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Division of Population Health

RFA-DP-24-062

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Research Centers: 2024 Special Interest
Project Competitive Supplements (SIPs)

Pre-Application Webinar

Division of Population Health (DPH)
Extramural Research Program Operations and Services (ERPOS)
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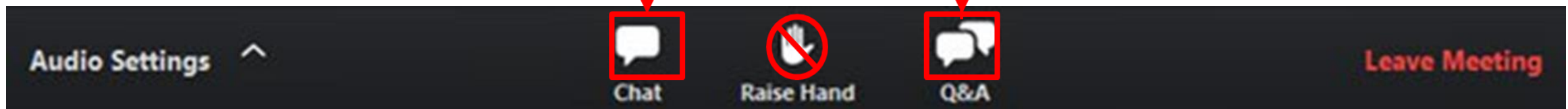
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Notice of Funding Opportunity


RFA-DP-24-062 Overview

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DIVISION OF POPULATION HEALTH
NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH
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Special Interest Project (SIPs) NOFO Overview

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- Award Information
 - Responsiveness - Eligibility & Special Eligibility
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RFA-24-062 Award Information

- Cooperative agreement
- 13 Special Interest Projects within the NOFO
- Anticipated number of awards: Up to 28 awards
- Total period of performance: Up to 5 years
- Performance period and budget varies by SIP, 1-5 years
- First Year (12-month budget period) for all SIPs: Total of \$8,775,000
- Estimated total performance period funding for all SIPs : \$36,075,000

HHS/CDC grants policies as described in the HHS Grants Policy Statement

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsqps107.pdf>

Responsiveness: Applications MUST

- Be submitted by institutions selected for RFA-DP-24-004
- Match institution (EIN) selected for RFA-DP-24-004
- Meet the Special Eligibility requirement(s) (if included)
 - SIP 24-007, 24-008, 24-011

If an application is incomplete or does not meet the responsiveness criteria the application will be deemed non-responsive and will NOT enter the peer review process.

Eligibility

PRCs selected for funding under RFA-DP-24-004 are eligible to apply for SIPs

- Emory University
- Georgia State University
- Harvard School of Public Health
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- New York University School of Medicine
- San Diego State University
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of Iowa
- University of Massachusetts Medical School Worcester
- University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina at Columbia
- University of Utah
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

Eligible Project Director/Principal Investigator

- SIP Lead PI/PD **may be anyone** that meets the qualifications from within the selected recipient PRC institution (RFA-DP-24-004 Core Award).
- The PI/PD named as the **Core PI** in the APPLICATION for RFA-DP-24-004 Core Award **MUST** be included as a Co-PI (MPI) on the SIP, if they not proposed as the SIP PI/PD.
- Additional SIP PIs/PDs are permitted but must be listed as **SIP Co-PI/PD (MPI)**.
- **PRC Core PI does NOT have to be Lead SIP PI, but MUST be a Co-PI (MPI)**

Special Eligibility Requirements (Examples)

Specify critical information or documents that applicants MUST provide to clearly and objectively demonstrate their ability to achieve the SIP's outcomes.

SIP - 24-007 Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (PAPREN)

- Evidence that its PI and/or co-PI have expertise (in the bio sketch) within the field of physical activity policy research, as demonstrated by at least 3 peer-reviewed publications since 2016.

SIP - 24-011 Assessment of MMR immunization interventions for children in close-knit communities with longstanding vaccine hesitancy

- Evidence of accessibility to locales that provided vaccination services and conducted vaccine hesitancy work among close-knit communities with longstanding MMR vaccine hesitancy that experienced a mumps or measles outbreak in past 10 years.

Additional Review Criteria (Examples)

Customized review criteria and focus on those SIP-specific elements that are essential to align with the intent and focus of the SIP.

SIP - 24-001 Understanding the Needs of Ovarian Cancer Survivors

- Existing relationships with or access to ovarian cancer survivor populations.
- Previous experience working in cancer survivor populations, including publishing on cancer survivors and/or 5+ years of experience working in the subject area.
- Previous experience of 5+ years managing research projects, including surveys.

SIP - 24-005 Understanding the reduction of social isolation and loneliness impact health indices among cancer survivors?

