

# Overview of CDC-RFA-OT13-1302: Building Capacity of the Public Health System to Improve Population Health through National, Nonprofit Organizations

In 2013, CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) announced a five-year funding opportunity for national, nonprofit organizations to implement activities to strengthen components of the public health system, such as workforce competencies, data collection processes, and partnerships to promote the effective use of public health resources. This program exemplifies OSTLTS's commitment to advancing US public health agency and system performance, capacity, agility, and resilience.

## Purpose

The purpose of this program is to ensure the provision of capacity-building assistance (CBA) for governmental and nongovernmental components of the public health system to optimize the quality and performance of public health systems, workforce, data and information systems, practice and services, partnerships, and resources.

## Outcomes

This program intends to achieve these outcomes:

- Increased adoption of new or proven business improvements leading to management and administrative efficiencies or cost savings
- Increased availability and accessibility of continuing education and training focused on public health competencies and new skills, including the use of experience-based internships and fellowships
- Increased incorporation of core public health competencies into employee position descriptions and performance evaluations
- Increased integration of state-of-the-art technology into data collection and information systems
- Increased implementation of evidence-based public health programs, policies, and services
- Improved capacity to meet nationally established standards, such as those for health department accreditation
- Establishment and maintenance of diverse public health partnerships for meaningful cooperation and achievement of evidence-based public health strategies and interventions, such as the CDC Winnable Battles
- Improved quality, availability, and accessibility of public health education materials, training, and evaluation tools and resources

## Program Strategy

Organizations will serve as CBA providers, working toward sustaining and improving the performance of the public health system, with a priority on state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) health departments. CBA refers to methods for imparting knowledge, developing skills, and creating institutional systems and capacity. These methods may include training, technical consultation and services, information packaging and dissemination, and technology transfer activities.

These organizations will be asked to provide assistance in: 1) improving public health and organizational systems; 2) building the competencies of the public health workforce; 3) improving public health data and information systems; 4) strengthening public health practice and services; 5) developing and maintaining public health partnerships; and 6) improving the provision of public health resources.



## Funded Organizations

After an objective review, the following 25 organizations were awarded funding.

Organization	Category	Target Population
American Academy of Pediatrics	C	Pediatricians/Immunizers
American College of Preventive Medicine, Inc.	C	Community health centers
American Lung Association	C	Public health professionals working as staff and volunteers for the association's affiliate organizations nationwide
American Public Health Association	C	Persons in formal leadership roles of nonprofit, voluntary, and private entities that support public health services delivery systems
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum	C	Public health-focused community-based organizations (CBOs)
Association of American Indian Physicians, Inc.	A	Tribal health departments
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists	B	State and territorial public health nutrition personnel
Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Program Directors, Inc.	B	Chronic disease prevention workforce in local and state health departments
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials	A	State health departments and territorial health departments and their staff
Association of University Centers on Disabilities	C	125 network centers associated with disability programs
ChangeLab Solutions	B	Public health lawyers supporting state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists	B	Applied epidemiologists in state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments
JSI Research and Training Institute	C	Nonprofit, community-based family planning agencies
March of Dimes Foundation	C	Nongovernmental health, community-based professionals
National Association of Community Health Centers	C	Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)
National Association of County and City Health Officials	A	Local health departments
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare	C	Community mental health organizations in all 56 states and territories and in tribal nations
National Council of Young Men's Christian Association of the USA	C	National and local staff associated with the Young Men's Christian Association (Y)
National Governors Association Center for Best Practices	C	Governors and their staff across the states, territories, and commonwealth of the United States
National Healthy Start Association	C	Community health workers (CHWs)
National Indian Health Board	A	American Indian and Native Alaskan Leadership
National Network of Public Health Institutes	B	Governmental public health professionals and their multi-sector partners interested in leveraging a network of public health institutes and public health training centers

<b>Public Health Foundation</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Governmental public health professionals working/focused on quality improvement, performance management and workforce development</b>
<b>Task Force for Global Health</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Public health informatics professionals across state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments</b>
<b>United States Breastfeeding Committee</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Governmental and nongovernmental breastfeeding agencies, coalitions, and organizations</b>

## **Funding**

- Budget Period Length: 12 months (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018)
- Project Period Length: 5 years (July 1, 2013–June 30, 2018)

## **For More Information**

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