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**Firearm Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms
(FASTER)**

NOFO Informational Call



**May 28, 2020
2:30 pm EDT**

Introductions and Welcome

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Call Agenda

- **NOFO overview**
 - Background
 - Goals
 - Award information and applicant eligibility
- **Description and expected outcomes**
- **Application and submission information**
 - Review criteria and selection process
 - Submission procedures
 - Key dates and contacts

Overview of the NOFO

Background

- Firearm deaths and injuries are a serious public health problem in the United States
- In 2018, $\geq 39,000$ people died as a result of a firearm injury*
- People hospitalized with nonfatal gunshot wounds often experience long-term health consequences
- Timely state- and local-level ED data for nonfatal firearm injuries are currently limited

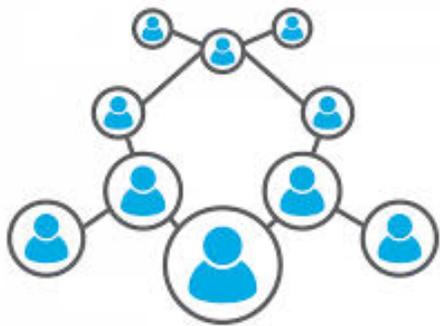
NOFO Goals

- Improve the timeliness of surveillance of ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries
- Serve as a pilot to demonstrate the feasibility of monitoring nonfatal firearm injuries using syndromic surveillance data
- Inform development of tools and methods to be used by state and local health departments across the nation to rapidly track and respond to firearm injuries

NOFO Strategies



1. Increase the timeliness of aggregate reporting of ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries



2. Disseminate surveillance findings to key stakeholders working to prevent or respond to firearm injuries

Award Information

Performance Period

- September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2023

Funding Available

- \$3,150,000 is expected to be available over 3 years to fund up to 7 recipients
- Approximate average award is \$150,000 per budget period
- Award floor is \$100,000 per budget period
- Award ceiling is \$150,000 per budget period

Applicant Eligibility

- U.S. state governments or their bona fide agents
- U.S. local governments or their bona fide agents
- U.S. territorial governments or their bona fide agents
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special governments

Additional Applicant Eligibility

- Demonstrate use of the national Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) platform for syndromic surveillance data management on or before application due date
- Collect and access data on a minimum of 75% ED visits occurring within their state at the time of application
 - Must include visits from at least 90% of Level 1-3 trauma centers
- Confirm required access to NSSP ESSENCE data
- Indicate that the state NSSP staff will manage the authorization process for future CDC users

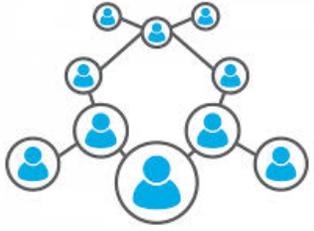


NOFO Description and Expected Outcomes



Strategy 1. Increase the timeliness of aggregate reporting of ED visits for firearm injuries

1. Share real-time, case-level syndromic surveillance data with CDC/NCIPC, as well as historical data at the state and county levels dating back to 2016 for nonfatal firearm injuries, including: *total firearm injuries, intentional self-directed firearm injuries, unintentional firearm injuries, and assault-related firearm injuries*
2. Create, validate, and monitor quality of indicator syndrome definitions
3. Verify state and county aggregate quarterly reports stratified by month generated by CDC occurring from July 2020 to June 2023 within 3 months of the ED visit date
4. Share methodology for calculating indicators and aggregated reports with CDC



Strategy 2. Disseminate surveillance findings to key stakeholders working to prevent or respond to firearm injuries

1. Create a dissemination plan by the end of Year 1 funding
2. Build and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders
3. Implement dissemination strategies most suited to the needs of the state and its key stakeholders

