

CDC COVID-19 Rural Health Disparities Funding Launch

Wednesday, October 27 · 1:00 - 2:00pm



CDC Virginia Rural Response & Relief (CDC-VR3) Program

CDC-RFA-OT21-2103

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support

National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations
at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority
Populations and Rural Communities

Funded by: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

Housekeeping



- Meeting is being recorded
 - Will be available on [VA-SORH's website](#)
- As always, please assume that your audio is *not* muted
- Attendance
 - Please send your name, title and LHD affiliation through the chat feature
- Submit questions via chat feature and/or during Q&A

Purpose & Objectives



- Introduction
- Funds & Timeline
- Strategy 4 Contact Matrix
- Eligibility
- Work plans & Next Steps
- Q&A & Contact Information

Introduction



- Office of Health Equity
 - Virginia State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH)

- CDC Virginia Rural Response & Relief Program
(Formerly: Rural Locality Mini-grant Program)
 - *Strategies and Activities*
 - This grant program will address COVID-19-related health disparities and advance health equity by expanding state, local, US territorial and freely associated state health department capacity and services to prevent and control COVID-19 infection (or transmission) among populations at higher risk and that are underserved, including racial and ethnic minority groups and people living in rural communities.

 - All strategies should aim to build infrastructures that both address disparities in the current COVID-19 pandemic and set the foundation to address future responses.
 1. **Strategy 1:** Expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources and services to reduce COVID-19 related disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved

 2. **Strategy 2:** Increase/improve data collection and reporting for populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death to guide the response to the COVID-19 pandemic

 3. **Strategy 3:** Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved

 4. **Strategy 4:** Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved

Funding & Timeline



- June 1st, 2021
 - Virginia Department of Health, Office of Health Equity awarded
 - \$27,344,292 (*List of contacts on next slide*)
- Rural Allocation
 - \$4,592,179
- 18 LHDs to receive
 - \$255,121

Virginia State Office of Rural Health to facilitate transfer of funds.

Project Period: June 1, 2021 - May 30, 2023

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Principal Investigator and Acting Director, Office of Health Equity: Henry Murdaugh, MPH



Activity 4.1: CDC Virginia Rural Response & Relief (VR3) Program

VDH Investment: \$4,592,179

Activity Point of Contact: Heather Anderson

- Activity 4.2: CLAS Mini Grant Program
VDH Investment: \$2,442,000
Activity Point of Contact: Augustine Doe
- Activity 4.3: HBCU Partnership
VDH Investment: \$1,500,000
Activity Point of Contact: Veronica Cosby
- Activity 4.4: Partners in Prayer and Prevention (P3) Mini Grant Program
VDH Investment: \$2,250,000
Activity Point of Contact: Veronica Cosby
- Activity 4.5: Empowered Communities Opioid Project
VDH Investment: \$1,626,890
Activity Point of Contact: Nancy Spencer

Eligibility



- Whose definition of “rural” will be used?
 - This grant adopted the [Federal Office of Rural Health Policy’s FY21](#) definition of rural.
- Eligible LHDs:
 - *Alleghany*
 - *Blue Ridge*
 - *Central Shenandoah*
 - *Crater*
 - *Cumberland Plateau*
 - *Eastern Shore*
 - *Lenowisco*
 - *Lord Fairfax*
 - *Rapp-Rapidan*
 - *Mount Rogers*
 - *New River*
 - *Peninsula*
 - *Piedmont*
 - *Pittsylvania/Danville*
 - *Rappahannock*
 - *Southside*
 - *Three Rivers*
 - *West Piedmont*

Work Plans & Next Steps



1. Review work plan proposal submitted in April 2021
 - a. [A pdf version of LHD workplan proposals can be accessed here](#)

2. Each LHD can choose to keep the workplan as is and submit *or* edit any/all section(s) of the workplan to better meet the current needs of their communities
 - a. [Link to REDCap Survey](#)
 - b. Submit on or before November 17th, 2021

3. Work plan proposal will be reviewed by VA-SORH
 - a. Funding memo, COA code

4. Quarterly Check-in
 - a. Submit Quarterly Progress Report via REDCap Survey
 - b. Virtual Meeting with other recipient LHDs
 - i. Share updates, best practices, questions, concerns, etc.
 - c. Timeline and instructions will be distributed as soon as possible

Q&A



- For questions or concerns specific to the CDC-VR3 Program, please contact Sarah O'Connor
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