North Carolina Farmworker Health Program, Office of Rural Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services

Application Guidance for NC Farmworker Health Funding for 2021-2022

NC Farmworker Health Program Funding Opportunity: 2021-2022

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Office of Rural Health

Date of this notice: December 1, 2020

Deadline to receive applications: January 28, 2021

Working title of the funding program: NC Farmworker Health Program

Purpose:

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is anticipating the receipt of federal funds to increase access to primary and preventive health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in North Carolina. NCFHP grant awards are meant to supplement existing resources in communities and reduce barriers to care so that farmworkers and their family members have access to comprehensive and continuous health care services. NCFHP supports the development of sustainable services for farmworkers by encouraging local partnerships and collaborations to facilitate the inclusion of farmworkers in services that are available for the general community.

Funding Focus:

Funds may be used for enabling, medical, dental and behavioral health services for farmworkers and their families when these services are not otherwise available or if the existing services are not sufficient to respond to the demand. Because of the numerous barriers to care that farmworkers experience, NCFHP strongly supports the provision of quality enabling services including outreach, health education, case management, eligibility assistance and referrals to health care.

Funding Preferences:

Preference will be given to applicants based on the following criteria listed below.

- Demonstrates a <u>need</u> for increased health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in their community;
- Demonstrates <u>capacity to effectively address barriers</u> to care for farmworkers and provide quality services;
- Demonstrates capacity to assist farmworkers in accessing health care services;
- Proposes an <u>efficient strategy</u> that utilizes local resources and collaborates with other partners to respond to health care gaps that farmworkers face in their community; and,
- Can meet NCFHP requirements and expectations outlined in this document.

Proposed Project Period/Contract Term:

April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 (exceptions can be made to have a July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 project period)

Funding Availability:

Awards will depend on the availability of funds.

Special Initiatives:

Information about special initiative funding opportunities is forthcoming. Applicants should not include requests for special projects beyond the scope of enabling, medical, dental and behavioral health services in this application.

Eligible Applicants:

- Free and charitable clinics
- > Health departments
- ➤ Hospitals
- Rural health centers
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)
- Non-profit community-based organizations

Deadline and Instructions for Submission:

Submissions are due by **January 28, 2021**. Applications and associated materials should be submitted via an online form. You will receive a personalized application link for your agency via email. New applicants will receive a link upon receipt of Letter of Intent.

- Renewal applicants must submit the grant application and associated documents listed below in the Application Checklist section.
- <u>New applicants</u> must submit a Letter of Intent using this <u>online form</u> by <u>December 15, 2020</u>. If invited, new applicants will receive a link to the online form and must submit a full grant application by <u>January 28, 2021</u>.

Technical Assistance Webinar: December 9, 2020 from 3-4pm. A recording of the webinar will be available on via our website.

Click here to join the meeting
Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 121 054 557#

Application Checklist:

Templates for application materials are available on our website.

All applicants must submit the following to be considered for funding:

- ✓ Completed application for funding
- ✓ Completed budget (personnel, summary and justification tabs on required budget template)
- ✓ Signed assurances page
- ✓ Continuous Quality Improvement & Goal Tables
- ✓ Completed internal control questionnaire (both excel document and PDF with signature page)

✓ Proof of sufficient vehicle insurance if staff personal vehicles used for transporting patients

For questions about the grant application, please contact Kate Furgurson at kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov.

For questions specific to behavioral health services, please contact Rocio Anderson at rocio.anderson@dhhs.nc.gov.

For credentialing and privileging or clinical CQI questions please contact Dr. Gayle Thomas at gayle.b.thomas@dhhs.nc.gov.

Grant Assurances:

As a recipient of HRSA's health center funding, NCFHP must abide by HRSA's Health Center Program requirements, some of which are also expected of NCFHP grantees. As a program within the Office of Rural Health, NCFHP grantees must also abide by associated state requirements and expectations including connection to NC HealthConnex. To meet the state's mandate, a provider is "connected" when its clinical and demographic information are being sent to NC HealthConnex at least twice daily." For further information, please see the HIEA website: https://hiea.nc.gov

All applicants must abide by the Farmworker Health Grant Assurances included with the grant application.

Budget Guidance

Applicants are required to use the NCFHP Budget Template for 2021-2022 provided on our <u>website</u> and should complete the personnel, summary and budget justification tabs. Budget guidance may be found within the excel document on the final tab.