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I. Project Description

1. Purpose

This is a non-competitive announcement for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS): Non-Construction Projects that will be funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Federal Assistance Management. This document provides guidance on how to submit an application to receive CDS funding, general information about the projects including funding amounts and limitations, administrative and national policy requirements, and other important information.

Funding is limited to the named entities and for the purposes identified in the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022](#) (P.L. 117-103).

2. Background

HRSA's mission is to improve health outcomes and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs.

Congress appropriated funding in the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) for congressionally directed spending projects that relate to supporting health related activities, including training and information technology.

All recipients of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) must submit an application in order for the funds to be officially awarded. Your application must contain the items listed in this Project Guidance.

To further assist you, OFAM will be hosting a Technical Assistance Webinar. See [Section VIII](#) for details.

Incomplete applications may result in a delayed award until all necessary components are received.

Definitions

Congressionally Directed Spending – language in an authorization act or appropriations act that requires HRSA to make an award(s) to a named recipient(s) for a particular project or activity.

Equipment – tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000.

Non-construction grant – funds awarded for projects that do not include construction or Major A&R.

Project costs – total allowable costs incurred under a federal award and all required cost sharing and voluntary committed cost sharing, including third-party contributions.

II. Award Information

1. Type of Application and Award

HRSA will provide funding in the form of a grant.

2. Summary of Funding

HRSA has provided each recipient an email containing information on the funding level and purpose. This is one-time funding and projects are limited to a one-year period of performance.

HRSA will award CDS as new grant awards pursuant to a Congressional Directive authorized and appropriated in the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103). Under 45 C.F.R. § 75.302, you must document use of CDS funds separately and distinctly from other federal awards.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible entities are those organizations identified by Congress to receive specific amounts of funding for specific projects under the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103).

2. Cost Sharing/Matching

Cost sharing/matching is not required.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Package

HRSA SF-424 Application Guide

You (the applicant organization/agency) should follow the instructions in HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#), available online, except where instructed in this Project Guidance to do otherwise. The [SF-424 Application Guide](#) is for preparing and submitting applications through Grants.gov to HRSA using the SF-424 Workspace Application Package.

HRSA **requires** you to apply electronically. You can apply through [Grants.gov](#) using the SF-424 workspace application package associated with this Project Guidance following the directions provided at [Grants.gov: HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANTS](#).

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Application Format Requirements

Applicants notified to apply for funding under the CDS: Non-Construction Project HRSA-22-135, must review Section 4 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) which provides general instructions for the budget, budget narrative, staffing plan and personnel requirements, assurances, certifications, etc. You must submit the information outlined in HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) in addition to the project-specific information below. A SF-424A "Budget Information for Non-Construction Program" form is required. This form is in the application package in [Grants.gov](#).

Application Page Range

The suggested page range for your application is 7-15 pages, which may vary, depending on your project.

Instructions for Submitting Project Abstract and Narrative

You must submit your application consistent with the following Project Abstract and Project Narrative format.

i. **Project Abstract**

Submit your project abstract using the Project Abstract Summary Form 2.0. This form is in the application package in [Grants.gov](#). For information required in the Project Abstract Summary Form, see Section 4.1.ix of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#).

ii. **Project Narrative** (*suggested page range: 2 - 5 pages*)

The project narrative provides a comprehensive description of all aspects of the proposed project.

Use the following section headers for the non-construction project narrative:

- INTRODUCTION
Briefly describe the purpose of the project.
- WORK PLAN
Describe the activities or steps required to complete the project. Use a time line that includes each activity and identifies responsible staff.
- EQUIPMENT (AS APPLICABLE)
If you propose to use your CDS award for equipment, include an Equipment List consistent with your budget and budget narrative. Provide a brief description of how the equipment will be used for the project.

