

Overview

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH), in collaboration with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), National Association of County Health Officials (NACCHO), and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), will offer support to local governmental agencies to implement a Health in All Policies strategy as part of their lead prevention implementation program and activities. This effort is supported through cooperative agreements with CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (*CDC-RFA-OT18-1802: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health*).

Up to three entities will be awarded a max funding amount of \$20,000 each, as well as technical assistance from these national partners along the way. The purpose of these grants is to advance local efforts to reduce lead exposure and its effects, and build capacity to use a Health in All Policies approach for future efforts.

Who is eligible?

Local governmental agencies housing their jurisdiction's childhood lead prevention programs (i.e., local, tribal, or territorial health departments and/or environmental agencies). Local applicants from jurisdictions not currently receiving state or local CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program funds (Arkansas, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and all U.S. territories and federally-recognized or state-recognized tribal jurisdictions) are especially encouraged to apply.

How much money is available?

Applicants can apply for up to \$20,000 in funding for events or other activities to support the implementation of a Health in All Policies strategy as part of their lead poisoning prevention efforts. Up to three awards of \$20,000 each will be available for work starting in 2019.

What is technical assistance and are there related grantee expectations to note?

Technical assistance will be provided to grantees both remotely and in-person over the duration of the project period. Opportunities may include but are not limited to grantee participation in: a project "kick-off" webinar; monthly TA calls with applicable national partners; an on-site visit by applicable national partners; an in-person, project wrap-up convening in DC; submission of a final report; and other TA activities as needed (e.g., additional topic-specific, capacity building webinars or TA calls with peer mentors).

Can an organization submit more than one application?

An organization may submit more than one application; however, it may not receive funding for more than one award.

Application Process

What types of activities can the funding support?

Funding should be used to support activities that focus on using a Health in All Policies approach to reduce childhood lead exposure. For the purpose of this funding opportunity, activities should focus on strengthening linkages of lead-exposed children to recommended services (e.g., medical follow-up, early childhood interventions) and strengthening targeted, population-based interventions (e.g., primary prevention, identification and removal of lead hazards).

Examples of activities include but are not limited to:

- Cross-sector coalition-building (e.g., establishing or strengthening a lead-focused coalition, embedding lead exposure follow-up as a priority for another established coalition);
- Workforce development, training, or cross-training (e.g., increasing capacity of code enforcement to identify and address lead hazards, educating public health nurses on local resource pathways for lead exposure follow-up);
- Initiatives to promote the use of data in connecting lead-exposed children to follow-up services or identifying and removing lead hazards;
- Coordinating sustainable financing streams (e.g., establishing a low-interest loan program to assist low-income property owners with repairs, working with a hospital community benefits program to invest in connection of lead-exposed children to follow-up services);
- Activities to develop systems or policy changes (e.g., proactive rental inspection programs; strengthening enforcement).

Communities may apply to use funding for either a new activity or one that is already in the planning stage. The expected period of performance is January 15, 2019 – July 19, 2019. Final reports will be due by July 26, 2019.

Note: Applicants may NOT use funds to support attempts to influence legislation through direct or grassroots lobbying. For example, funds cannot be used for signage that endorses pending legislation or an elected official.

What outputs or outcomes will successful applicants be expected to demonstrate?

Given the relatively short project period (roughly six months), communities will be expected to articulate a long-term goal and measure progress towards that goal. It is expected that these awards will be used to foster the following outputs and outcomes:

- **Agencies implement a Health in All Policies approach or produce significant progress towards the implementation of a Health in All Policies approach with the goal of improving their childhood lead poisoning prevention program activities and outcomes within the communities they serve.**

- **Agencies use at least one of the seven Health in All Policies approaches to connect more children with elevated blood lead levels to follow-up care, increase the number of follow-up services available to families with children identified to have blood lead levels above the state's blood lead action level, or implement innovative population-based lead poisoning prevention strategies in high-risk communities.**

- **Agencies demonstrate how the activities proposed will result in the implementation of a Health in All Policies approach or significant progress in implementing a Health in All Policies approach related to connecting families of children with elevated blood lead levels to follow-up care and/or innovative childhood lead poisoning preventions strategies, such as moving from project concept to the achievement of activities and pre-identified milestones. The applicant agency must describe the expected outputs and outcomes the project will achieve during the project period and must identify which of the following strategies will be used to advance Health in All Policies:**

1. **Developing and structuring cross-sector relationships;**
2. **Incorporating health into decision-making processes;**
3. **Enhancing workforce capacity;**
4. **Coordinating funding and investments;**
5. **Integrating research, evaluation, and data systems;**
6. **Synchronizing communications and messaging; and**
7. **Implementing accountability structures.**

Evaluation Criteria

How will award recipients be determined?

