



Adaptation of Project Firstline Tools and Resources Request for Application

Frequently Asked Questions

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Can non-health department organizations or individuals apply for this opportunity?

This opportunity is open to Tribal health departments and LHDs only.

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

NACCHO will provide funding and technical assistance to 7 Tribal health departments and 10 local health departments (LHDs). NACCHO will issue two awards depending on the category of engagement. Awards up to \$150,000 for health departments who select to complete ONLY the required activities; and awards up to \$200,000 for health departments who select to complete the required AND supplemental activities.

Would we need to request the full \$200,000 if our health department opts to complete both required AND supplemental activities, or could we instead request a lower amount?

Yes, you would have to request the full \$200,000. The same is true for health departments that only opt to complete the required activities, you would have to request the full \$150,000.

Will there be another opportunity to be funded through this project in the future?

Unfortunately, we are not planning on having a second round of awardees for this project at this time.

What will the outreach and education materials look like?

These materials could be one-pagers, infographics, posters, or training materials that would be utilized to bolster healthcare worker engagement, promote basic IPC protocol reminders, and support general promotion of basic IPC principles. We encourage you to look at the existing [Project Firstline Training and Educational Materials](#)

Do the adapted tools/resources need to be targeted specifically to healthcare facilities, or could we target LTCFs?

Long-term care facilities are considered healthcare facilities and are an appropriate target audience. The training must be limited to healthcare facilities; therefore, settings that do not provide direct healthcare services such as schools or shelters cannot be considered as a target audience under the scope of work for this project.

What is a quick hit session?

A quick hit is a short training session, 15-20minute max. The purpose of this quick hit session is to demonstrate during the end of the project in-person meeting an IPC training activity that you have implemented or plan to implement.

Is this project geared towards helping smaller Tribal health clinics with developing an IPC program?

This project is for Tribal health departments and LHDs who will work with their healthcare facilities to bolster IPC knowledge through training. While there are elements that will include building staff capacity to be able to provide IPC trainings and becoming familiar with some available [Project Firstline educational materials](#), this project is not a comprehensive funding opportunity for building an IPC program and the timeframe is also not sufficient for supporting a full IPC program development in a healthcare facility. In addition, only Tribal health departments and LHDs are eligible to apply for the project, if you are exclusively a clinical provider you will not be eligible for this funding opportunity.

Will the toolkits provide a step-by-step guide for helping smaller Tribal health clinics developed policies and procedures?

This funding opportunity is not necessarily targeted at developing IPC policies and procedures; rather this project is aimed at training on the basics of infection prevention and control. We'd encourage you to review some of the [existing Project Firstline educational materials](#) and resources in advance of applying for this funding opportunity.

Questions specific to the supplemental activity on *partnership with an IHS Area Office, local or state health department and develop a collaborative strategic plan to address gaps and improve IPC in the jurisdiction or locality*:

Would a LHD grantee partner with another LHD, or is it restricted for a LHD to partner with state health department or IHS Area Office?

Yes, a LHD can establish a partnership with another LHD to meet this deliverable.

Would the grantee be required to utilize the NACCHO strategic plan template for that task? Or would we be free to utilize a different template/format for the strategic plan development?

There is no specific template/format that is required for the strategic plan. If your organization has a template in mind, we encourage you to share it with NACCHO staff early on to ensure it will meet the deliverable requirements.

Regarding the supplemental activity '*Develop (i.e. not just implement or adapt) specific IPC outreach, education, and training activities for healthcare facilities in the jurisdiction or locality*', would this need to be vetted first?

Yes, the newly developed educational materials or training activities will undergo a review process to ensure technical accuracy. CDC's Project Firstline team is engaged in supporting this funding opportunity and will work with NACCHO to provide feedback on the developed materials.

Can this funding opportunity cover staff and patient education regarding HIV/STI?

Although Project Firstline covers injection safety and risks of HIV spread through needle sticks and other provisional care that may result in bloodborne pathogen transmission, there is no HIV/STI patient education within this initiative. Project Firstline aims at training healthcare workers to understand, think critically about and apply infection control actions.

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.

If I am experiencing technical difficulties with the online submission system, will I be able to email my application?

If you are having any technical difficulties with the online submission system, please email infectiousdiseases@naccho.org (CC achavezcalvi@naccho.org) and we will assist you or provide alternative methods for submitting your application. Please review all components of the application to ensure a completed application is submitted by the deadline, October 18, 2023, at 11:59 PM PST.