



National Association of County & City Health Officials

*The National Connection for Local Public Health*

## **Request for Applications (RFA): Implementing the Continuity of Care in Breastfeeding Support: A Blueprint for Communities**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):**

**1. Who is eligible for this RFA?**

Eligibility is restricted to non-profits, municipalities, and breastfeeding coalitions. Applicants may include, but are not limited to, local health departments, community health centers, WIC offices, Healthy Start sites, non-profit hospitals, local breastfeeding coalitions with a fiscal sponsor, and community-based organizations.

**2. Can this be a statewide program or are you looking for local programs only?**

This funding opportunity is intended for local-level projects. A state-level organization (e.g., state breastfeeding coalition) can apply, but the project must be implemented at the local level.

**3. Can we provide incentives for the families we interview - or financially compensate for their time?**

Incentives are an unallowable cost. However, you may allocate funds for consultant fees for the community members who participate in your work, and funding should be given to partner organizations for their collaboration.

**4. We are a breastfeeding coalition. Is a fiscal sponsor required?**

If your organization has previously received funding and can process contracts and payments, a fiscal sponsor is likely not necessary. However, NACCHO reserves the right to withhold funding or require a fiscal sponsor if funding a particular entity is deemed too risky by the contracts department. Please reach out to [breastfeeding@naccho.org](mailto:breastfeeding@naccho.org) if you would like to discuss a specific case.

**5. Are we limited to a specifically defined geographic area; can we create a project that is regional in nature?**

NACCHO defines local-level as a specific county, city, or a group of zip codes.

**6. Do we need to submit the contract forms with the application or after we are selected for the grant?**

The completed contract forms need to be submitted with the application for a smooth contracting process upon award. If completed contract forms are not submitted by the deadline, the application will not be considered.

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### **7. Are indirect costs like administrative and facilities cost allowed to be requested as a line item?**

Indirect costs are included in the RFA and are based on your approved state or federal rate. If you do not have an approved rate then you may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 10% of its modified total direct costs (MTDC).

### **8. Could the funding be used for a breastfeeding peer counselor staff position?**

Yes, this funding may be used for staff positions. However, because it is only a 9-month project, we would encourage you to consider the sustainability of hiring a new staff person through this project.

### **9. Do we need to have a sam.gov registration before applying? On the Vendor Information Form it asks if we have sam.gov registration. I don't believe we are registered (as we've never done a federal contract before). Is getting registered a requirement to apply, or is that something we could potentially take care of if/when we are awarded the grant?**

You are required to have a SAM.gov registration when we execute the contract. Because it takes up to 30 days to register, we recommend that you apply now. If you wait to apply and do not have registration when it is time to execute the contract, we might choose not to fund your organization.

### **10. I am a former NACCHO Breastfeeding grantee. Am I eligible?**

Yes.

### **11. Do we need to be NACCHO members to apply for this grant opportunity?**

No. You do not need to be a NACCHO member for this specific opportunity. You may leave the NACCHO Membership number answer blank on the Vendor Information Form.

### **12. How many groups will be awarded grants?**

We are providing up to 10 grants of up to \$20,000 each.

### **13. Can the grant be used for leasing space to work in?**

Please email [breastfeeding@naccho.org](mailto:breastfeeding@naccho.org) for case by case determination.

### **14. Will requests for lower than \$20,000 be favorably reviewed?**



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Not necessarily. All requests will be reviewed; but the funding budget was specified for a reason. We ask that your budget is realistic and aligned with your work plan. We would like to see grantees make proper use of the funds.

**15. I am not able to access the required attachment templates, such as the Vendor Information Form.**

[Applications Documents](#)

Contact [breastfeeding@naccho.org](mailto:breastfeeding@naccho.org) with remaining questions. For additional resources:

Visit: <http://www.breastfeedingcontinuityofcare.org/home>