This is a competitive grant award. Applicants will be evaluated based on need, readiness, workplan, and relevance. Applications must demonstrate the following:

Need (5 points): *Does the applicant's community have a significant burden of lead poisoning or risk factors associated with lead poisoning? Or are there disparities in lead poisoning and follow-up care coordination within the community or among specific subpopulations at greater risk? Is there a gap in services, messaging, political will, policies, or cross-sector partnership that the proposed work will help to address? How will the community be affected if the applicant does not get the award?*

Readiness (5 points): *Does the applicant have experience in successfully conducting similar activities? If relevant to the proposed activities, does the applicant have an established coalition or relationships with appropriate partners/influencers to achieve the proposed outcomes? Is the applicant connected to other CDC-funded partnerships in the community (e.g., PICH, REACH)? Is there adequate staff, community, and/or partner capacity and expertise to carry out the proposed work?*

Workplan and partnerships (5 points): *What is the objective of the proposed activity? Is the plan reasonable? How and to what extent does the workplan support the implementation of a Health in All Policies strategy? Are there strong internal and external partners to support the proposed work? Will the local Environmental Health Director and state lead point of contact be involved in the work?*

Relevance and sustainability (5 points): *Does the proposed work advance the goal of strengthening: 1) linkages of lead-exposed children to recommended services; 2) targeted, population-based interventions? How will the proposed work build internal capacity to use a Health in All Policies framework in the future?*

Bonus point (1 point): *One bonus point will be given to local applicants from jurisdictions not currently receiving state or local CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program funds (Arkansas, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and all U.S. territories and federally-recognized or state-recognized tribal jurisdictions).*

Application Process

What information do I need to apply?

NCHH accepts grant applications ONLY through online submission; it does NOT accept the application in PDF format. Applicants can preview all of the application questions [here \(PDF\)](#).

NCHH recommends preparation of the application responses in advance, as the online application must be completed and submitted entirely in one session. NCHH also recommends printing a copy of the completed application before submitting it.

When are applications due?

This is a competitive grant process. Applicants must submit their online application by 5 p.m. ET, Thursday, December 13, 2018. Awardees will be notified via email by January 4, 2019. Applicants not selected to receive an award will be notified via email by January 11, 2019.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about the project, contact Laura Fudala (lfudala@nchh.org), Jo Miller (jmiller@nchh.org), or NCHH (410-992-0712). As inquiries are received and answered, [FAQs will be posted for public reference here](#).

* 1. Information about the agency/organization applying for the \$20,000 grant:

Agency/Organization Name:

Website (if applicable):

City or County:

State:

* 2. Please identify a primary contact at your organization/agency:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone:

3. Is your agency/organization responsible for implementing or overseeing your community's childhood lead poisoning prevention program?

- Yes, we have sole or primary responsibility for childhood lead poisoning prevention in our community
- Yes, but we share responsibility for childhood lead poisoning prevention with one or more other agencies
- No, another agency has responsibility for childhood lead poisoning prevention (please review the eligibility criteria above)
- Our community does not have any established childhood lead poisoning prevention programs or services

Additional or clarifying comments (Limit to 500 characters or fewer, including spaces.):

* 4. What type of organization is applying for this grant?

- Local health department
- Local housing department
- Local environmental health agency
- Local code enforcement agency
- Mayor's office or similar agency
- Other local agency
- Tribal organization or agency
- Other (note that other types of agencies and organizations are not eligible to apply)

Additional or clarifying comments (Limit to 500 characters or fewer, including spaces.)

* 5. Tell us a little more about your organization or agency. *Be sure to include a description of how childhood lead poisoning prevention is relevant to or supports your organization or agency's mission and your organizational capacity to implement a Health in All Policies strategy to address lead poisoning. (Limit to 2,000 characters or fewer, including spaces.)*

6. What is the approximate size of the population served by your organization or agency?

- Less than 1,000
- 1,000-4,999
- 5,000-9,999
- 10,000-24,999
- 25,000-49,999
- 50,000-99,999
- 100,000-249,999
- 250,000-499,999
- More than 500,000

7. What types of populations are served by your organization or agency?*Select all that apply.*

- Frontier
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban
- Other (please specify using 50 characters or less, including spaces):

* 8. Why does your community need this funding?*Describe the burden of lead poisoning in your community, the need for services to address and prevent lead poisoning, the potential for a Health in All Policies approach to address cross-sectoral gaps, etc. You may also describe how the community will be affected if your program does not receive this funding. (Limit to 2,000 characters or fewer, including spaces.)*

* 9. Which Health in All Policies strategies will your community use to address childhood lead poisoning?*Select all that apply. You must select at least one strategy. Note that communities may be advised on how to incorporate additional strategies as part of the technical assistance provided with the mini-grant.*