- **MINOR ALTERATION/RENOVATION¹ (A/R) (AS APPLICABLE)**
If you propose to use your CDS award for minor A/R, provide a brief description of the work and identify the major clinical and non-clinical spaces that will be improved by the project.

iii. Budget

The directions offered in the SF-424 Application Guide may differ from those offered by Grants.gov. Follow the instructions in Section 4.1.iv of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) and the additional budget instructions provided below.

Equipment (as applicable)

If you propose to use your CDS award for equipment, enter the amount on the SF-424A Budget Information Form in the 'equipment' object class category. Include all moveable equipment that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more, including information technology systems. Moveable equipment can be readily shifted from place to place without requiring a change in the utilities or structural characteristics of the space. Any equipment purchased with your CDS award must be procured, maintained, tracked, and disposed of in accordance with [45 CFR part 75](#).

The selection of equipment should be based on a preference for recycled content, non-hazardous substances, non-ozone depleting substances, energy and water efficiency, and consideration of final disposal (disposed in a manner that is safe, protective of the environment, and compliant with all applicable regulations), unless there are conflicting health, safety, and performance considerations. You are strongly encouraged to employ the standards established by either the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) or ENERGY STAR®, where practicable, in the procurement of equipment. Following these standards will mitigate the negative effects on human health and the environment. Additional information for these standards can be found at <http://www.epeat.net> and <https://www.energystar.gov/>.

Minor A&R

If you propose to use your CDS award for minor A/R, you must enter the amount in Section B, the 'construction' object class category on the SF-424A Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs Form.

Permanently affixed equipment (e.g., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), generators, signs in or on the existing building, lighting) is considered fixed equipment and is categorized as minor A/R (not equipment).

Examples of allowable minor A/R project consists of work in an existing facility required to:

- Install fixed equipment; plumbing and electrical features
- Modernize, improve, and/or reconfigure the interior arrangements or other physical characteristics of a facility
- Address life safety requirements

Your CDS award cannot be used for new construction activities or to increase the total square footage of an existing building (e.g., additions or expansions, work that requires ground disturbance such as new parking surfaces or expansion of a building footprint), the installation of trailers/pre-fabricated modular units, or major A/R.

Indirect Cost Rates

Your budget may include indirect costs if your organization has an existing negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. If you have never received a negotiated indirect cost rate, you may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10 percent of modified total direct costs. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or modified total direct costs, and may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. If the de minimis rate is chosen, this methodology must be used consistently for all your federal awards until such time as you choose to negotiate an indirect cost rate agreement.

Indirect costs under training awards to organizations other than state or local governments or federally recognized Indian tribes, will be budgeted and reimbursed at 8 percent of modified total direct costs rather than on the basis of a negotiated rate agreement, and are not subject to upward or downward adjustment. Direct cost amounts for equipment, tuition and fees, as otherwise allowable, and subawards and subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 are excluded from the direct cost base for purposes of this calculation.

Executive Salary Level

None of the funds appropriated under the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. See Section 4.1.iv Budget – Salary Limitation of HRSA’s [SF-424 Application Guide](#) for additional information.

iv. Budget Narrative (suggested page range: 1 – 3 pages)

You must comply with Section 4.1.v. of HRSA’s [SF-424 Application Guide](#). For additional information, see the Appendices as appropriate for your project.

The budget narrative describes how you will use your CDS award for all costs proposed on the SF-424A Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs Form, with calculations for how you derive each cost.

If your proposal includes hiring new personnel, awarding contracts, or making subawards, then you must take into account the processes and time needed to put these parts of your plan in place. Provide a personnel justification for personnel who will be supported with your CDS award, as shown in the example provided in HRSA’s [SF-424 Application Guide](#).

Align your budget justification with the equipment list as applicable.

Include the following for each item on the equipment list:

- **Item Description** – Provide a description of each item.
- **Unit Price** – Provide the price of each item.

- **Quantity** – Provide the number of each item to be purchased.
- **Total Price** – Calculate total price. This should match your Budget.

