

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Budget Period 2 Continuation Guidance: Fast Facts

The PHEP Budget Period 2 continuation guidance continues the strategies and activities outlined in the 2019-2024 PHEP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). PHEP strategies and activities for the five-year period of performance (performance period) are designed to improve the readiness of state, local, and territorial public health systems to reduce the threats to the community's health and safety and to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health response systems.

Budget Period 2 At-A-Glance

- Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-TP19-1901
- Budget Period Length: 12 months
- Budget Period: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
- Budget Period 2 Funding: \$622,850,000*
- Eligible Applicants: Current 62 PHEP Recipients
- Funding Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m. EST, **March 17, 2020**
- Application Submission: www.grantsolutions.gov
- Anticipated Award Date: July 1, 2020

** Planning numbers subject to change based on availability of funding*

Recipient Informational Call

- 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST, **Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Participant Information

Toll-free number: 888-972-4304

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URL To join Adobe Connect: <https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/rwr61clhcavd/>

PERFORMS Training

- 2 p.m. EST, **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**
- 11 a.m. EST, **Monday, January 27, 2020**

The two sessions are identical, and recipients are welcome to participate in either or both sessions. Participant information for the sessions is provided below.

Participant Information:

Toll-free Number: (866) 724-5153

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To join the meeting: <https://dslr-itt.adobeconnect.com/itt-performs/>



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Application Submission Requirements

Following is a list of attachments recipients **must** submit as part of their applications at www.grantsolutions.gov.

- SF-424 Application for Federal Domestic Assistance Version 2 and [Performance Progress and Monitoring Report](#) (PPMR)
- SF-424A Budget Information-Non-Construction and Budget Reports
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Performance Narrative Consisting of Two Attachments: Progress Update for Budget Period 1 and Domain Work Plan for Budget Period 2
- SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- State Health Official Letter
- Local Health Department Concurrence Letter

The PHEP Budget Period 2 continuation guidance and application package are available via GrantSolutions. CDC has developed supplemental resources to assist PHEP recipients in developing work plans that address the strategies and activities outlined in the six domains of the PHEP logic model. The PHEP Budget Period 2 Supplemental Guidance and Resources are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/phep/library.htm>.

Budget Period 2 Changes

Domain 6: Biosurveillance: Additional Requirements for Laboratory Response Network for Biological Threats (LRN-B) and Laboratory Response Network for Chemical Threats (LRN-C)

LRN-B advanced and standard labs are required to obtain and sustain maintenance agreements for LRN-B equipment valued at more than \$25,000 and for LRN-B equipment that is used for assays cleared by the Food and Drug Administration. This is a new requirement for LRN-B laboratories.

- LRN-C Level 1 labs are required to obtain and sustain maintenance agreements for LRN-C equipment valued at more than \$25,000. This adds the requirement for “sustaining” such agreements. Previously the PHEP NOFO called only for “obtaining” such agreements. Also, this amends the amount from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- LRN-C Level 2 labs are required to obtain and sustain maintenance agreements for LRN-C equipment valued at more than \$25,000. This is a new requirement for LRN-C Level 2 laboratories.

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act Requirements

PHEP recipients must address new provisions outlined in the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation (PAHPAI) Act, which the President signed into law in June 2019. PAHPAI mandates new requirements for jurisdictional all-hazards public health emergency preparedness and response plans. Specifically, to be eligible for PHEP funding, recipients must include in their funding applications a narrative description of how they will meet PAHPAI requirements to:



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- partner, as appropriate, with relevant stakeholders, including public health agencies with specific expertise that may be relevant to public health security, such as environmental health agencies;
- integrate information to account for individuals with behavioral health needs following a public health emergency;
- partner with health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, to promote and improve public health preparedness and response;
- include critical infrastructure partners such as utility companies in planning to help ensure that infrastructure will remain functioning during, or return to function as soon as possible after, a public health emergency; and
- improve enrollment and coordination of health care professionals seeking to provide medical services during public health emergencies.

In addition, PHEP recipients must assure that in coordinating with local response entities such as Metropolitan Medical Response Systems and local public health departments, they include relevant regional health care emergency preparedness and response systems established pursuant to guidelines to be developed by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response under Section 247d–3c of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

These new requirements are in addition to existing requirements for jurisdictional all-hazards public health emergency preparedness and response plans and other administrative and federal requirements and assurances outlined in the PHEP NOFO.

Evidence-based Benchmarks

PHEP recipients that fail to “substantially meet” Budget Period 2 benchmarks are subject to withholding of a statutorily mandated percentage of the award, consistent with Section 319C-1(g) of the PHS Act. In addition, PHEP recipients that fail to submit satisfactory pandemic influenza plans are also subject to withholding of funds.

PAHPAI amended Section 319C-1(g) of the PHS Act, modifying the time period for withholding amounts from entities that fail to achieve benchmarks. The new provisions specifically change the withholding from “for the immediately preceding fiscal year” to “for either of the two immediately preceding fiscal years.”

PHEP NOFO Clarification: Exercise Requirements

Demonstrate Operational Readiness for Multiple Risks

CDC has corrected a technical error in the PHEP NOFO regarding the full-scale exercise (FSE) requirement for metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) that must focus on an intentional release of anthrax as their primary planning scenario. The text is modified to reflect the requirement for an anthrax dispensing FSE rather than for an anthrax distribution FSE.

PHEP NOFO Clarification: Vaccine Purchases

Funding Restrictions Related to Vaccines

CDC has amended its PHEP funding restrictions regarding the purchase of vaccines for the general public. On a case-by-case basis and with CDC prior approval, PHEP funds may be used to purchase



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limited supplies of vaccines for emergency response activities that help jurisdictions strengthen their public health preparedness and response capabilities. This purchase should only be used when necessary for the rapid distribution and administration of medical countermeasures such as during a supply disruption (Section 2802 of Public Health Service Act).

All other vaccine-related funding restrictions remain in place as outlined in the PHEP NOFO.