- Access to a diverse pool to recruit of study participants.
- Ability to successfully recruit adequate sample size of population of interest.
- Experience in studies of similar scope and complexity to the current project.
- Comprehensive approach to addressing social isolation and loneliness using multiple intervention strategies.

SIPs Overview for DP-24-062

Individual Research Projects: 1 or more PRC/Award(s)

24-001: Understanding the Needs of Ovarian Cancer Survivors

24-002: Survivorship Care Plans and Mortality among Adult Cancer Survivors

24-004: Gauging men's reaction to relabeling GG1 prostate cancer & understanding of pathology reports

24-005: Understanding reduction of social isolation & loneliness impact health indices among cancer survivors

24-011: Assessment of perceptions and effectiveness of interventions to increase MMR vaccination among children in close-knit communities with longstanding vaccine hesitancy

24-013: Understanding the potential of schools in promoting non-mandated childhood vaccinations

SIPs Overview for DP-24-062

Thematic Network – 1 PRC Award

- All applicants **MUST** apply for Component A – [Conduct Research Project](#) **AND**
- All applicants **MUST** apply for Component B – [Coordinating Center](#)
- ONLY 1 APPLICATION IS REQUIRED!

SIP 24-006: Nutrition Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) – 5 years

SIP 24-007: Physical Activity Policy and Research Evaluation Network (PAPREN) – 5 Years

SIP 24-010: Mental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Network (MHCDPN) – 5 Years

SIPs Overview for DP-24-062

Thematic Network – Multiple PRC Awards

- All applicants **MUST** apply for Component A – [Conduct Research Project/Collaborating Center](#)
 - All Applications will be considered for component A funding.
- PRCs **MAY** apply for Component B – [Coordinating Center](#)
- **ONLY 1 APPLICATION IS REQUIRED!**

SIP 24-003: Cancer Prevention Research Network (CPCRN) – 8 Awards, 5 years

SIP 24-008: Managing Epilepsy Well (MEW) – 3 Awards, 3 Years

SIP 24-009: Arthritis Management and Wellbeing Research Network (AMWRN) – 3 Awards, 5 years

SIP 24-012: Advancing Research in Immunization Services Network (ARISe) – 3 Awards, 5 Years

Summary and Due Dates for RFA-DP-24-062

- PRC Institutions may apply for multiple SIPs.
 - PRC Institutions may submit **ONLY 1** application per SIP.
 - Separate application is required for each SIP.
- Budgets (direct and indirect costs) should not exceed the ceiling amount listed for any specific SIP.
- Letter of Intent (optional) due **2/5/24** –send electronically to researchnofo@cdc.gov.
 - Please include NOFO # RFA-24-062 and SIP # in the subject line of email.
- Applications due **3/4/24**.

Application & Submission Information

Ahmad Chabkoun

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES (OFR)

OFFICE OF GRANTS SERVICES (OGS)



eRA Commons- New Personnel Only

- Registration at **both** [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and eRA Commons is **required**, can take up to 8 weeks and **MUST** be completed before the submission deadline.
- Verify that your organization is registered with the new System for Award Management (SAM).
- The Principal Investigator (PI) must register for a profile in eRA Commons as well and include the **Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) PI Credential; Project Role: PD/PI; Degree Type: and Degree Year** on the research & related document in their application.

Overall Application Information

- Pay attention to any page limitations.
- Use the NOFO Evaluation Criteria section as guide to developing Work Plan and Project Narrative.
- Application Packages must be SUCCESSFULLY submitted into www.Grants.gov by March 4, 2024 no later than 11:59 PM U.S. Eastern Time.
- Start the application process early to ensure it arrives in Grants.gov in time to meet due date/time.
- All applicants must submit required certifications and provide a copy of the organization's indirect cost rate agreement or cost allocation plan, as outlined in the NOFO.
- Applicants must complete all the required registrations outlined in the NOFO to include: grants.gov, [eRA Commons](http://eRA.Commons), SAM.gov.

