2024 CIC Scholarship Opportunity for LHDs

Optional Informational Webinar

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Webinar Logistics

- This webinar is being recorded and the recording will be available on the 2024 CIC Scholarship announcement page on NACCHO's website.
- All participants are in listen only-mode.
- Submit questions through the Q&A Box at any time. There will be time later in the presentation to address questions.
- If you need technical assistance, please use the Q&A box.

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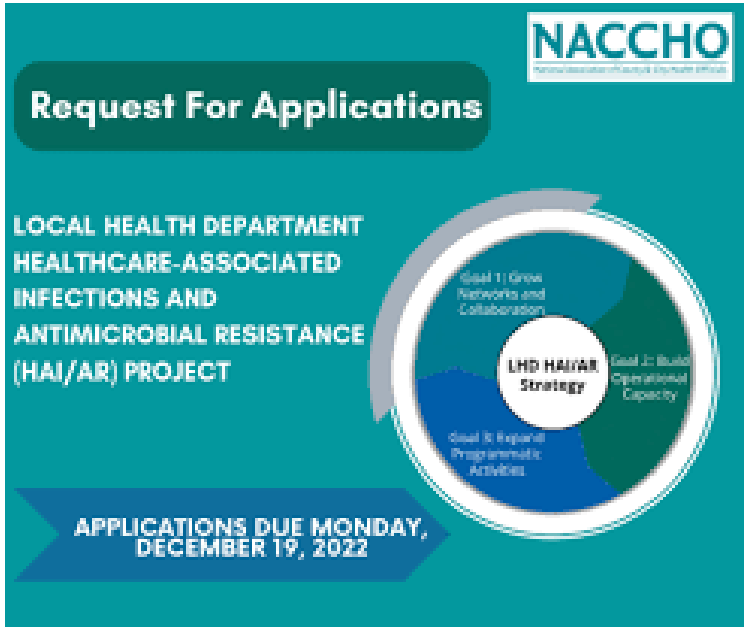
About NACCHO

NACCHO, the voice of the country's **over 3,300 local health departments** (LHDs) across the United States. Our mission is to serve as a **leader**, **partner**, **catalyst**, and **voice** with local health departments.

- Advocacy
- Partnerships
- Funding
- Training and education
- Networking
- Resources, tools, and technical assistance

Background

BLOC
COVID-19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Request For Applications
LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (HAI/AR) PROJECT
LHD HAI/AR Strategy
APPLICATIONS DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

Build
HAIAR

Timeline

- **January 5, 2024**
  - Request for applications opened
- **January 11, 2024**
  - Informational webinar
- **January 26, 2024**
  - Applications due
- **February 16, 2024**
  - Anticipated award notification
- **June 30, 2024**
  - Project period ends & all reimbursements due

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Eligibility criteria

- The application is open to local health departments.
- The application is on OpenWater and can be accessed through the announcement page.
- Each LHD will appoint **one** POC, responsibilities include:
  - Liase with NACCHO
  - Manage award acceptance, reimbursements, & submit application
  - Coordinate LHD staff taking CIC or a-IPC exams

Application Overview

- Contact info for each individual planning to be certified & their eligibility
- Details of the course, training, or materials you plan to buy
- Short response demonstrating:
  - Need, capacity, and impact of certification on your LHD and the community
  - How this opportunity will benefit your current infection control activities
  - Plans or considerations for sustainability

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Funding specifics

- Selected LHDs will be reimbursed for staff exam fees and materials
- Exam registration is required
- Award amount: $2,500-$5,000
- What is reimbursable?
- Reimbursements can be submitted at any time until June 30, 2024 (the project period end date). **Each LHD will submit only one reimbursement request.**
  - What if my health department has purchasing restrictions or challenges with this process and it will be an individual who is covering the upfront expenses?

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Join NACCHO's CIC Scholarship Virtual Community!

- Goals
  - Answer questions on the CIC scholarship opportunity
  - Create space for peer discussions on how LHD staff can best prepare
  - Share exam training materials
- Start here: https://virtualcommunities.naccho.org/home
  - Join "CIC Scholarship Community"
  - Instructions: https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Virtual-Communities-Guide-for-Members.pdf

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Helpful Exam Materials & Resources

- APIC Resources: Study Guide, Text, Review Bundle, Online Course, Practice Exams
- Textbooks, Flash Cards, Practice Exams
- Infection Prevention Certification Review Course
- State provided resources
- YouTube Channels & Videos (CIC Epidemiologists)
- Study Groups & Peer Groups
- Shadow an IP

***NACCHO is not endorsing these materials and is only providing compiled data results*

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Exam Tips & Recommendations

- Take **TIME** to study! - 6 months was recommended
- Work with employer to try to designate study time
- Join or create a study group, pace yourself
- Take practice exams and focus on areas you know the least
- CIC is focused on hospital IPC rather than LHD Epis
- Leverage partners – shadow IP, ask state as they may have resources/webinars, study groups, etc.
- Focus on core concepts and applications
- **Be confident**, it's worth it!

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Q & A

Please enter your
questions or comments in the
Q&A box

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Thank you for joining today's webinar!

Please be on the lookout for additional opportunities.

Contact us with questions

Virtual Community: CIC Scholarship Community

Email: infectiousdiseases@naccho.org

An updated FAQ document and the recording of today's webinar will be posted on the announcement page.

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