



#### **Funding Opportunities from HRSA**

Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)

Bureau of Health Workforce

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#### Who We Serve

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), supports equitable health care for the nation's highest-need communities.



HRSA serves those most in need, including:

- More than 30.5 million
   More than 1,900 people in rural in underserved communities
- More than 58 million pregnant women, infants, and children
- More than 560,000 people with HIV

- rural counties and municipalities across the country
- Nearly 22,000 health care providers through loan repayment and scholarship programs





#### **HRSA Workforce Aims to Increase Access in FY2024**



**Increase Supply** 



**Advance Health Equity** 



**Improve Distribution** 



Promote Resilience







#### **Bureau of Health Workforce**

#### **MISSION**

Improves the health of underserved populations by

- ▶ strengthening the health workforce
- connecting skilled professionals to communities in need











**SERVICE** 





# **Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)**





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**DNPH** administers and provides oversight of nursing, behavioral and public health workforce development programs



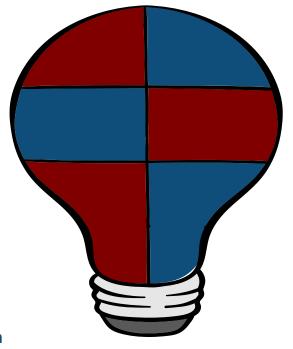
#### **IMPACT**

- Expanded academic-practice-community partnerships
- Enhancements to curriculum and clinical training
- Faculty development and other continuing education opportunities

### **Nurse Education and Practice (NEP) Programs**



Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Registered Nurse Training
Program
NEPQR-RNTP



Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Simulation Education Training NEPQR-SET





Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies
NEPQR-CFPA







Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention: Workforce Expansion Program NEPQR-WEP







Community Health Worker
Training Program
CHWTP



Nursing Workforce
Diversity
NWD





### **Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Programs**

Advanced Nursing Education Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship (ANE-NPRF)

Program

Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program

Maternity Care Nursing Workforce Expansion (MatCare) Program



ANE- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (ANE-SANE)

Program

Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)





### **Nursing Workforce Development Programs**

## NURSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Help address the critical shortage of nurses in high-need areas, whether urban, rural, or tribal.

FY 2023

\$193.7M



#### AY 2022-2023

Trainees from	
disadvantaged	
backgrounds	

Training sites 5,821

Training sites in medically underserved 63% communities

Graduates 10,174





32%

### **Behavioral and Public Health (BPH) Programs**

Behavioral Health
Workforce Education and
Training (BHWET) Program
for Professionals

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Training-Children, Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth for Professionals (BHWET-CAY)

Regional Public Health Training Centers (PHTC) Program Health and Public Safety
Workforce Resiliency
Training (HPSWRTP)
Program

Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program Behavioral Health
Workforce Education and
Training (BHWET)
Program for
Paraprofessionals

Behavioral health
Workforce Development
Technical Assistance and
Evaluation (BHWD TAE)
Program

Health and Public Safety
Workforce Resiliency
Technical Assistance
Center (HPSWRTAC)

Opioid Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP)

Paraprofessional Apprenticeship Technical Assistance (PATA) Program





# **DNPH** By the numbers

\*includes ARPA funded programs

FY 2023 Investments	Number of Awards	Total Investment
Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention	86	\$64.4M
Advanced Nursing Education	204	\$95.5M
Nurse Faculty Loan Program	94	\$28.5M
Nursing Workforce Diversity	42	\$22.4M
Mental and Behavioral Health Workforce	134	\$79.4M
Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training	231	\$114.2M*
Public Health Workforce	10	\$10.4M
Community Health Worker Training	83	\$225M*

#### **HHS Grants Forecast**

Opportunity Number	Program Name	Description	Estimated funding amount
HRSA-25-071	Nursing Workforce Diversity	The purpose of the Nursing Workforce Diversity program is to strengthen and expand the comprehensive use of evidence-based strategies shown to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses in schools of nursing.	\$22.2M
HRSA-25-070	Nurse Faculty Loan Program	The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) seeks to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty nationwide by providing low interest loans for individuals studying to be nurse faculty and loan cancelation for those then go on to work as faculty. In exchange for completion of up to four years of post-graduation full-time nurse faculty employment in an accredited school of nursing, graduates receive cancellation of up to 85 percent of the original student loan amount (plus interest thereon) as authorized by the program.	\$26.5M
HRSA-25-068	Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professionals (BHWET-Pro)	The purpose of the BHWET Program for Professionals is to increase the supply of behavioral health professionals while also improving distribution of a quality behavioral health workforce and thereby increasing access to behavioral health services. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders.	\$59.6M



