

Funder Research Report: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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How Grants Relate to CDC's Mission

The CDC Grant Information website informs us they “utilize grants to assist other health-related and research organizations that contribute to CDC’s mission of health promotion through health information dissemination, preparedness, prevention, research, and surveillance.”

Funding Opportunity Announcements

A Funding Opportunity Announcement is the equivalent of a request for proposal (RFP). Grants are awarded through a competitive application process unless the Congress and/or CDC determine that a single agency is best suited for the particular mission. Their website describes the beginning of this process as “the publication of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) on both CDC’s website and on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).” The FOA describes in full detail:

- the purpose of the award
- eligibility requirements
- estimated award amount(s)
- application deadline
- method of selection.

Eligibility

Their website explicitly points out they do not award grants to individuals. Examples of organizations the CDC have grant relationships with are ones who “have the capability to help meet program goals.” These can include, but not be limited to:

- universities
- state and local governments
- professional health organizations
- tribal organizations
- community and faith-based organizations

Application

A few steps must be taken before the application process is started. An applicant has to complete a one time registration at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). A principal investigator must also complete a two step registration process with eRA commons. These processes are laid out in an easy to follow format under the “Prepare to Apply” tab on the CDC website. They also list current FOA’s under a convenient link on their home page.

Recommendation

I would recommend the CDC as a potential funding source if your organization is focused on improving community health, researching health/disease topics, or projects geared toward preventative health measures.