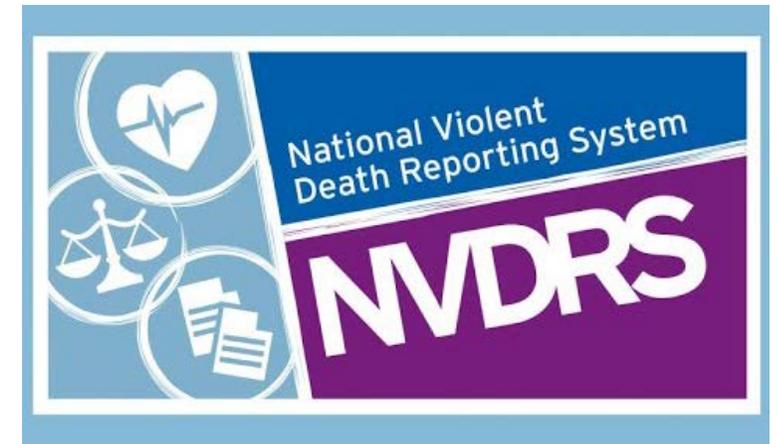
Key NOFO Outcomes

- Increase use of the following by state and local stakeholders:
 - Timely information about trends in ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries
 - Geographically specific information about trends in ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries
 - Syndromic surveillance data to develop plans for focusing prevention and response strategies on populations at greatest risk of nonfatal firearm injuries
- Firearm injury prevention field has access to best practices and success stories

Collaborations with CDC Programs

Applicants may consider, but not required, to collaborate with the following entities:

- States with ED-SNSRO funding
- State programs with NVDRS funding
- States with OD2A funding
- States with CORE SVIPP funding
- CDC Injury Control Research Centers
- CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention
- CDC Essentials for Childhood Funding



Collaborations with Other Key Partners

Applicants must demonstrate support from other key authorities involved in their work. Example partners include:

- Other federal, state, or local government agencies
- Hospitals and health systems
- State boards of medicine
- Medical organizations

Applicants must include a LOS for each key partner.

Application and Submission Information

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- Applications must be submitted **electronically** through Grants.gov
- Letters of intent due **May 22, 2020**
- Applications due **July 8, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST**
- **Technical difficulties:** Contact Customer Service at Grants.gov. The Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except federal holidays. 1-800-518-4726 or by e-mail at support@grants.gov.

Review and Selection Process

Phase I Review

- Applications will be reviewed for completeness by CDC Office of Grant Services Staff
- Non-responsive applications will not advance to Phase II

Phase II Review

- A review panel will evaluate eligible applications according to the evaluation criteria listed in the NOFO

Phase III Review

- 10 points will be deducted from overall score for not following format specifications
- Recipients will be funded in order by score and rank determined by the review panel
- Only one award will be given per state

Review Criteria

Category	Points
Approach	50
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective and feasible approach for increasing timeliness of aggregate reporting	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective and feasible approach for disseminating data to key stakeholders	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates nonfatal firearm injury burden	15
Evaluation and Performance Measurement	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective and feasible plan to constantly monitor and improve the timeliness and quality of data	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance measures align with proposed activities, strategies, and outcomes	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective and feasible plan to track dissemination and impact of surveillance findings to key stakeholders	5
Organizational Capacity to Implement the Approach	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing and capacity	10

Budget Narrative

- Applicants must submit an itemized budget narrative, which must include: *salaries and wages, fringe benefits, consultant costs, equipment, supplies, travel, other categories, contractual costs, total direct costs, and total indirect costs*
- Budget must include travel for at least two staff to attend a two-day meeting at CDC/NCIPC in Atlanta, Georgia during the first year of the project
- Budget must also include evidence of direct support of and collaboration with the staffing unit collecting their rapid ED data by budgeting at least \$75,000 to the staffing unit collecting rapid ED data

Award Notices

- Each applicant will receive a summary of application strengths and weaknesses
- The Notice of Award will be sent to the applicant's Authorized Organization Representative and Principal Investigator prior to the award start date

How Can I Improve My Submission?

- Read the NOFO carefully
- Thoroughly address each and every requirement
- Double check application prior to submission to ensure all required application content (including Letters of Support) are included
- Follow narrative format described on Page 30 under “Project Narrative”
- Ask someone not involved in preparing the application to review the application
 - This can help with inconsistencies, missing information, and things that may be confusing

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