

Responses to Pre-Submission Inquiries Received from Potential Applicants
Identifying Health Priorities in Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

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This funding opportunity speaks to supporting community engagement that can be useful in understanding the health priorities for Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across the state. What does the Foundation mean in reference to state? Does every county have to be represented?

The goal of this initiative is to be able to have a level of engagement with the diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander communities that reflect how health priorities and outcomes are impacted by where you live. It is not the expectation that an applicant must have a presence in every county, but that through collaborative efforts and the overall design of the work, feedback will provide insights on how the experiences and overall health priorities may look different across the various regions in North Carolina, and in rural and urban contexts.

If two applicants are selected, how will we be expected to work together?

Our staff will facilitate and support ongoing collaboration with selected grantee partners. We also expect that each applicant will address in their proposal, how they intend to work with the other selected grantee to avoid over surveying in data collection activities (qualitative and quantitative) and that the work overall is complementary and collaborative.

The funding opportunity indicates that “Grant funding will support activities that center engagement with community members of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities such as: focus groups, listening sessions, community meetings, town halls, and interviews.” Is it the expectation that an applicant propose all of the formats for engagement?

The types of community engagement activities that are highlighted in the funding opportunity are intended to be illustrative, and not exhaustive or prescriptive. We anticipate that the applicant will determine the most appropriate format by which to engage community; these are just examples of types of activities.

What is the next step of this work?

This initiative is designed to highlight the health challenges that face the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in North Carolina. This report will be shared with those who participated and with other funders and policymakers to spark discussions and action toward finding solutions.

Is a health department eligible to apply?

The lead applicant for this funding must be a community-based organization. Applicants are welcome, however, to present a proposal that includes non-community-based partners and/or subcontractors as part of a collaborative or core team to advance various aspects of the funded work. For example, the community-based organization (lead applicant) may contract with consultants to support their data or communications efforts. This collaborative could include a health department.

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