- Developing and structuring cross-sector relationships
- Incorporating health into decision-making processes
- Enhancing workforce capacity
- Coordinating funding and investments
- Integrating research, evaluation, and data systems
- Synchronizing communications and messaging
- Implementing accountability structures

* 10. Which lead focus area will the proposed work address? *Select all that apply. You must select at least one strategy.*

- Strengthening linkages of lead-exposed children to recommended services
- Strengthening targeted, population-based interventions

* 11. Describe how your community will use the \$20,000 grant and technical assistance support to use a Health in All Policies approach to address and prevent childhood lead poisoning. *Before submitting your answers, please review the evaluation criteria. (Limit to 3,000 characters or fewer, including spaces.)*

* 12. What specific lead exposure prevention need will this \$20,000 grant help your community address?

Select all that apply.

- Lead paint exposure prevention
- Lead in soil exposure prevention
- Lead in water exposure prevention
- Lead in consumer products (e.g., food, jewelry) exposure prevention
- Other sources of lead exposure
- Lead in homes
- Lead in schools or childcare settings
- Screening or testing of children for lead exposure
- Expanding follow-up services for children already exposed to lead
- Improving access to follow-up services for children already exposed to lead
- Other (please specify and limit answer to 1,000 characters including spaces):

* 13. What outcomes are you trying to achieve with the proposed work? *How will you measure the impact? What potential does your project have to stimulate follow-up actions to influence future policy, partnerships, funding, or services? Note that given the limited project period (of roughly six months), the selection committee will be interested in measuring short-term outcomes that demonstrate progress towards longer-term goals. Please describe both the short-term outcomes and long-term impacts. (Limit to 3,000 characters or fewer, including spaces.)*

* 14. List and describe any partnerships or collaborations that are in place, underway, or that will be developed as part of the proposed work. Note that cross-sectoral partnerships are encouraged, but partnerships within an agency may also be meaningful. *(Limit to 3,000 characters or fewer, including spaces.)*

* 15. Does your organization or agency have any prior experience conducting work like this?

Yes *(please describe below)*

No

Additional details about previous relevant work (Limit to 1,500 characters or fewer, including spaces.):

16. Please provide a general description of how the grant funding will be used; suggested categories include labor, indirect costs, and other direct costs. Please note that the awards will be granted in three installments: an initial \$5,000 award, a \$10,000 award mid-way through the project, and a final \$5,000 upon completion of the work. *Please limit your response to 2,000 characters including spaces.*

* 17. Will this grant help you to leverage other funds or resources or build on an existing initiative?

Yes *(please describe below)*

No

Maybe *(please describe below)*

Additional details about leveraging (limit to 1,500 characters or fewer, including spaces):

* 18. Please rate your community's existing capacity for lead poisoning prevention work.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
Decision-makers are knowledgeable about lead poisoning.	<input type="radio"/>					
The general public is knowledgeable about lead poisoning.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have established coalitions and partnerships that work on lead poisoning prevention.	<input type="radio"/>					
Our existing coalitions and partnerships are active and function effectively.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have good community resources to help residents find and fix sources of lead exposure.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have good community resources to help provide follow-up services for children already exposed to lead.	<input type="radio"/>					

Additional comments (Limit to 300 characters or fewer, including spaces.):

* 19. Please rate your community's existing capacity to implement a Health in All Policies approach. Please note in the comments if your ratings reflect your community's capacity to Health in All Policies generally, as it relates to lead specifically, or a mixture of both.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
We have strong and effective cross-sector relationships in place.	<input type="radio"/>					
Health is routinely incorporated into decision-making in our community.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have an adequate and well-trained workforce in place and seek opportunities for staff to interact across sectors.	<input type="radio"/>					
We know how to create and coordinate investment and funding to address health needs in our community.	<input type="radio"/>					
We routinely integrate health indicators and health data into data sets, performance measures, and evaluation efforts across sectors.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have good processes in place to communicate across sectors and with the public.	<input type="radio"/>					
We have robust systems in place to ensure accountability.	<input type="radio"/>					

Additional comments (Limit to 300 characters or fewer, including spaces.):

20. Is there any other information you'd like to provide the selection committee about your community's application for this grant (limit to 1,500 characters or fewer, including spaces)?

* 21. Please confirm your understanding and agreement that communities selected for funding may not use any portion of the funds for lobbying activities, including but not limited to those described in the following statement:

No aspect of Awardee activities performed under this award may consist of attempts to influence legislation through direct or grassroots lobbying. For example, funds cannot be used for signage that endorses pending legislation or an elected official.

- Yes, I certify that I understand and agree to the prohibition of using these funds for lobbying activities.
- No, I cannot certify my agreement with or understanding of this statement.