



**CDC-RFA-DD-23-0002: Sickle Cell Data Collection Program**  
**Informational Call for Potential Applicants**


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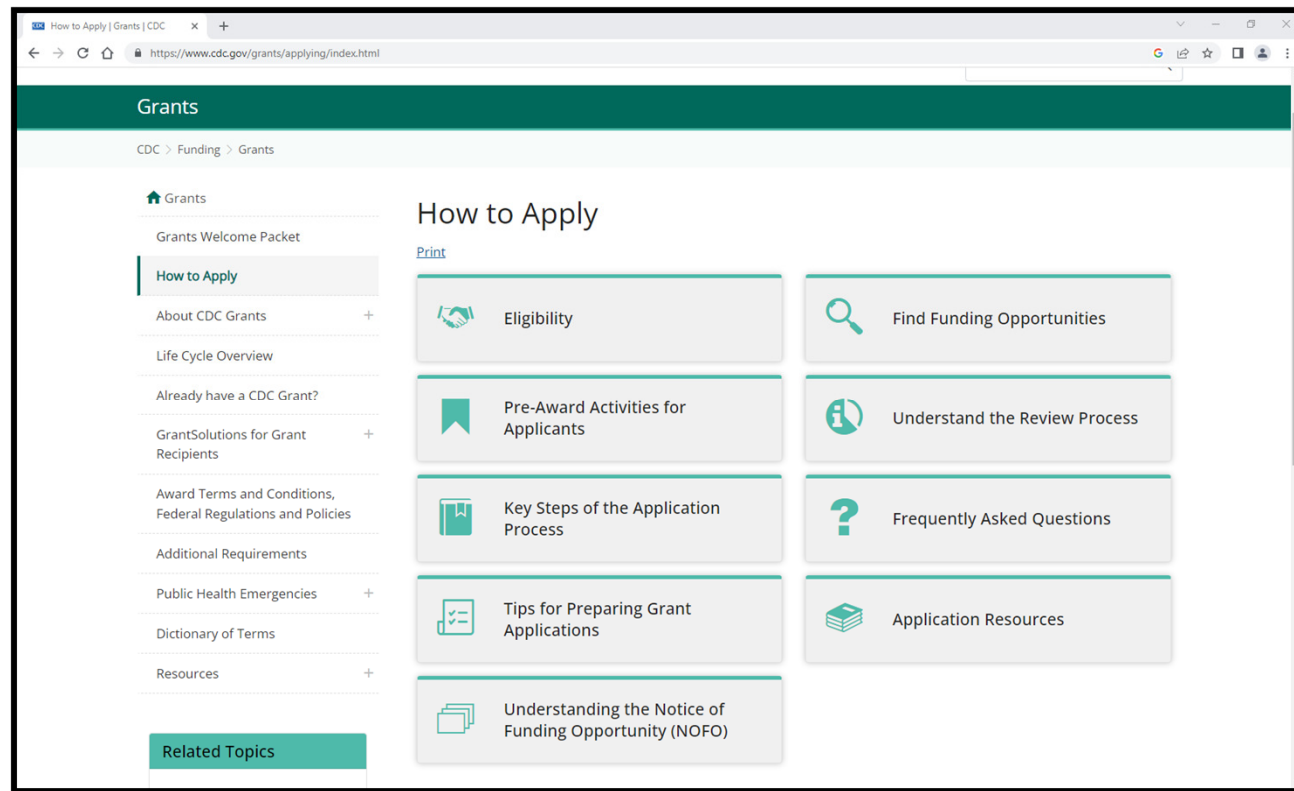
SICKLE CELL DATA COLLECTION

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## Important Dates (pg. 2)


- **Due date for letter of intent:** **04/06/2023**
    - Requested but not required
    - Indicate if you will be applying for Component A or Component B
    - Send to Mary Hulihan, [ibx5@cdc.gov](mailto:ibx5@cdc.gov)
  - **Due date for applications:** **05/11/2023**
    - [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  - **Estimated award date** **08/31/2023**
  - **Project period:** **5 years (9/30/2023 – 9/29/2028)**
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# How to Apply for CDC Grants