# Funding Opportunities





## **Grant Funding Cycle**

Legislation and Congressional Appropriations

Release of Award Funding

**Program Creation** 

Objective Review Committee

Notice of Funding Opportunity Released





### **BHW Program/NOFO Timeline**

2 YRS PRIOR\*

3-6 MONTHS PRIOR\*

AWARDS MADE

PRE-PLANNING FOR NEXT FY

- Federal Appropriation
- Legislative review
- Environmental Scan (NACNEP Rec)
- Program Concept
- Stakeholder Engagement

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- Annual Appropriation
- HHS Grants Forecast
- NOFO Development
- Internal Review Process

- NOFO Published
- Technical Assistance
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Objective Review Process





### **Considerations for Programmatic Implementation**

Legislation and Congressional Appropriations

Programmatic Impact

NACNEP/Other Recommendations

Agency and Bureau
Priorities

Stakeholder Engagement





# **Grant Application Tips**

Responsive Applications





### Where to begin?

- Have I read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)? Do I understand it?
- Is my organization eligible to apply, based on the eligibility criteria in the NOFO?
- Does my organization have the technical expertise, personnel, and financial capacity to successfully implement the project described in the NOFO?
- Are all my organization's stakeholders supportive of applying for this grant?
- Is my organization prepared to successfully implement the project within the budget we're proposing?



### Things to Keep in Mind Before You Start:

- Grants.gov Instructions and Due Date late applications are not considered!
- > Obtain Unique Entity Identifier (UEI/DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM)
- > SF-424 Application Guide How to Apply
- Special Instructions
- ➤ Instructions for Budget, Budget Justification, Funding restrictions, Staffing Plan, Personnel Requirements, Assurances, Certifications and Abstract Must be compliant
- ➤ Application Page Limit Applications over limit will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered!
- ➤ Ceiling-Summary of Funding- Applications that exceed the ceiling amount will not be considered for funding



### **Responsive Applications: Abstract**

- Provide a summary of the application.
- It must include a brief description of the proposed project including the needs to be addressed, the proposed services, and the population group(s) to be served
- > When applicable, identify if you are requesting a funding priority or preference
- > The project abstract is now a populated in the Project Abstract Summary form





### Responsive Applications: Project Narrative

The Project Narrative describe all aspects of your project. It includes\*:

- > Introduction and Purpose
  - Purpose
  - Need
- > Approach
  - Response
  - High Level Workplan
  - Resolving Challenges
- Performance reporting and evaluation
- Sustainability
- Organizational Information
- Budget & Budget Narrative





### Responsive Applications: Review Criteria\*

- . Purpose and Need
- II. Response
  - a) Approach
  - b) High-level Workplan
  - c) Resolving Challenges
- III. Impact
  - a) Performance reporting and evaluation
  - b) Sustainability
- IV. Resources & Capabilities
  - a) Organizational information and performance reporting and evaluation
- V. Support Requested
  - a) Budget & Budget narrative



### **Responsive Applications: Budget**

- Submit line-item budget and budget justification for <u>all years</u> of the funding request\*
- Follow instructions see SF-424 R&R Application Guide
- See NOFO for specific instructions
- > DO NOT exceed the ceiling amount
- > Included in page limit
- Complete forms correctly
- > Seek Technical Assistance (TA) from Grants Management Specialist





### **Responsive Applications: Attachments**

- ➤ Must be included in order to have a responsive application\*
- Any forms included in the attachments must be completed correctly ask for TA from Program Officer.
- Attachments
  - ✓ Label
  - ✓ Use a recognizable file extensions (see Application Guide)
  - ✓ 15-max number allowed
  - ✓ Included in page limit





# Responsive Application: Good vs. Funded

Good Application	Funded Application
Explains Problem or need	Explains problem or need and what the organization plans on doing to fix it throughout the application
Has a lot of information but isn't organized	Has a lot of information, but the proposal flows and is easy to read and understand
Not enough information on collaborations, staff, objectives, and aligns with purpose or intent of the grant program and its connection with the proposed project	Describes current/planned collaborations, provides information on staff needed, clearly defines objectives that align with the purpose and intent of the proposed project and the purpose and intent of the grant program
Gaps in response to the review criteria	Responds to all the review criteria
Final review by creator	Reviewed by others

