



SUSTAINABLE RELATIONSHIPS for COMMUNITY HEALTH (SRCH) CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Taking short-term action to support sustainable interventions in communities most disparately affected by COVID-19 and chronic disease.

Guidance for Tribes and Local Public Health Authorities (LPHA) for Sustainable Relationships for Community Health (SRCH) Funding for FY 2020-2021

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to Tribes and LPHAs for Sustainable Relationships for Community Health (SRCH) funding in an abbreviated funding period. The Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP) section of the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division (OHA-PHD) offers this short-term, flexible funding opportunity to Tribes and LPHAs over a 6-month period (January 1 – June 30, 2021). HPCDP is committed to supporting community chronic disease prevention programs to navigate the current challenges and opportunities presented in the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an opportunity to apply lessons learned from the pandemic to chronic disease prevention and management efforts and focus these efforts on addressing disparate health and social impacts experienced by communities in Oregon who are affected by higher incidences of chronic disease and COVID-19.

*Due to structural inequities there are higher rates of chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and cancer, in Tribal communities, communities of color, in people living with disabilities and in people experiencing addiction and mental health issues. These disparities are compounded by the acute impact of COVID-19 in many of the same communities. The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) released a [report](#) that highlights how the pandemic has exposed racial health disparities that have existed for years. This highlights the pressing need for investment in chronic disease prevention and management using innovative methods to prevent chronic disease disparities and to reach people who are struggling to manage chronic diseases amid the current COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic has prompted swift *cross-sector collaborative partnerships* across tribal, state and local communities, rapid adoption of new supportive policies, and innovative methods to address the multitude of health and social issues that Oregon communities face.*

Funds provided via this funding opportunity are to be used to address chronic disease disparities informed by lessons learned from collaborative partnerships established during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROJECT APPROACHES

Please choose one of the following short-term chronic disease prevention and management project approaches**:

- 1) Take intentional steps and focused time to **improve relationships and co-plan strategies** with key health system and community-based partners to support future prevention and management of chronic diseases for communities most disparately affected by both COVID-19 and chronic conditions;
- 2) **Augment or accelerate existing** chronic disease prevention and management work with key health system and community-based partners **or**;
- 3) Support an already planned and “**shovel-ready**” **project** with key health system and community-based partners focused on chronic disease prevention or management that needs supplemental funding to get started or take the next key step toward success

***See Table 2, in the Action Plan document, for a detailed framework with approach, strategies, projects and resources.*

For the purpose of this funding opportunity, chronic disease prevention and management include: 1) **Tobacco cessation** or other health systems strategies, 2) **Type 2 diabetes** prevention and management and 3) **Heart disease and stroke** prevention and management.

LPHA recipients of this funding are expected to collaborate with *at least one* health system partner (i.e. clinic, hospital, CCO, pharmacy) **and** *at least one* culturally specific partner including tribal health and/or a community-based organization representing or serving one or more of the following populations:

- African/African American;
- American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- Asian;
- Pacific Islander;
- Latino/Latinx;
- LGBTQIA2+;
- People living with disabilities;
- People experiencing addiction and/or mental health issues

Tribes or LPHAs that are already participating in or leading local or regional collaborative groups focused on chronic disease prevention and management are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

TIMELINE

HPCDP will solicit applications and award funding along a rapid response timeline so that Tribes and LPHAs can use the funds and add value to existing chronic disease prevention and management work during the remainder of FY2020-21. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2021.

WHAT	WHEN
Guidance release	December 7, 2020
Technical assistance from HPCDP to complete application	December 7 - 21, 2020
Funding opportunity info session	December 11, 2020 8:30 a.m.
Applications due to HPCDP	December 21, 2020 (midnight)
Refinements to action plan and budget (as needed)	December 22 - 30, 2020
Notification of awards with LPHA	December 30, 2020
Distribution of funds (LPHA/Tribal contract amendments)	January 1, 2021 (via PE 04)
Project/team support as needed	January – June 2021
Reporting – status update and final	March 29-31 and June 30, 2021

WHO CAN APPLY?

This funding opportunity is open to any federally recognized Tribe in Oregon, or LPHA. LPHAs or Tribes that are already leading or participating in a formal collaborative group with health system(s) and community partner(s) as described in “requirements” are encouraged to leverage this funding opportunity to support existing collaborative work focused on chronic disease prevention and management. Also, Tribes or LPHAs that are already working together in a *regional* collaborative with another Tribe or LPHA may choose to apply together as a regional team. Tribal and LPHA recipients of this funding can choose to sub-contract funding to community-based or health system partners, but OHA-HPCDP will only award funds to LPHAs or Tribes.

