



# **CDC Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement CDC-RFA-TP22-2201**

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# Discussion Topics

- Overview of the Cooperative Agreement
  - Replaces TP18-1802 “Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement”
  - Proxy application creates a new approved but unfunded (ABU) list for future emergencies
  - Includes all prior eligible recipients and is expanded to include up to 40 large metropolitan cities and counties
- Application Process
  - Prior recipients encouraged to submit 2020 COVID-19 work plans and budgets
  - Applications due Monday, February 14, 2022
  - Application window will be open throughout five-year performance period for new submissions due to population changes

# Public Health Crisis Response Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Enables CDC to rapidly award emergency response funds to state, local, tribal, and territorial public health agencies
- First NOFO was released in October 2017; updated NOFO issued in 2018
  - Approved applicants or jurisdictions are placed on an approved but unfunded (ABU) list until funding becomes available for public health emergencies
- Mechanism has been used for hurricanes, opioids, and COVID-19 (twice) with nearly \$3 billion awarded in as little as 10 days
- 2019 ABU list expires January 31, 2022



# Public Health Crisis Response: 2022 NOFO Changes

- Current 65 eligible applicants remain:
  - 50 states
  - Eight U.S. territories and freely associated states
  - Six localities: Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles County, New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C.
  - Federally recognized tribal governments that meet the NOFO requirements and serve, through their own public health infrastructures, at least 50,000 people
- To reach more local jurisdictions directly, responsive applications may be submitted by:
  - Counties serving a population of 2 million or more
  - Cities serving a population of 400,000 or more
  - Populations for county and city jurisdictions are based on the latest U.S. Census data
- Tribal eligibility remains unchanged
- CDC encourages applicants to identify health equity officers or teams to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations are included in response plans.



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# Public Health Crisis Response: Application Process

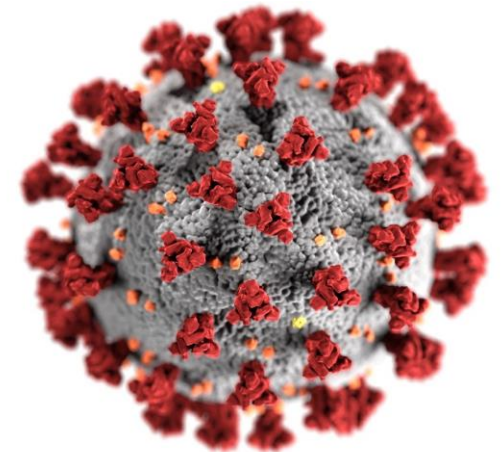
- Application Due Date: February 14, 2022
- Submission Process: Submit in Grants.gov; specific instructions are in the announcement
- Review Process: Office of Grants Services reviews for eligibility and responsiveness, followed by objective review by CDC staff
- Approved applicants will receive an ABU letter within 30 days
  - There is no official Notice of Award until funding is provided
- CDC will maintain an open application system which allows for:
  - Changes in population that allow more local jurisdictions to meet criteria
  - Local jurisdictions that choose not to apply now may apply later
  - Changes in guidance
  - CDC can accept and review new applications as needed

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- Work plans and budgets submitted for 2020 COVID-19 funding are encouraged for this process. Since they have already been approved, all the required information should be included.
  - If a local jurisdiction submitted similar information to their state, it may also meet the requirements. Please review NOFO requirements.
- Most eligible applicants are already funded in some way by CDC, but please ensure you have a DUNS number, a SAMS account, and are registered on Grants.gov.
- Applications require a Project Narrative which must include all of the following: Background, Approach, Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan, Organizational Capacity of Applicants to Implement the Approach, and Work Plan.
  - These are the criteria on which your applications will be evaluated; specific review questions are in the NOFO.
  - Work plans should be built around an infectious disease scenario, similar to COVID.

# Public Health Crisis Response: Application Process

- Because this is a proxy application, when the next public health emergency occurs for which funding becomes available, work plans and budgets will be revised to fit the appropriate context.
  - Funding decisions will be made based on available funds, scope of the emergency, and other factors.
  - Not everyone on the ABU list will be funded for every emergency.
- Funds are normally awarded in two components:
  - Component A is for the initial efforts needed to initiate an emergency response.
    - This funding will be based on your proxy application and will be awarded as quickly as possible.
  - Component B is for the longer-term response activities.
    - This funding will be based on your revised budget and work plan and will be awarded after those are submitted and reviewed.





# Discussion