# **Top Mistakes When Applying for a Grant**

- ➤ Time: Application is rejected for "fixable" errors, but the applicant didn't leave enough time to correct before the deadline
- > Applicant does not address the Need in the NOFO
- ➤ Responds with a list of activities, but does not tie these activities to the overall application
- ➤ Data: Applicant leaves areas of the application blank, incomplete, or is using outdated data
- > Attachments: Missing or incomplete attachments
- Exceeds Limits: Applicant exceeds page limit and or budget ceiling





### **Completing Your Applications**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Read carefully

Must meet criteria before applying

#### **DEADLINES**

30-90 day application window Fixed dates—though HRSA might extend

#### T/A WEBINARS

Application details Q&A period

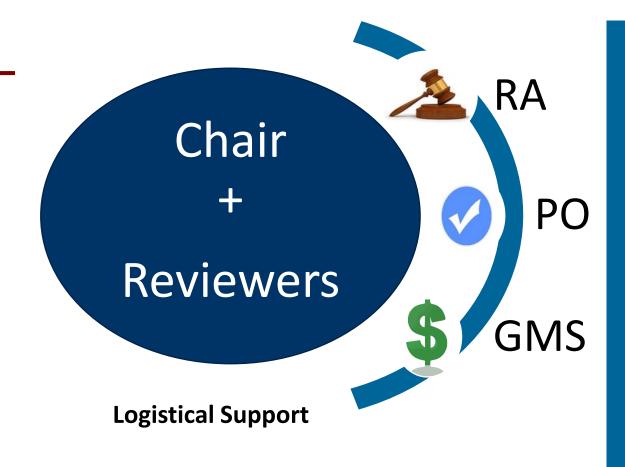
#### **RESOURCES**

FAQs Recorded webinars Project Officers Sign up for email updates

bhw.hrsa.gov







Objective
Review
Committe
e (ORC)





# Rank Order List (ROL)

Scores, averaged, normalized

+ Priority Points

+ Preference

ROL





### **Statutory Funding Preferences**

- Substantially benefit rural populations
- Substantially benefit underserved populations
- Help meet public health nursing needs in state or local health departments





### **Priority**

- A funding priority adds points to merit review scores if we determine that the
  application meets the listed criteria. Qualifying for a funding priority does not guarantee
  that your application will be successful. HRSA staff adjusts the score by a predetermined number of points
- Example: Priority 1: States with the Greatest Nursing Shortages (2 Points) Funding priority will be given to applicants in States listed in the HRSA publication "Nurse Workforce Projections, 2021-2036"14 as having the greatest shortages. The ten states with the greatest shortages are Georgia, California, Washington, New Jersey, North Carolina, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, and Oregon. Applicants should indicate in the program abstract and Attachment 6 of their requests for funding priority consideration. No partial points will be given.





### **Special Consideration**

- A special consideration is the favorable consideration of an application by HRSA funding officials, based on the extent to which the application addresses the specific area of special consideration. Applications that do not receive special consideration will be given full and equitable consideration during the review process.
- Example: HRSA will give special consideration in funding applications submitted by entities that confer associate degrees in nursing, such as community colleges.





The Summary Statement, Comments and Scoring



Reflects the consensus considerations and judgments of the expert reviewers



The score reflects the collective evaluation regarding the completeness and clarity of the responses to the NOFO



The absence of weaknesses does not necessarily equate to a perfect score (HRSA Scoring Rubric)



Funding factors are reflected as applicable





### **Funding Results**

 Recommended for funding: An application has been recommended for funding by the Objective Review Committee. Applications will be funded down the Rank Order List until funding has been exhausted.

 Recommended, not funded: An application has been recommended for funding by the Objective Review Committee, however all programmatic funds have been exhausted and there is no funding remaining to fund the recommended application.

 Not recommended for funded: An application has not been recommended for funding by the Objective Review Committee.