<https://www.cdc.gov/grants/applying/index.html>

## Eligibility Information (pgs. 25-26)

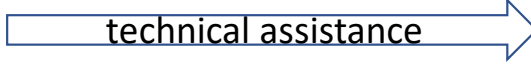
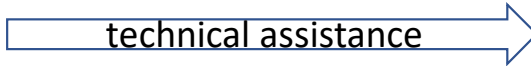
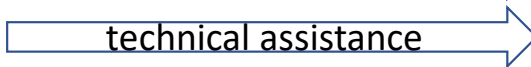
- Open competition for applicants located in the continental United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau
  - Applicants may apply for Component A or Component B and indicate this in the first statement of their Project Narrative. If an applicant applies for both Components, their applications will be deemed non-responsive and neither will be reviewed
  - Maximum of one award per state/territory/jurisdiction
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## Project Overview (pg. 4)

- **All recipients are expected to**
  - Adhere to standardized methods for implementing SCDC
    - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hemoglobinopathies/building-surveillance-capacity.html>
    - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hemoglobinopathies/scdc-guiding-framework.html>
  - Develop strategies for effective communication with the sickle cell disease (SCD) community
  - Produce peer-reviewed publications and other educational materials
  - Establish or enhance partner collaborations
  - Explore innovative projects to inform policies that impact the health of individuals with SCD
- **More information about SCDC is available here:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hemoglobinopathies/scdc.html>

## Multi-component NOFO (pg. 3)

- Component A **rank** order list

- Applicant 1  technical assistance
- Applicant 2  technical assistance
- Applicant 3  technical assistance
- Applicant 4
- Applicant 5
- Applicant 6

- Component B **random** order list

- Applicant 1
- Applicant 2
- Applicant 3
- Applicant 4

- The one-on-one pairings will continue through the first two years of the project; during that time, the selected Component A recipients will receive additional funds to support these activities.

## Component A Recipients (pgs. 7-9)

- **Expectations:**
  - Use existing SCD surveillance knowledge and infrastructure to complete activities at a rapid pace throughout the project period
  - Enhance current methods of data acquisition and production of project-related materials
  - Complete activities that address a broad scope of topics that extend beyond health and health care (ex. education)
  - Engage with an expansive network of partners (ex. non-SCD community-based organizations)
  - Have the ability to provide technical assistance to Component B recipients as they navigate and develop an SCDC program
  - Work at a rapid pace
- **Further details in the Strategies and Activities section**

## Component B Recipients (pgs. 7-9)

- **Expectations:**
  - Use existing experience in conducting chronic disease or rare disorders surveillance to build an SCDC team and infrastructure
  - Complete activities that focus on health and healthcare-specific topics (ex. health policy)
  - Work at a pace that is appropriate for the development of a new or early-stage surveillance program
  - Partner with Component A recipients to build capacity for navigating and developing an SCDC program
- **Further details in the Strategies and Activities section**





## Funding Description (pgs. 3 & 24)

- **Approximate number of awards**

- Component A: 8
- Component B: 5

- **Average one year award amounts**

- Component A Year 1
  - Recipients selected to provide mentorship \$500,000
  - Recipients *not* providing mentorship \$375,000
- Component B Year 1
  - All \$250,000
- Award Ceiling \$600,000
- Award Floor \$100,000


- *Throughout the project period, CDC will continue the award based on the availability of funds, the evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.*

## Collaborations with Other Programs (pgs. 9-11)

- CDC and other recipients
- State/jurisdiction-maintained data sources
- SCD specialty clinics
- HHS-funded SCD projects
- Other programs to facilitate SCDC enhancement (Component A)
- *Letters of support or memorandums of agreement from each collaborator, aside from CDC and other recipients, are encouraged*



