



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Division of Public Health / Chronic Disease and Injury Section / Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

Date of this notice: 02/01/2021

RFA Title: A-382 North Carolina Partnerships to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening (NC PICCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this Request for Applications is to solicit applications to contract with the NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch (the Branch) to implement evidence-based colorectal cancer (CRC) screening interventions to eligible patients aged 50 to 75 at average risk for colorectal cancer resulting in improved screening rates. The successful applicants will work with the North Carolina Partnerships to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening (NC PICCS) team consisting of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the American Cancer Society, and the Branch.

Description: This program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as the NC Partnerships to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening (NC PICCS) and is a collaboration between the NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch, the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (UNC).

The purpose of this program is to implement Evidence-Based Interventions (EBIs) to increase CRC screening rates and improve the quality of screening and follow-up testing at four selected clinics from two Federally Qualified Health Systems (FQHCs) with the support of partnerships between the Branch, ACS and UNC.

Applicant Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be an FQHC or FQHC Look-Alike* with two or more primary care clinic locations per year capable of performing evidence-based colorectal cancer (CRC) screenings by a stool-based test such as the Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)/ Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) (referred to a positive stool test). Test results are verified either by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations on site or through a licensed reference lab. The FQHC must have access to clinic level data as data submissions are mandatory.
2. Applicants must have a CRC screening rate of less than 60%.
3. Applicants must have participated in or are currently engaged with the ACS Colorectal Cancer Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative (ACS QI CRC Learning Collaborative).

NOTE: Local Health Departments are not eligible for this pool of funding.

* **FQHC Look-Alike:** A health system that meets all the requirements of an FQHC but does not receive any federal funds.

How to Apply: The RFA will be posted at the Branch's website <https://bcccp.ncdhhs.gov/> on 02/01/2021 and may be sent to prospective organizations via email.

Deadline for Submission: Applications must be emailed as single PDF to tavonyia.thompson@dhhs.nc.gov by 5:00 pm on March 19, 2021. The subject line must include the RFA number and the applicant organization's name. Original signatures are required (scanned original signatures are acceptable).

How to Obtain Further Information: Direct all inquiries concerning this RFA to:

Tavonyia Thompson, Operations Manager at e-mail: tavonyia.thompson@dhhs.nc.gov.