

**Information Call for Funding Opportunity Announcement
CDC-RFA-PS20-2001
Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement
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Agenda

- Objectives
- NOFO background & overview of approach
 - Prevention & Control
 - Program Evaluation
 - Surveillance
 - Human Resource Development (HRD)
- Award information and eligibility
- Application submission & reporting requirements
- Application review process
- Q&A session

Goal and Objective

- **Goal:** Assist applicants with their application process for CDC-RFA-PS20-2001. Discussions during the webinar is limited to conversation that will assist applicants with their application
- **Objective:** Provide an overview of the content of the NOFO and the application submission process
- **Note:** Instructions for the Laboratory section will be addressed during the information call scheduled on July 17, 2019

NOFO Background

- NOFO authorized under Section 317E of the PHS Act
- Continues 30 years of federal support to state & local TB prevention & control activities and laboratory services
- Provide funds to support TB P&C, HRD, and Laboratory services

- Funding for P&C activities is based on a data-driven formula developed in collaboration with NTCA
- Lab funding for each jurisdiction is determined according to workload-based formula

NOFO Approach

- The goal is to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by TB, and the approach:
 - Describes why TB is a problem worth addressing through the NOFO
 - Outlines strategies and activities to achieve desired outcomes that meet the goals of the NOFO
 - Contains a logic model outlining the short term, intermediate, and long-term outcomes for the 5-year project period.

NOFO Approach (cont)

- NOFO adopts a priority-based approach for employing P&C activities based on TB incidence
- TB programs are assigned to one of two categories:
 - High incidence jurisdictions: ≥ 150 TB cases annually
 - Low incidence jurisdictions: < 150 TB cases annually
- High incidence jurisdictions are expected to implement targeted testing and treatment for LTBI among high-risk populations

NOFO Key Changes from 2015

NOFO Section	Changes
CDC Project Description	An added focus on testing and treating persons with LTBI
CDC Project Description (Strategies and Activities)	Simplify/reduce tier system from 3 to 2 tiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-incidence jurisdictions: ≥ 150 cases; • Low-incidence jurisdiction: < 150 cases
P&C Strategy (2c)	Targeted testing and treatment of LTBI in high-risk populations – required for high incidence jurisdictions, strongly encouraged for low
P&C Strategy (2c)	Use ARPE for both Contacts and Targeted Testing activities. Report due 3/31 instead of

	8/31 to allow more data to be used with the funding formula
Surveillance Strategy (4)	Promote standardized collection and reporting of LTBI (if feasible)
Evaluation and Performance Measurement	Emphasis on CDC's right to assign program evaluation topics that advance the goal of national TB elimination

NOFO Key Changes (cont'd)

NOFO Section	Justification
Award Information (Direct Assistance)	Medication from the national TB stockpile
Application & Submission (Budget Narrative)	Funding estimator calculator resource provided
Application & Submission (Budget Narrative-HRD)	Additional emphasis on staff attending appropriate CDC or COE trainings, such as the CDC Program Managers' Course or COE Contact Investigation Interviewing skills course
Award Administration Information (Performance Measure Reporting)	ARPE timelines changed from August to March. Require contacts AND targeted testing
Overall	TB NOFO resource webpage available with information beneficial to recipients (e.g., a work plan example)

Prevention and Control Strategies

- Strategy 1 - Diagnosis/treatment of persons with TB disease
- Strategy 2 - Diagnosis/treatment of persons with LTBI
 - Contact investigations
 - Examination of immigrants and refugees
 - Targeted testing and treatment of LTBI
- Strategy 3 - Program planning, evaluation, and improvement
- Strategy 4 - Epidemiology surveillance and response
 - Standardized data collection and case-based reporting for LTBI

Prevention and Control Strategies

- Largely the same as current COAGs, however 2b (EDN) is required for high and low incidence, and 2c (targeted testing) is required for high incidence
- Outlined under NOFO “Approach” in the CDC Project Description section
- Provide clear description of the activities your program intends to employ that aligns with your category (high or low incidence)
- Ensure justifications in budget narrative align with stated activities

P&C (Surveillance)