# Evaluation and Performance Measurement (pgs. 12-20)

- **Process measures**
    - Inform CDC to what extent the recipient has implemented the activities as intended
    - Are described in the NOFO
  - **Outcome measures**
    - Inform CDC if the recipients achieved the period of performance outcomes, as listed in the NOFO Logic Model
    - Are developed by each applicant and included in their applications
    - Will be finalized in collaboration with other recipients during first 6 months of project period
  - **Annual reports submitted electronically to assess and report progress and improve program actions**
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## Organizational Capacity (pgs. 20-21)

- Capacity to conduct SCD surveillance activities using multiple, linked data sources and examples of experience in doing so (Component A) or the capacity to conduct chronic disease or rare disorder surveillance activities and examples of past experience in doing so (Component B)
- Experience and capacity to conduct public health program evaluation, both process and outcome, and implement an evaluation plan
- Established organizational policies and procedures to ensure sufficient fiscal and budgetary oversight and capacity to provide required reports
- Examples of past surveillance successes, such as manuscripts and/or communications products
- Establishment of an SCDC multi-disciplinary team (MDT)
  - CV/Resume
  - Compensation for their time spent on SCDC reflected in the Budget Narrative
  - Description, recruiting strategies, and estimated timeline for any vacancies

## Work Plan (pgs. 21-22)

- **Year 1 – detailed Work Plan in tabular form**
  - Separate table for each of the outcomes from the Logic Model that will be completed in Year 1. Each table should include:
    - Outcome
    - Outcome measure(s)
    - Strategies and activities
    - Responsible team member(s)
    - Expected completion date
    - Process measure(s)
  - Every member of the MDT should be represented in the Work Plan
- **Years 2-5 – high-level Work Plan in narrative form**
- **Include as part of the Project Narrative**

## Application Contents (pgs. 30-34; 52)

- Table of Contents – no page limit, not included in Project Narrative page limit
- Project Abstract Summary
- Project Narrative
  - 25 pages (see pg. 52)
  - Page limit includes Work Plan
  - Content beyond 25 pages will not be reviewed
- Itemized Budget Narrative
  - Funding for a biennial site visit, to include, at a minimum, the CDC project officer and members of the applicant's SCDC MDT
  - Funding for 3-5 members of the applicant's SCDC MDT to travel to Atlanta, GA to participate in a two-day annual Reverse Site Visit for the project
  - Compensation that is aligned with their percent effort spent on the activities of this project for all members of the SCDC MDT
  - Budget Preparation Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/Budget-Preparation-Guidance.pdf>

## Review and Selection Process (pgs. 37-42)

- Phase I: Reviewed for eligibility and completeness by the Office of Grant Services
- Phase II: Objective Review panelists evaluate each eligible application based on the published review criteria
- Phase III: Objective Review panelists review and score each eligible application based on the published review criteria
- **Additional funding decision factors:**
  - Only one award for the project will be made within a state or jurisdiction; if a state or jurisdiction has more than one eligible applicant, the top scoring applicant will be eligible for funding
  - Legal authority/access: Applications may be funded out of rank order to select applicants with legal authority valid during the NOFO's period of performance (Component A) and access to state-wide, individual-level, identifiable data for the purposes of SCD surveillance

## **Review Criteria (pgs. 37-42)**

- **Approach (35 points)**
  - Background and Understanding of the Public Health Burden and Impact
  - Collaboration
  - Work Plan
- **Evaluation and Performance Measurement (25 points)**
- **Organizational Capacity (40 points)**
- **Budget (0 points)**





# Contact Information

- **Programmatic Technical Assistance**

- Mary Hulihan, Project Officer
- 404-498-6724
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- **Financial, Awards Management or Budget Assistance**

- Dixene Hall, Grants Management Specialist
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- **Submission Difficulties**

- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- 1-800-518-4726



**QUESTIONS?**



For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
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