Align your budget justification with the minor A&R proposed in SF-424A Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs Form, as applicable.

Under [45 C.F.R. § 75.302](#), you must document use of CDS funds separately and distinctly from other federal awards.

v. Attachments (*suggested page range: 4 – 6 pages*)

Provide the following items in the order specified below to complete the content of the application. Clearly label each attachment. You must upload attachments into the application.

Applicants notified to apply for funding under HRSA-22-135 will submit the following attachments.

Attachment 1: Staffing Plan and Job Descriptions for Key Personnel (see Section 4.1. of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#))

Keep each job description to one page in length as much as is possible. Include the role, responsibilities, and qualifications of proposed project staff. Also include a description of your organization's timekeeping process to ensure that you will comply with the federal standards related to documenting personnel costs.

Attachment 2: Biographical Sketches of Key Personnel

Include biographical sketches for persons occupying the key positions described in *Attachment 2*, not to exceed two pages in length per person. In the event that a biographical sketch is included for an identified individual not yet hired, include a letter of commitment from that person with the biographical sketch.

Attachment 3: Letters of Agreement, Memoranda of Understanding, and/or Description(s) of Proposed/Existing Contracts (project-specific)

Provide any documents that describe working relationships between your organization and other entities and programs cited in the proposal. Documents that confirm actual or pending contractual or other agreements should clearly describe the roles of the contractors and any deliverable. Make sure any letters of agreement are signed and dated.

Attachment 4: Project Organizational Chart

Attachments 5: Equipment List and minor A&R, if applicable

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

The UEI, a "new, non-proprietary identifier" assigned by the System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](#)), will replace the *Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.

Effective April 4, 2022:

- You can register in SAM.gov and you will be assigned your UEI (SAM) within SAM.gov.
- You will no longer use UEI (DUNS) and that number will not be maintained in any Integrated Award Environment (IAE) systems (SAM.gov, CPARS, FAPIIS, eSRS, FSRS, FPDS-NG). For more details, visit the following webpages: [Planned UEI Updates in Grant Application Forms](#) and [General Service Administration's UEI Update](#).

You must register with SAM and continue to maintain active SAM registration with current information at all times during which you have an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by an agency (unless you are an individual or federal agency that is exempted from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or you have an exception approved by the agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)). For your SAM.gov registration, you must submit a notarized letter appointing the authorized Entity Administrator.

HRSA will not make an award until you have complied with all applicable SAM requirements.

If you have already completed Grants.gov registration for HRSA or another federal agency, confirm that the registration is still active and that the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) has been approved.

*Currently, the Grants.gov registration process requires information in three separate systems:

- Dun and Bradstreet (<https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html>) (through April 3, 2022)
- System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://sam.gov/content/home> | [SAM.gov Knowledge Base](#))
- Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>)

For more details, see Section 3.1 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#).

4. Submission Dates and Times

Application Due Date

The due date for applications under this Project Guidance is *June 1, 2022 at 4:59 p.m. ET*.

If you do not meet the deadline, your funding may be delayed. Sufficient time is needed for HRSA to process applications and award funds.

Applicants that wish to request an extension to the due date should contact the CDS Program at CDSProgram@hrsa.gov.

Intergovernmental Review

Congressionally directed spending projects are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100.

See Section 4.1 ii of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) for additional information.

5. Funding Restrictions

Funds under this announcement must be used for the purposes outlined by Congress. Additional restrictions may be applicable in the Awards section.

The General Provisions in Division H of the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) apply to this announcement.

You are required to have the necessary policies, procedures, and financial controls in place to ensure that your organization complies with all legal requirements and restrictions applicable to the receipt of federal funding. It is imperative that applicants review and adhere to the list of statutory restrictions on specific uses of funds detailed in Section 4.1 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#).

HRSA recipients and subrecipients must follow the requirements at 2 CFR § 200.216 regarding prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment. For details, see the [HRSA Grants Policy Bulletin Number: 2021-01E](#).