- Enhance identification, reporting and follow-up of cases and suspects
- Ensure complete, accurate, and timely reporting of cases
- Ensure prompt investigation of genotype cluster and response to outbreak
- If feasible:
 - Promote standardized collection and reporting case-level LTBI surveillance data
 - Provide data on case-based surveillance for LTBI

HRD and Partnerships Strategy

- Designate a focal point for training and education
- Identify training and HRD needs
- Provide competency-based in-service TB training and human resource development
- Establish evaluation strategies to improve existing trainings and to identify ongoing training and HRD needs
- Improve patient education and communications capacity within the program
- Collaborate with organizations and providers serving high-risk populations

Program Planning, Evaluation and Improvement Strategy

- Each recipient must designate a focal point for program evaluation
- At the beginning of each year recipients should:
 - Identify an evaluation focus area, describing the justification
 - Describe the evaluation plan
- Annual Performance Reports (APRs) should include findings, lessons learned and remediation plans resulting from the prior year’s evaluation

- See guidance under section on APRs for more information

Work plan

- Work plans should contain elements supporting the scope of their activities in relationship to TB control program strategies and target populations
- An example of a work plan can be found on the TB NOFO resource page at <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/funding-opportunity-notice.htm>
- Align work plan to the strategies and activities, including the relevant performance objectives

Break for Question?

Application Submission Process

- Requirements are outlined in section D. Application and Submission Information in the NOFO.
- Application package can be found at www.grants.gov, using funding opportunity number CDC-RFA-PS20-2001
- Applicants may email or call CDC OGS staff for assistance at (770) 488-2700 or Grants.gov's customer service at 800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov
- Deadline for applications is September 5, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time

Reporting Requirements

- Guidance on reporting requirements can be found in the "Award Administration Information" section
- Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan
 - Within first 6 months of the project period
 - Describe how TB performance indicators (found in the National TB Indicators Project or NTIP) will be used to monitor TB program performance
 - No more than 20 pages

Reporting Requirements

- Annual Performance Report (APR)
 - Not to exceed 45 pages excluding admin reporting; attachments not allowed, but web links are

- Submit via <http://www.grantsolutions.gov> 120 days before end of budget period (instructions in the NoA, usually 8/31 but OGS will announce)
- Information in APR serves purpose of both reporting on performance and as an application for continued funding

Annual Performance Report

- The APR should cover each budget period (BP) throughout the 5-year project period as follows:
 - In BP 2020, the APR will be due August 31 for activities performed January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020
 - For BPs 2021-2024, APRs will be due on August 31 each year. Each covers activities for the prior calendar year (January 1–December 31), and also provide update on activities and outcomes achieved during the first 6 months (January 1–June 30) of the current year
 - Data and associated information should be stratified by budget year (i.e., do not report as a single 18 month period)

***Note for Annual Performance Report for 2019**

- Refer to the Dear Colleague letter on March 22, 2019
 - 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity requires a project period close out report in **March 2020** for the period of 2015-2019
 - Include a detailed analysis and progress made in year 4 (2018) and year 5 (2019) in the close out report
 - Submission of Workload and TAT data for the laboratory for the period of performance Jan-Dec 2018 and Jan-June 2019 will be discussed in the upcoming lab call on July 17

Performance Measure Reports

- May be required in addition to the APR in certain instances such as a jurisdiction's response to large TB outbreaks
- Minimum content of report identified in NOFO
- Submit 90 days following response to large outbreaks and quarterly thereafter for the first year of outbreak response, and at least semiannually thereafter until the outbreak subsides
- See guidance in the "Award Administration Information" section

Application review

- Phase I:
 - Done by OGS and DTBE for completeness and eligibility
- Phase II:
 - DTBE will perform structured technical reviews using criteria outlined in the “Review and Selection Process” section
- CDC OGS staff will review for all assurance and certification forms

Additional Information

- A recording of NOFO information call along with a copy of the presentation will be made available on the TB NOFO Resource Page
- Questions can be submitted after the information call to the NOFO mailbox at 2020nofo@cdc.gov
- FAQ document will be created based on questions during today’s call and updated as needed if additional questions received
- The FAQ document will be posted on the TB NOFO Resource Page at <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/funding-opportunity-notice.htm>

Questions?

Call Adjourned