# **Equity in NOFOs: Making NOFOs easy to read and understand**









**Easy to Navigate** 





# Logically organized

#### New!

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#### **Easy to navigate**

#### New!

#### SUMMARY

SUMMART	
Funding Opportunity Title:	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D - Women, Infants, Children and Youth (WICY) Grant Supplemental Funding
Funding Opportunity Number:	HRSA-24-061
Assistance Listing Number:	93.153
Due Date for Applications:	January 30, 2024
Purpose:	The purpose of this supplemental funding is to strengthen organizational capacity to respond to the changing health care landscape and increase access to high quality family-centered HIV primary health care services for low-income women, infants, children, and youth (WICY) with HIV.
Program Objective(s):	Enhance maternal and child health efforts and reduce disparities in morbidity, mortality, and health outcomes for women, infants, children, and youth with HIV.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are current recipients funded under HRSA-22-037 and HRSA-22-156 RWHAP Part D Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for WICY Existing Geographic Service Areas.
	See <u>Section III.1</u> of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for complete eligibility information.
Anticipated FY 2024 Total Available Funding:	\$4,500,000  We're issuing this notice to ensure that, should funds become available for this purpose, we can

1. Review

3. Prepare

5. Submit

#### **Basic information**

**Health Resources and Services Administration** 

HIV/AIDS Bureau

Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs

2. Get ready

#### Statutory authority

42 USC §§ 300ff-71 and 300ff-121 (§§ 2671 and 2693 of the Public Health Service Act).

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) supplements the work of organizations that currently receive a fiscal year 2024 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part D WICY grant award.

#### Summary

Funding under this program supports current RWHAP Part D recipients to carry out one short-term activity that can be completed by the end of 1 year.

#### **Funding details**

Type: Competing supplement

Expected total available funding: \$4,500,000

Expected number of awards: 25

Funding range per award: Up to \$200,000 per organization

We plan to fund awards for one year, known as a 12-month budget period, specifically from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025.



(a) To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command



Have questions? 8 See Contacts and

#### **Key facts**

**Opportunity Name:** Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D - Women, Infants, Children and Youth (WICY) Grant Supplemental Funding

**Opportunity Number:** HRSA-24-061

Federal Assistance Listing: 93.915

#### **Key dates**

**Application deadline:** May 13, 2024

**Expected award date:** August 1, 2024

**Expected start date:** August 1, 2024





### Visually appealing

New!

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Application due May 13, 2024

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Health Resources & Services Administration

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Fiscal Year 2024

HIV/AIDS Bureau

Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D – Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY) Grant Supplemental Funding

Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-24-061

Funding Opportunity Type(s): Competing Supplement

Assistance Listing Number: 93.153

Application Due Date: January 30, 2024

Ensure your SAM.gov and Grants.gov registrations and passwords are current immediately!

We will not approve deadline extensions for lack of registration.

Registration in all systems may take up to 1 month to complete.

Issuance Date: December 1, 2023

Lillian Bell, MPH Chief, Central Branch HIV/AIDS Bureau



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
Part D - Women, Infants, Children
and Youth (WICY) Grant
Supplemental Funding

Opportunity number: HRSA-24-061







### Resources





### **Grant Application Writing Resources**

- Attend the program specific NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar
- Reach out to the program specific Project Officer and Grants Management Specialist for TA
- ➤ Reach out to HRSA Office of Regional Operations (ORO) for Grant Writing Workshops
- Become a Reviewer
- View HRSA Grant webcasts and various other informative presentations on You Tube (search HRSA grants)
  - ✓ Tips for Writing & Submitting Good Grant Proposals
  - ✓ The HRSA Grants Life Cycle and Process
  - ✓ Navigating and Preparing a HRSA Application
  - ✓ Debunk the Myths Video Series HRSA Competitive Application Objective Review Process





#### **Become Grant Reviewer**

#### What does a grant reviewer do?

- Review eligible applications against published evaluation criteria.
- Input your scores and comments into an online portal, the Application Review Module (ARM).
- Discuss your scores and evaluation with other reviewers on your panel.

#### How are reviewers selected?

• Based on their knowledge, education, and experience. We also select them based on specific criteria in the HRSA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

#### • What are the benefits?

- Learn about the grant making process
- Meet and work with others with shared interests
- Earn an honorarium (nonfederal participants)



#### **Learn How to Become a Grant Reviewer**

HOW TO BECOME A GRANT REVIEWER PAGE



Or search "HRSA grant reviewer"

REGISTER TO BE A REVIEWER ON THE REVIEWER RECRUITMENT MODULE



Or search "HRSA reviewer recruitment"





#### Sign-up for HRSA Email Subscriptions & Updates

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#### **HRSA Funding Opportunities**

https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/fundingopportunities/default.aspx

#### Forecasted HRSA Funding Opportunities

• <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA,%20forecast">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA,%20forecast</a>





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