2020 Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Awards (ORA)

Request for Application (RFA) Overview

September 30, 2019
2:00-3:00 PM ET
Logistics

• This webinar is listen-only and can be heard through either your computer speakers or telephone. Using both will cause feedback.

• This call is being recorded and will be shared on the NACCHO Awards application website and the listserv.

• Submit all questions through the Q &A box in the toolbox at the bottom of your screen.
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Webinar Objectives

1. Review the MRC ORA RFA.
2. Understand the ORA funding tiers and the intent of each funding tier.
3. Review example projects for each funding tier.
4. Review important dates for 2020 MRC ORA.
5. Understand the application process through NACCHO’s award website (application.naccho.org)
6. Evaluations
What is the MRC Operational Readiness Award?

- Competitive award to build operational capabilities
- Flexible to meet the needs of individual MRC units
- Strengthen stakeholder awareness
- Support integration of MRC into local, state and/or regional response plans
Who may apply?

MRC units that meet the following criteria:

• Profile updated on MRC website
• Eligible to receive federal funds
• Prospective MRC units confirmed by Regional Liaisons
• Previous award recipients have completed required progress reports or final evaluations

Where can I find more details?

• Request for Application (RFA) 2020 MRC Operational Readiness Awards
• NACCHO Awards website
  https://application.naccho.org
MRC units may apply to one funding opportunity:

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<td>Strengthen MRC Volunteer Capabilities</td>
<td>Strengthen MRC Unit Capabilities</td>
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Project Expectations

- Align with at least one of the MRC and ASPR priorities
- Use MRC Deployment Readiness Resources to build common MRC standards.
- Utilize MRC Factors for Success to shape project goals.
- Focus on building or sustaining volunteer or unit capabilities.
- Identify the current state and realistic goals for the future state.
- Submit project evaluations at 6 and 12 months.
- Share resources developed.
ASPR & MRC Priorities

- Medical screening and care in emergencies
- POD’s, mass vaccinations, and other mass dispensing efforts
- Deployment of volunteers outside of local jurisdiction
- Training community members to respond
Deployment Readiness Resources

MRC Volunteer Tier Levels

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<th>Deployable</th>
<th>Level Description</th>
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| MRC LEVEL 1 | EMAC, Intrasate Local | Meet the standards for Level 2; Demonstrated experience in non-emergency activations or emergency deployments;Capable of serving supervisory roles;Background check recommended. May be required for EMAC deployments. | Required:  
  ✓ IS-200  
  ✓ IS-800  
  Recommended: MRC Core Competencies Learning Path:  
  - Volunteer Leadership  
  - Community Resiliency |
| MRC LEVEL 2 | Intrasate Local | Meet the standards for Level 3; Demonstrated experience through training/exercises; Demonstrated participation in unit activities and non-emergency events; Background check recommended. | Required:  
  ✓ IS-100  
  ✓ IS-700  
  Recommended: MRC Core Competencies Learning Path:  
  - Volunteer Response |
| MRC LEVEL 3 | Local | Limited training or participation in unit activities. | Required:  
  ✓ MRC Unit Orientation or J1T equivalent. |

MRC Core Competencies

Learning Path: Volunteer Preparedness

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<th>MRC Performance Qualifications</th>
<th>Suggested Trainings and MRC TRAIN Course Number</th>
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<td>1.0 Demonstrate personal and family preparedness for disasters and public health emergencies.</td>
<td>Complete a personal and family preparedness plan.</td>
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  - Disaster Health Core Curriculum  
    - Competency 1*: Personal and Family Preparedness  
    - MRC-TRAIN 1081145 | 25 minutes | Level 3 |
| 2.0 Engage in emergency preparedness activities at your workplace or community |  
  - Disaster Health Core Curriculum  
    - Competency 2*: Expected Roles in Organizational & Community Response Plans During a Disaster or Public Health Emergency  
    - MRC-TRAIN 1081330 | 15 minutes | Level 3 |
| 3.0 Engage in emergency preparedness activities at your workplace or community |  
  - Personal Preparedness for Public Health Workers (RIDOH)  
    - MRC-TRAIN 1090420 | 1 hour | Level 3 |
| 4.0 Engage in emergency preparedness activities at your workplace or community |  
  - Animal Emergency Preparedness  
    - MRC-TRAIN 1025307 |  | Level 2 |
| 5.0 Engage in emergency preparedness activities at your workplace or community |  
  - Disaster Health Core Curriculum  
    - Competency 5*: Personal Safety  
    - MRC-TRAIN 1081353 | 40 minutes | Level 3 |
Tier 1 Funding - $2,500

