Alcee L. Hastings Program for Advanced Cancer Screening in Underserved Communities

FY 2022 Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS) Funding Opportunity (HRSA-22-154)
TA Webinar for Applicants

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
AGENDA

• Welcome from BPHC
• Funding Opportunity Overview
• Application Development
• Other Considerations and Reporting
• Technical Assistance Resources
• Questions and Answers
Welcome from BPHC
Funding Opportunity Overview
Purpose

• Increase equitable access to cancer screening and referral for care and treatment for populations served by health centers

• In close partnership or coordination with National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Cancer Centers that will deploy outreach specialists and patient navigators

• Enhance patient education, case management, outreach and other enabling services
Need for Health Center and Cancer Center Partnership

Need
• Disparities in screening and referral persist by race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and health care access
• Reductions in cancer screening occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic

Health Centers
• Key point of entry for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening
• Provide enabling services to reduce screening and referral disparities for underserved populations

Cancer Centers
• Provide public education and outreach programs on cancer prevention and screening, with special attention to the needs of underserved populations
• Scientific leaders in efforts to reduce the unequal burden of cancer through research
NCI-Designated Cancer Center Overview

• 71 NCI-Designated Cancer Centers
  ▪ Located across the U.S. (36 states and DC)
• NCI-Designated Cancer Centers:
  ▪ Meet rigorous standards for state-of-the-art research focused on developing new and better approaches to preventing, diagnosing, and treating cancer
  ▪ Deliver cutting-edge cancer treatments
Organizational Chart of a Cancer Center
Overview

Total Funding: $5 million

Expected Number of Awards: 10

Max Per Award: $500,000 (to spend over 2 years)

Start Date: September 1, 2022

New Grant Number: H8I
## Funding Objectives and Activity Focus Areas

### Funding Objectives

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<td>Increase the number and percentage of patients screened for at least one of the following cancer types: cervical, breast, colorectal cancer</td>
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### Activity Focus Areas

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Funding Beyond 2-Year Period of Performance

Possibility of ongoing funding based on year 2 budget narrative, dependent on:

- Progress on screening objective as measured through Uniform Data System (UDS) reports
- Progress on assisting with accessing follow-up care as measured through progress reports
- Availability of funding beyond the initial award
Eligibility

• Health Center Program operational grant award recipients (H80)

• Partner with an NCI-designated Cancer Center (submit documentation of partnership in application)
Application Development
Application Submission

- Grants.gov only
- Must not exceed 60 pages
- Components:
  - Forms
  - Attachments
Forms & Attachments

Forms
• SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance
• Project Abstract Summary
• Project/Performance Site Locations
• Grants.gov Lobbying Form
• Key Contacts
• Project Narrative Attachment Form
• SF-424A: Budget Information Form
• Budget Narrative Attachment Form

Attachments
• Project Work Plan
• Partnership Documentation
• Letters of Support (if applicable)
• Summary of Contracts and Agreements (if applicable)
• Equipment List (if applicable)

Note: Attached Project Narrative and Budget Narrative documents count toward page limit
SF-424A Budget Information Form

Section A
- Total funding request (up to $500,000)
- Same subprogram proportions as current H80 grant

Section B
- Object class category breakdown
- Total aligns with total in Section A

Section C
- Non-federal resources by subprogram

Section E
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Budget Narrative

• Provides a detailed, line-item budget
• Totals must align with the SF-424A, Section B
• Includes a break-out by year 1 and year 2
• Outlines and explains all expenses
• Includes personnel justification table, if applicable
Ineligible Costs

- Costs already supported with H80 or supplemental funding
- Facility or land purchases; trailers or modular unit purchases
- Vehicle purchases (mobile units are allowed)
- EHRs that are not ONC certified
- Alterations and renovations; construction
Attachment: Project Work Plan

- Outline proposed 2-year plan of activities
  - **Focus Area Field**: All 4 focus areas are required
  - **Activity Field**: Minimum of 1 activity per focus area
  - **Timeframe Field**: Year 1, year 2, or ongoing
- Align with information in other application components
Example Activity Areas by Focus Area

• **Access and Affordability**
  - Outreach
  - Eligibility assistance
  - Transportation
  - Patient Navigation

• **Patient Experience**
  - Patient engagement and activation
  - Collaboration with families and caregivers

• **Screening**
  - Tracking patient screening, referrals, and follow up
  - Enhancing health IT workflows

• **Workforce Development**
  - Workforce recruitment
  - Workforce training
  - Workforce engagement
Attachment: Partnership Documentation

- Defines nature of the health center-Cancer Center relationship
- Describes collaboration and/or coordinated activities
- Documents Cancer Center’s commitment to deploy outreach staff & patient navigators
- Is current and signed by Cancer Center’s CEO or other key management
Partnership Structure

Partner Organization(s):
Optional
- Leverage community outreach and engagement resources

NCI-designated Cancer Center:
Required
- Deploy Cancer Center-trained and supervised outreach specialists and patient navigators
- Train health center personnel
Project Narrative & Review Criteria

Scoring

Need (20 pts)
Response (20 pts)
Collaboration (20 pts)
Resources/Capabilities (15 pts)
Evaluative Measures (15 points)
Support Requested (10 pts)
Other Considerations and Reporting
Other Considerations: Award Factors

- Continued H80 grant status
- No 30-day requirements-related conditions
- Rural/urban funding considerations
Other Considerations: Scope of Project

Review scope (services, sites, and activities)

Submit requests for changes outside of AxCS application

Changes should be approved before implementation

Reminder: Contact your Heath Center Program point of contact with scope questions
Reporting Requirements

- **Bi-annual Progress Reports**
  - Describe the status of your activities, progress, and barriers
  - In select reports, provide data on:
    - The number of patients assisted with accessing appropriate follow-up care within 30 days of receiving an abnormal cancer screening test result
    - The percentage of patients with referrals for care and treatment for which you receive a report from the provider to whom the patient was referred

- **Final Report**
  - Summarizes lessons learned and key accomplishments over the 2-year period of performance
  - Due within 90 days after the period of performance ends
Technical Assistance Resources
AxCS TA Webpage

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/accelerating-cancer-screening
Application Questions

- **BPHC Contact Form**
  - Under *Funding*, select *Applications* (e.g., NOFOs)
  - Select *Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS)*
  - Enter your contact information
- 301-594-4300

Grants.gov Issues

- **Grants.gov Contact Center**
  - 800-518-4726

Budget Questions

- Clare Oscar
  - coscar@hrsa.gov
Key Takeaways

• Partnership with an NCI-designated Cancer Center is required
  ▪ Documentation required in the application
    ✓ Signed by the Cancer Center
    ✓ Commitment to deploy Cancer Center outreach specialists & patient navigators
    ✓ Documentation of specific collaboration and/or coordinated activities

• You must address one or more of the following cancer types through your project:
  ▪ Colorectal
  ▪ Breast
  ▪ Cervical

• Application is Grants.gov only (no EHBs component)
Questions
Thank You!

AxCS Technical Assistance Team

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BPHC Contact Form

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