



Supplement to CDC-RFA-PS19-1901, “Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments”

An Outline Compiled by NCSDD

Below is a brief description of what we know about the DIS Supplement based on the recently released **NOFO**, as well as key elements needed to develop a strong application. This is not an exhaustive list, but it meant to be a resource to help guide your application writing.

Important Dates and Notes:

- The funding will be released to jurisdictions BEFORE the application is due. Funding will be made available in June.
- Recipients are required to sign and submit an acknowledgement of receipt of the NOFO guidance as a Grant Note by **Friday, June 11, 2021**.
- Recipients must submit work plans, one-year hiring goals, and budgets through 12/31/21 within **60 days** of receipt of funds.
- The deadline to submit applications is **Friday, August 20, 2021**.

Funding Information:

- These funds are in addition to existing PCHD funding.
- Recipients are encouraged to partner with and offer subawards to local and tribal jurisdictions.
- Recipients will be expected to provide the CDC with copies of and/or access to COVID-19 data collected and evaluations conducted with these funds.

Key items to consider in your application:

- Recipients should include in their workplans:
 - Hiring goals and priorities, including those of subrecipients
 - Include mitigation plans to address challenges in meeting goals
 - Identify the community-based organizations with whom they or subrecipients partner and the specific communities those partners support
 - Focus on how diversity, equity, and inclusion will be prioritized to hire and recruit workers from local communities
 - Brief overview of programmatic context and capacity to implement workforce development goals
 - Needs assessment (current organizational structure, staffing, staffing and skills gaps, training, training gaps, and outbreak response capacity)
 - Include organizational charts and policy and procedure documents at the state and local levels

- Required documents
 - Application for Federal Assistance 424 – one form for supplemental request
 - Budget Information 424a
 - Workplan and budget

Non-exhaustive list of allowable costs and activities:

*“The focus of this funding is to build the DIS workforce to strengthen the capacity for STLT public health departments to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious diseases more effectively.” Be creative about how you want to use these funds – as long as you can explicitly relate your ideas back to supporting the DIS workforce, they should be allowable. **NCSDDC will be compiling and distributing additional resources with further ideas for how to use this funding.***

- The costs, including wages and benefits of recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining disease investigation staff
 - These individuals may be employed by STLT public health departments, nonprofit private or public organizations, clinical settings, or community-based organizations
 - Other mechanisms to expand DIS workforce:
 - COVID-19 Related Support Services (CRSS) contract mechanism through the General Services Administration (GSA) to obtain staff or services
 - Veterans Employment Services
 - Establishing partnerships with academic institutions to create internship and fellowship opportunities
 - Using temporary staffing or employment agencies
- Purchase of equipment and supplies necessary to support DIS
 - PPE
 - Diagnostic tests – with 10% cap
 - Technology
 - Software and technological tools
 - Other equipment needed to perform the duties of the position
- Administrative support services, including travel, training, and certification
- Gap assessment
- Addressing community resilience needs to respond effectively to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases
- Subawards or contracts to tribal and local entities
- Training and education for new and existing staff
- Developing, training, and equipping staff to be ready to respond to COVID-19 and incident infections and outbreaks
- Hire and train a diverse workforce across all levels who are representative of, and have language competence for, the local communities they serve
- Systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics, and outcomes of programs

About NCSDDC

National Coalition of STD Directors is a national organization representing health department STD directors, their support staff, and community-based organizations across 50 states, seven large cities, and eight US territories. NCSDDC advances effective STD prevention programs and services in every community across the country.

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