Projects that:

- Strengthen MRC volunteer capabilities through
  - Retention
  - Recruitment
  - Trainings
  - Logistical resources
Tier I: Examples of Project Goals

Recruitment:
- Increase number of registered volunteers to meet goal for the unit
- Increase medical professionals by 20% through a targeted campaign

Training:
- Provide monthly training opportunities
- Provide 6 community response outreach trainings such as *Until Help Arrives*
- Increase number of Level 3 volunteers by 25%
- Core Competencies training to support Volunteer Preparedness Learning Path

Logistical resource:
- Purchase volunteer deployment gear for Level 3 and above volunteers
- Secure trainers and facilities for trainings or workshops

Retention:
- Provide monthly training opportunities
- Provide 6 community response outreach trainings such as *Until Help Arrives*
Tier 2 Funding - $7,500

Projects that:

- Strengthen MRC unit response capabilities through:
  - Building targeted volunteer response capabilities
  - Building or sustaining specific unit response capabilities
  - Identifying and procuring resources to meet/expand response capabilities
Tier 2: Examples of Project Goals & Activities

- Train at least 20 volunteers on PFA
- Train at least (5) Level 2 or Level 1 volunteers for the role of Staging Liaison
Tier 2: Examples of Project Goals & Activities

- Collaborate with community partners to identify and build at least one new mission set
- Conduct a functional exercise to train MRC volunteers on a new or current mission
Tier 2: Examples of Project Goals & Activities

- Secure facility and training supplies to conduct a POD functional exercise
- Inventory and purchase supplies for medical deployment cache
## Operational Readiness Award Timeline

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<td>• Release RFA</td>
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<td>• MRC Awards Webinar</td>
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<td>Oct 7, 2019</td>
<td>• Apps open</td>
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<td>Oct 30, 2019</td>
<td>• Review period begins</td>
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<td>Week of Dec 2, 2019</td>
<td>• Notice of Awards</td>
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<td>Nov 27, 2019</td>
<td>• Review period ends</td>
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<td>Dec 9-20, 2019</td>
<td>• Contracts mailed</td>
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## Tips for a Successful Award Application

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<th>Understand the funding announcement (RFA)</th>
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<td>Set realistic and appropriate goals</td>
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<td>Determine how you will measure success</td>
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<td>Keep it short, concise, and use plain language</td>
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<td>Save your responses in Word first</td>
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<td>Proofread and seek input on draft from team members</td>
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<td>Ensure all project information is up to date and accurate</td>
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Application Questions

Access question link under ‘Resources’

Application includes both administrative and project questions

Gather information before starting application

Save in Word prior to starting application
Budget Submission

Develop budget spreadsheet of estimated program costs

Use the following budget categories:

- Administrative Costs and Fees
- Professional Service Fees
- Facilities, Rentals and AV Fees
- Uniforms, Equipment and Resources
- Training & Exercises (T&E)
- Travel/Transportation Services
- Awards, Recruitment and Outreach

Save as an Excel spreadsheet and upload during application

_NACCHO’s MRC Award funding may not be used to purchase promotional items/giveaways._
Online Application Website

https://application.naccho.org
Online Application – Getting Started

Apply for Applications

Start a New Application

- Start a New Application
- Continue Applications (0)
- Submit Applications (0)
- Not Interested (0)
- Application Period Closed (1)