All program income generated as a result of awarded funds must be used for approved project-related activities. Any program income earned by the recipient must be used under the addition/additive alternative. You can find post-award requirements for program income at [45 CFR § 75.307](#).

Applicants may not request more than the designated amount of funding identified in FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103).

V. Application Review Information

1. Review

HRSA will review each application for completeness and eligibility, all required documents, and compliance with the requirements outlined in this Project Guidance.

2. Assessment of Risk

HRSA is required to review and consider any information about your organization that is in the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System \(FAPIIS\)](#). You may review and comment on any information about your organization that a federal awarding agency previously entered.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

HRSA will start releasing the Notice/s of Award (NOAs) on or around June 1, 2022. See Section 5.4 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) for additional information.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Applicants notified to apply for funding under HRSA-22-135 will refer to Section 2.1 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#).

In accepting the award, you agree that the award and any activities thereunder are subject to:

- all provisions of [45 CFR part 75](#), currently in effect or implemented during the period of the award; and
- other federal regulations and HHS policies in effect at the time of the award or implemented during the period of award.

Requirements of Subawards

The terms and conditions in the NOA apply directly to the recipient of HRSA funds. The recipient is accountable for the performance of the project, program, or activity; the appropriate expenditure of funds under the award by all parties; and all other obligations of the recipient, as cited in the NOA. In general, the requirements that apply to the recipient, including public policy requirements, also apply to subrecipients under awards, and it is the recipient's responsibility to monitor the compliance of all funded subrecipients. See [45 CFR § 75.101 Applicability](#) for more details.

3. Reporting

Applicants notified to apply for funding under, HRSA-22-135 must comply with Section 6 of HRSA's [SF-424 Application Guide](#) and the following reporting and review activities:

1. **Progress Report(s).** The recipient must submit a progress report to HRSA-22-135 on a semi-annual basis. More information will be available in the NOA.
2. **Final Report.** The Final Report should include a project overview, as well as a description of project objectives and accomplishments. This report is due 90 days after the period of performance ends. Further information will be provided upon receipt of award.
3. **Integrity and Performance Reporting.** The NOA will contain a provision for integrity and performance reporting in [FAPIS](#), as required in [45 CFR part 75 Appendix XII](#).
4. **Federal Financial Report.** The Federal Financial Report (SF-425) is required within 90 days of the end of each budget period. The report is an accounting of expenditures for the specified year.

OMB revisions to Guidance for Grants and Agreements termination provisions located at [2 CFR § 200.340 - Termination](#) apply to all federal awards. No additional termination provisions apply unless otherwise noted.

VII. Agency Contacts

You may request additional information and/or technical assistance regarding business, administrative, or fiscal issues related to this Project Guidance by contacting:

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Grants Management Specialist
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You may request additional information regarding the overall program issues and/or technical assistance related to this Project Guidance by contacting:

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Office of Federal Assistance Management
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Health Resources and Services Administration
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Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (301) 443-6707
Email: CDSProgram@hrsa.gov

You may need assistance when working online to submit your application forms electronically. Always obtain a case number when calling for support. For assistance with submitting the application in Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding federal holidays at:

Grants.gov Contact Center
Telephone: 1-800-518-4726 (International callers dial 606-545-5035)
Email: support@grants.gov
[Self-Service Knowledge Base](#)

VIII. Other Information

Technical Assistance.

HRSA has scheduled the following technical assistance:

Webinar

Day and Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022

Time: 1 – 2 p.m. ET

Weblink: <https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/j/1616892934?pwd=K1VWc21JM0lRQ28xVkdGREhJYlpNZz09>

Attendees without computer access or computer audio can use the dial-in information below

Call-In Number: 1- 833-568-8864

Meeting ID: 161 689 2934

Passcode: 06043205

HRSA will record the webinar. Please contact CDSProgram@hrsa.gov for playback information.