

# Improving the Quality and Reach of Extramural Research Notice of Funding Opportunities

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# Agenda

- **Improving the quality of NCIPC Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)**
- **Reducing barriers for applying to NCIPC NOFOs**
- **Improving NCIPCs reach**

# Improving the quality of NCIPC Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

**Based on the NOFOs you reviewed and prior knowledge of our NOFOs:**

- **What are the strengths of NCIPC's NOFOs?**
- **What are the weaknesses of NCIPC's NOFOs?**
- **Are NOFOs too complex? Are there ways to simplify our NOFOs?**
- **Are NOFOs too narrow or specific?**
- **Is the language in our NOFOs redundant?**
- **How can NCIPC's NOFOs be improved with regards to**
  - Objectives
  - Approach
  - Peer Review criteria
  - Responsiveness Criteria
  - Health Equity
  - Partnerships

How would you recommend NCIPC improve how our NOFOs are written?

# Reducing barriers for applying to NCIPC NOFOs

- **Based on the three NOFOs you reviewed or your general knowledge of NCIPC NOFOS: What do you think are the main barriers applicants face when applying for our grants? Could these barriers lead to fewer applicants? What could we do to overcome these barriers?**
  - Does NCIPC provide sufficient time for awardees to complete their research?
  - NCIPC funds a mix of mechanisms, including K01s, R01s, U01s and R49s. Are there other mechanisms we should consider?

Potential awardees may see our NOFOs and decide not to apply. What do you see as the barriers and possible solutions?

# Improving NCIPCs reach

- **How can we increase the diversity of applicants to our NOFOs?**
- **How can we increase awareness of NCIPC NOFOs to Minority Serving Institutions? Early Career Investigators? Other groups?**
- **What are some ways we can promote grant opportunities?**
- **How do you as investigators find out about grant opportunities?**
- **Are there other things we can do to increase the number of people applying for our NOFOs**

We often see the same investigators applying for our grants. How do we increase our reach. Things we are currently doing: established newsletter, partnership announcements from sponsoring divisions, partnership with APHA to reach more diverse researchers

# Thank you!

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