Start a New Application

- MRC Unit Funding Awards
- MRC Operational Readiness Awards (ORA) 2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 10/28/2019 5:00 PM PST

Not Interested
START NEW APPLICATION

Please apply for available applications above to continue.
Online Application – Getting Started

MRC Operational Readiness Awards (ORA) 2020

2020 MRC Operational Readiness Awards

Apply From: 9/20/2019 5:00 AM PST - 10/28/2019 5:00 PM PST

Submit Application

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 7, 5AM PST TO OCTOBER 28, 5PM PST, 2019.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
10/28/2019 5:00 PM PST

SEARCH PREVIOUS
NACCHO has provided tools to help you find all of our previous winners.

Home / MRC Operational Readiness Awards (ORA) 2020

- MRC Units selected for funding will receive a notification of award and contractual agreement. Units that accept the funding agree to comply with the terms of agreement outlined in the contractual agreement and submit all documents within the terms of agreement timeframe. NACCHO will not be able to accept any requests for changes to the content language of the contractual agreement. Requests for corrections or changes to designated approving authorities, housing agencies, or addresses to the contract must be submitted to NACCHO by February 10, 2020.
- MRC units that received an MRC Challenge Award in 2018 must have submitted a final project evaluation report to be eligible for funding in 2020. Contact mrc@naccho.org if you are unsure if you have submitted a report.
- I agree to and understand that I must meet all of the relevant eligibility requirements to be considered for an award.

Questions marked * are required
Online Application – Getting Started

Application Questions:
- Questions are available to download in the Resources Section on the main MRC Award page.
- Left side bar allows you to navigate to different sections of the application.
Online Application – Proposal Information

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For the funding level selected, describe the current state of your MRC unit and why you are selecting this funding level (Maximum 300 words).

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Describe the goals of your project. What are the measurable objectives for your project? (Maximum 300 words).

![textarea]
Online Application – Review and Submit Options

Verification of Eligibility
• Review criteria and select yes
• Select Save and Review

Review all questions:
• Correct any mistakes
• Select Save Option
  • For Later (can edit later)
  • And Submit (can’t edit)
Online Application – Editing Saved Applications

Select Applications
• Shows applications in progress
• Opportunity to edit application
Online Application – Viewing Submitted Applications

My Submissions

APPLICATION STATUS

Applied and Awarded

APPLICATION YEAR

2019

MRC Operational Readiness Awards (ORA)

2020


Status: Applied

VIEW APPLICATION
Project Reporting Requirements

Six-Months In-Progress

• Confirm project has started
• Opportunity to adjust plans if needed
• June 2020

Final Project Evaluation

• Provide feedback on successes or challenges
• Share Best practices
• Share impact and outcomes
• January 2021
Examples of Measurable Outputs and Outcomes

Train at least 30 volunteers in Shelter Management operations

- 32 volunteers received training on PODs

Conduct at least 4 trainings to support Preparedness and Response Learning Paths of the Core Competencies

- Conducted quarterly trainings on core competencies with 94 total volunteers participating.

Identify at risk communities to conduct at least 4 outreach events on emergency preparedness

- Provide community education for 2 senior housing communities and 2 partner agencies that support vulnerable populations.

Outcomes

- 10% of the unit is trained on POD operations
- 20% of volunteers are Level 3 and 15% are Level 2
- 90% of community members that participated in outreach training feel better informed on emergency preparedness
Final Project Evaluation

• Demonstrates the value of funding
• Identify promising practices and resources
• Share information
  ✓ MRC “In-Touch” newsletters
  ✓ One-Pagers (Livestories) or MRC FactSheets
  ✓ MRC toolkit
  ✓ MRC Network Profile*
Tips: Good Evaluation

Does:
✓ Measure progress and identifies reasons for celebration
✓ Inform continuous improvement
✓ Happen at every phase
✓ Have a shared language

Does not:
✗ Exist as an afterthought
✗ Only happen if there is extra money
✗ Have to be difficult
✗ Only happen during the action cycle
Questions?

More information:

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