FUNDING ALLOCATION

HPCDP has a total of approximately \$300,000 (to eligible recipients) for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (January 1 through June 30, 2021). Allocations for this funding opportunity will not be competitive, rather HPCDP will award funding to eligible Tribes and LPHAs based on the approach and specific focus of proposed projects. HPCDP anticipates being able to fund all applicants and adjust overall funding allocation drawing from existing State and Federal funds. Allocation of project funding to applicants will depend on project approach as follows:

APPROACH	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT (1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021)
1. Take intentional steps and allocate time to improve relationships and co-plan strategies with key health system and community-based partners to support future prevention and management of chronic diseases for communities most disparately affected by both COVID-19 and chronic conditions	Up to \$20,000
2. Augment or accelerate existing chronic disease prevention and management work	Up to \$30,000
3. Support a planned and “ shovel-ready ” project focused on chronic disease prevention or management that needs supplemental funding to get started or take the next key step toward success	Up to \$50,000

Applicants must provide a 6-month (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021) detailed line item budget (applicant to use preferred budget format).

REQUIREMENTS OF FUNDING

REQUIREMENTS for SRCH FUNDING January 1 – June 30, 2021

LPHA & Tribe:

- 1) Apply lessons learned from collaborative partnerships during the COVID-19 pandemic to this chronic disease prevention and management project.
- 2) Specify what kind of technical support may be needed from HPCDP (or contractor) at beginning of project and throughout funding period.
- 3) Provide HPCDP with grant reporting twice during the funding period:
 - 3-month: *either* a brief written summary *or* a verbal status update
 - Final report: Written summary outlining successes, challenges and lessons learned (template will be provided).

LPHA Only:

- 4) Engage in collaborative project work with at least one health system partner (i.e. clinic, hospital, CCO, pharmacy) *and* at least one Tribal health partner and/or community-based organization representing or serving African/African American; American Indian/Alaskan Native; Asian, Pacific Islander, Latino/Latinx, LGBTQIA2+ populations or people living with disabilities or people experiencing addiction and mental health issues.

ACTION PLANS

Action plans for this 6-month project must be submitted to HPCDP along with the cover sheet and project budget, by December 21, 2020. The action plan must outline project approach, strategy and action steps for the 6-month funding period January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Applicants can submit a draft action plan to HPCDP prior to the due date to request feedback and/or meet with HPCDP staff for support in developing an action plan (see section below about application support).

PROJECT SUPPORT & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Upon award announcements, HPCDP will work with grantees to determine technical assistance needs to support project success. Technical assistance opportunities will be developed and offered based on grantee need and HPCDP resources available and could include support for project implementation, reporting, evaluation, data collection and other project-specific support (TBD). HPCDP staff will be available for episodic participation in project-related activities per request of grantee (i.e. team or collaborative group convening, partner meeting, workshop, planning session)

REPORTING & EVALUATION

Grantees are required to provide HPCDP with grant reporting twice during the funding period:

- 3-month: *either* a brief written summary *or* a verbal status update (at a scheduled meeting during the last week of March 2021) outlining successes, challenges and lessons learned

- Final report: Written summary outlining successes, challenges and learnings due June 20, 2021 (simple template provided).

Depending on the project focus and scope, and grantee need or request, HPCDP will collaborate with grantee to identify and support reporting, data collection and evaluation activities.

HPCDP will provide reporting and evaluation support to grantees including: due date reminders; scheduling reporting or technical assistance meetings; preview of final report content and fielding questions about report per grantee request; identifying and defining plan for any relevant data collection or evaluation (project dependent); connection to technical assistance (project dependent); assistance and trouble-shooting to collect needed data (project dependent).

APPLICATION SUPPORT AND SUBMISSION:

Applications must be submitted by December 21, 2020 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time to Rachel.e.burdon@dhsoha.state.or.us

Checklist of required contents of application packet:

- Cover sheet - SRCH 2021 *(use template/answer 4 questions)*
- Action Plan - SRCH 2021 *(use template)*
- Budget Request - SRCH 2021 *(use preferred budget format)*

OHA-HPCDP will provide application support as needed to Tribes and LPHAs who intend to apply for this funding opportunity. Application support will be offered by appointment during the blocks of time listed below.

Tuesday December 8 th	12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday December 9 th	9:00 - 12 p.m.
Friday December 11 th	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday December 14 th	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 15 th	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday December 16 th	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday December 18 th	1:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Please email Rachel.e.burdon@dhsoha.state.or.us to schedule a time for support.

OHA-HPCDP will also host an **info session** (recorded) on **Friday December 11th 8:30-9:30 a.m.** Please attend this to learn more about the funding opportunity and ask questions. Join the info session via this Zoom link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606368455?pwd=MTIUampBd1g0aHFqV1dYMWxldlNpdz09>

If you need further information regarding the submission process, program information or support with your application, please contact Rachel.e.burdon@dhsoha.state.or.us at 503-367-1314.