Application Submission

- Applicants must utilize the SF424 (R&R) application package associated with RFA-DP-24-062 from www.Grants.gov.
- Refer to Section III. Eligibility Information, 10. Number of Applications (page 13) for completing the following fields on your SF424:
 - **Field # 4.a. (Federal Identifier)**
 - Must include the correct SIP number as listed in the NOFO (e.g., SIP24-001, SIP24-002, etc.).
 - **Field 4.b. (Agency Routing Identifier)**
 - Enter as much of the SIP Title as allowable (maximum of 75 characters).

Application Submission (continued)

- **Field # 8 (Type of Application):** Select “NEW” only for each submission.
- **Field # 11 (Descriptive Title of Applicant’s Project):** Applicants must enter the title of their SIP application.

Important Reminders

- Submit application 3-4 days prior to due date.
- Submit from Workspace, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, OR ASSIST.
 - CDC recommends using ASSIST to submit your application.
- Each form can be checked for errors individually prior to submitting.
- Upon submission you will receive an E-mail Confirmation.
- If having trouble submitting your application, locate section VII Agency contacts in the application package and contact the appropriate party regarding your concerns.

Application Review Information

Catherine Barrett, PhD

EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH PROGRAM OPERATIONS
AND SERVICES (ERPOS)

NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE
PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION



Two Stage Scientific Merit Review Process

1. Special Emphasis Panel

- Initial scientific merit review
- Scientific and technical merit
- External, primarily non-federal scientists

2. Secondary Review Committee

- Funding preferences and relevance
- Internal CDC staff

Initial Scientific Merit Review

Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) members are recognized experts from a range of key disciplines in public health

Goal: fair, objective, and transparent

Charge:

1. Evaluate the scientific merit of each application against the intent and provisions in the NOFO.
2. Provide scientific and programmatic suggestions to the principal investigators.
3. Review human subjects protections, inclusion of minorities, budget, and budget justification.

Reviewer Instructions/ Scoring

Review Criteria

1. Significance
2. Innovation
3. Investigators
4. Approach
5. Environment
 - Human Subjects
 - Inclusion Plans

Unscored Review Criteria:

- Budget
- Data sharing/management plans

- Specific considerations defined in Section V of NOFO

Impact	Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
High	1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
	2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
	3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
Medium	4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
	5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
	6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
Low	7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
	8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
	9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Review Outcomes

- **Final overall impact score** (For discussed applications)
 - Reviewers provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood of the applicant to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria.
 - Average score of entire panel times 10. Range of 10 (highest)-90 (lowest).
- **Summary Statement**
 - **Resume and Summary of Discussion**
 - Application Abstract
 - **Three or more critiques**
 - **Criterion scores**
 - Summary of other review criteria and considerations
 - Data Sharing/Management Plans
 - Budget
 - SEP Roster

Secondary Review Committee (SRC)

- Examine Scientific Merit Review scores and Summary Statements in light of the intent of the NOFO.
- CDC senior staff & experts outside of sponsoring program without conflicts of interest.
- Provide input to the Center and sponsoring program for decisions about awards.
- Alignment with CDC goals, priorities, and published funding preferences.
 - Scientific & technical merit of proposed project determined by scientific peer review.
 - Availability of funds.
 - Funding preferences noted within each SIP.

Agency Contacts

Application Submission

Grants.gov Customer Support
(800) 518-4726

Email: support@grants.gov

- Registration and Submission
- Downloading and Navigating forms

eRA Commons Help Desk

Phone: (301) 402-7469 or
(866) 504-9552

TTY: (301) 451-5939

Email: commons@od.nih.gov

- eRA Common's registration
- Application Tracking Status
- Post Submission Concerns

Agency Contacts

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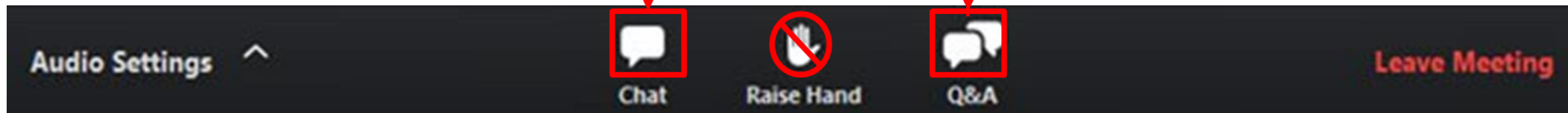
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Questions & Answer Session