

Building Local Operational Capacity for COVID-19 (BLOC COVID-19) Request for Application

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will be awarded and how many awards do you anticipate being able to provide?

Funding through this RFA ranges up to \$50,000 for LHD demonstration sites that elect to complete the required activities and up to \$100,000 for LHD demonstration sites that elect to conduct the required AND supplemental activities. Due to the range NACCHO projects at least 50 funded demonstration sites.

We have an infectious disease expert on staff as our medical director. Can we use their expertise and allocate the funding to their time rather than contract with an outside IPC expert?

NACCHO understands that in some circumstances, the IPC subject matter expertise may exist in the health department and can address those on a case by case basis. Applicants should include information on the identified individual's IPC background to verify that it is appropriate, and leveraging any individual or group that can still support the development of an IPC training plan for staff is still in line with the goals of the project.

We are interested in using grant funding to reach out to a medically remote community and are wondering if that would be an appropriate use?

This funding opportunity is specifically for infection prevention and control in high risk facilities. If there is a facility that would meet that criteria and applicants are able to make the case in their application that this will qualify as a high-risk facility, that would be appropriate. However, for broader outreach not connected to infection prevention and control, that would not be a good fit.

Is indirect cost allowable at a federally negotiated rate?

Yes. Applicants including fringe/indirect rates will be asked to submit a copy of their federally-approved rate agreement during the contract process.

Could this funding be used to address IPC efforts in sober living facilities or housing sites for disabled individuals and the elderly?

NACCHO recognizes that local health departments, as the chief health strategists in their communities, may have a better understanding of where the needs and priorities in their community are. There may be some flexibility in what qualifies as a high-risk facility, and NACCHO encourages applicants to include descriptions of the burden, information on the type of facility, and any known IPC gaps that could be addressed through this project.

Would federally recognized tribes be eligible for this opportunity?

Eligible applicants for this funding opportunity are local health departments which include public health departments providing services locally or regionally and tribal health departments that are active NACCHO members. Upon notification, NACCHO will confirm that selected applicants are current NACCHO members in good standing. To confirm membership status or to become an active NACCHO member, visit <http://www.naccho.org/membership>.

For the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection Form, what should be listed as the CFDA# and Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) as reported in FPDS?

This grant opportunity is federally funded and the CFDA # is 93.421. There is no TAS for this award, so please leave that field blank. More information about this form can be found at: <https://www.frs.gov/>.