



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: NC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Date of this notice: July 31, 2020

RFA Title: African American Community Engagement

Purpose: North Carolina continues to see a sustained increase in its confirmed cases of COVID-19 among the general population, and a disproportionately high percentage of cases statewide are among historically marginalized populations. Our state's African American residents are 21% of the North Carolina population, but represent 24% of the cases and 32% of the deaths where race and ethnicity are known.

Health disparities among African Americans in North Carolina are historic and persistent. African Americans are disproportionately at risk for more severe illness from COVID-19 including chronic kidney disease, obesity; serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, asthma, cerebrovascular disease, hypertension, HIV, liver disease, and smoking.

The African American Community Engagement grants will be used to fund organizations to build awareness and support for DHHS prevention, testing, contact tracing, and isolation supports initiatives in regions of the state disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Description: The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD) was appropriated a sum of \$200,000 from "2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act" Fund. In accordance with this appropriation and in response to Executive Order 143, the Department intends to direct resources to address inequities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded organizations will support the Department's efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in the African American Population through dissemination of culturally appropriate messaging to build awareness and support for NC DHHS prevention, testing, contact tracing, and isolation supports initiatives in regions of the state disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations located in North Carolina with a documented 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State are eligible to apply to this RFA. Awardees must be registered with SAM.gov prior to receiving any reimbursement. Institutions of higher education (colleges, community colleges, vocational or trade schools), public entities, and for-profit agencies need not apply.

The Contractor may subcontract with any type of organization, including but not limited to, non-profit, for-profit, institutions of higher education, and public entities. All subcontractors must be approved by NC DHHS.

How to Apply: RFAs will be posted on the Program's website <https://www.ncminorityhealth.org/#whatsnew> and may be sent via email to interested agencies and organizations beginning Friday, July 31, 2020.

Deadline for Submission: Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, August 14, 2020. Applications received after 5:00 p.m. will be classified as late and will not be considered for funding. **Hard copy applications will NOT be accepted.** Each document should be attached as a separate attachment in Word or PDF format in one email to the NC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at ncminorityhealth@dhhs.nc.gov.

How to Obtain Further Information: Written questions concerning the specifications in this Request for Applications will be received electronically. All inquiries regarding the RFA must be submitted via email by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 6, 2020 to which responses to inquiries/questions will be issued on Monday, August 10, 2020. A summary of all questions and answers will be placed on North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities website at <https://www.ncminorityhealth.org/#whatsnew>.

Direct all inquiries concerning this RFA to the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities: ncminorityhealth@dhhs.nc.gov.