

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Assessment

Welcome

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Welcome! Thank you for participating in this assessment of CDC Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs). We are interested in learning about your experience responding to the CDC NOFO (formerly known as Funding Opportunity Announcement, or FOA) identified in the email you received with the link to this assessment. Your feedback will help us identify aspects of the NOFO and its structure that work well and those that need further refinement. The information collected from this assessment will be used to recommend improvements to the format of future NOFOs.

This assessment is being administered by the Program Performance and Evaluation Office (PPEO) at CDC. PPEO engages in evaluation, performance monitoring, and NOFO development activities across the agency. PPEO provides resources and technical assistance to all CDC programs in developing new NOFOs. Our office is not involved in selecting recipients for funding, managing any post-award activities, or grants administration.

No individual, program, or organization will be identified or linked back to results. A summary report of findings will be prepared using aggregate data and will be shared with CDC leadership to help improve how non-research NOFOs at CDC are written and developed.

The survey will take about 25 minutes to complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Corinne Fukayama at mwx9@cdc.gov.

For the rest of the assessment, please refer to your experiences working (as an author, contributor, etc.) on the application for the CDC NOFO identified and attached in the email that included the assessment link. We understand that you may have been involved with other CDC NOFOs, but focusing on your experiences for this particular NOFO will help ensure meaningful analysis and recommendations.

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About You

* 1. Please identify the CDC NOFO that you are responding to in this survey

* 2. Other than this NOFO, how many other CDC NOFO applications have you worked on within the past 5 years?

0

5 or more

1

Don't know / don't remember

2 - 4

* 3. Were you substantially involved in developing your agency's application for this NOFO?

Yes

No

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Because findings from this assessment will inform ongoing efforts to improve the NOFO development process, it is important to get feedback from the individuals who were substantially involved in the development of your application. Please assist us with this assessment by forwarding the link to the appropriate person in your organization. We appreciate your support and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Corinne Fukayama at mwx9@cdc.gov

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Understanding the NOFO Application Instructions

We are interested in your experience **reading** the NOFO and **understanding** what you were expected to include in your application. It may be helpful to have a copy of the NOFO as you complete the assessment. You should have received a link to a copy in the email inviting you to complete the assessment. If you need a copy, please email mwx9@cdc.gov with the title of the NOFO.

The following questions refer to the application instructions in the NOFO. This includes application **guidance** the CDC program laid out in "Section A. Funding Opportunity Description" (Section A) and application **information** in "Section D. Application and Submission Information" (Section D).

* 4. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding what you were expected to include in the following sections of your application.

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember
Background	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Purpose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategies and Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 5. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding what you were expected to include in the following sections of your application.

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember
Collaboration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Target Population and Health Disparities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluation and Performance Measurement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 6. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding what you were expected to include in the following sections of your application.

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember
Organizational Capacity to Implement the Approach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Budget Narrative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

*** 7. The following statements are about understanding the NOFO and developing your application. For each one, indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please base your responses only on information included in this NOFO. Do not consider any additional clarification or help you may have received from CDC.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know / Don't Remember
I understood which entities were eligible to apply to the NOFO.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The NOFO was organized in such a way that I found the information I needed to write my application.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood the page limits for my application.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood whether a Data Management Plan (DMP) was required for my application.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood what I was expected to include in my DMP, if applicable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood what additional documentation (e.g. MOUs, organizational charts, CVs, etc.) was required for my application package.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The NOFO provided the right amount of detail for me to understand how to address the application requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood how my application would be reviewed and evaluated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

*** 8. Some NOFOs are considered multi-component if there are different groups of activities for which applicants can choose to apply. Was your NOFO a multi-component NOFO?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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Multi-Component NOFOs

* 9. The following statements are about understanding the NOFO and developing your application. For each one, indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please base your responses only on information included in this NOFO. Do not consider any additional clarification or help you may have received from CDC.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know / Don't Remember
Overall, I understood what information to include in my application for each component.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood which components I was expected to apply for.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understood which additional components I was eligible to apply for.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I understood what the expected funding amounts were for each component.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

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Understanding the CDC Project Information

The next section is about project information in the NOFO and understanding what funded recipients would be expected to implement and achieve during the period of performance. Project information refers to descriptions of the funded project and any requirements CDC lays out for the project.

The following questions refer to the quality of project information in "Section A. Funding Opportunity Description" (Section A) of your NOFO and the review criteria in "Section E. Review and Selection Process".

*** 9. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding the CDC program's expectations of funded recipients for each section of Section A. There may be some sections of your NOFO that do not have information; please select 'Not Applicable' for those sections.**

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember	Not Applicable
Approach (Logic Model)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Purpose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategies and Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 10. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding the CDC program's expectations of funded recipients for each section of Section A. There may be some sections of your NOFO that do not have information; please select 'Not Applicable' for those sections.

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember	Not Applicable
Collaboration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Target Population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health Disparities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CDC Evaluation and Performance Measurement Strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 11. Please rate the clarity of information in the NOFO regarding the CDC program's expectations of funded recipients for each section of Section A. There may be some sections of your NOFO that do not have information; please select 'Not Applicable' for those sections.

	Very Unclear	Unclear	Neither Clear nor Unclear	Clear	Very Clear	Don't Know / Don't Remember	Not Applicable
Organizational Capacity to Implement the Approach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CDC Monitoring and Accountability Approach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CDC Program Support to Recipients (Cooperative Agreements ONLY)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Budget Narrative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 12. Please rate the consistency between the project information in Section A and the review criteria in Section E.

	Very Inconsistent	Inconsistent	Neutral	Consistent	Very Consistent	Don't Know / Don't Remember
Approach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluation and Performance Measurement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organizational Capacity to Implement the Approach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

* 13. The following statements are about reading and understanding the NOFO. For each one, indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please base your responses only on information included in this NOFO. Do not consider any additional clarification or help you may have received from CDC.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know / Don't Remember
The NOFO was organized in such a way that I could find information about the CDC program's expectations of funded recipients.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The project information in the NOFO was generally consistent throughout the document (e.g., among the logic model, strategies and activities, outcomes, evaluation plan, and work plan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The NOFO provided the right amount of detail to understand the CDC program's expectations for implementing the project as described in the NOFO.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments (optional)

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* 14. If you attended an informational call on the NOFO held by the CDC program, how helpful was it to your understanding of what you were expected to include in your application?

- Not at all helpful
- Not so helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Very helpful
- Extremely helpful
- The CDC program did not hold an informational call
- I did not attend the informational call
- Don't remember

* 15. If you attended an informational call on the NOFO held by the CDC program, how helpful was it to your understanding of what funded recipients would be expected to implement and achieve?

- Not at all helpful
- Not so helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Very helpful
- Extremely helpful
- The CDC program did not hold an informational call
- I did not attend the informational call
- Don't remember

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Post Award

* 16. If you were funded for this NOFO, were you provided more information after receiving your notice of award that would have been helpful to be included in the NOFO?

- Yes
- No
- I was not funded for this NOFO

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17. What was the information? (optional)

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Last Thoughts

18. If you could change one aspect of the information in the NOFO or overall structure of the NOFO, what would it be? (optional)

19. Is there anything else you want to tell us about understanding and applying to this NOFO? (optional)

Thank you for taking part in this assessment, we greatly appreciate your feedback and help with improving CDC NOFOs. If you have any questions or comments for PPEO, please contact Corinne Fukayama at mwx9@cdc.gov.

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