U.S.C.\)](#)
- [Bayh-Dole Regulations](#)