



Global Tobacco Prevention and Control: Research Partnerships Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Deadline: July 5, 2021 at 11:00 pm EDT

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How many projects will be funded?

The CDC Foundation has issued a Request for Interest to solicit basic research plans and institution/team qualifications to fund two quantitative research projects, each up to \$160,000 USD.

Can an organization not based in a low- and middle-income country be funded?

The goal of this funding opportunity is to partner with international agencies, preferably those located in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC), to support capacity enhancement and to advance the research base developed by LMICs. Submitting applicants may consult with tobacco control experts not in LMICs. Preference for funding will be given to submitting organizations located in a LMIC which has GTSS data available. International agencies which support LMICs will also be considered if the research plans utilize GTSS data from LMICs.

How and why is Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) data a part of this program?

Our goal is for interested organizations to return a basic research plan that shows how country-level GTSS data can be analyzed to address a tobacco control issue, research gap or policy need in the country. We are looking for research plans that use GTSS data to address a tobacco control issue in a LMIC.

What should the preliminary budget include?

A preliminary budget submitted in response to the RFI should include an overall expected project cost and basic line-item categories and estimates (i.e. staff time, software needs, etc.). If funded, a more extensive budget will be required as the details of the project are established.

Why do we need to submit institution and team member qualifications?

Submitting organizations are asked to provide information showing the institution's overall tobacco control expertise. This information can be provided in a paragraph or two and uploaded

as a required attachment. In this section, the applicant should note any previous tobacco control partnerships or collaborations and how those have prepared the applicant to collaborate with CDC and the CDC Foundation on this project. Applicants are required to provide a list of key personnel (if known) and indicate additional personnel support required.

If specific team members have tobacco control expertise, it would be useful to provide CVs for these individuals (upload as an optional attachment). The goal of submitting institution and team member qualifications is to highlight tobacco control experience and identify past success and familiarity with GTSS data in order to demonstrate the potential success of the proposed research plan.

How should citations be handled in the research plan?

We do not require a specific citation style for references related to the research plan. You may upload a separate references document as an optional attachment so it does not impact the 2 page limitation of the research plan.

What happens if your research plan is selected by CDC and the CDC Foundation?

Individuals from CDC and the CDC Foundation will work together to review all submitted research plans. Two projects will be selected for funding and the organizations will work with CDC and the CDC Foundation to create a full proposal, research questions, a detailed budget and a detailed timeline.

If selected, what is the timeline for the project?

Responses to the Request for Interest are due by July 5, 2021, at 11:00 pm EDT. Selected institutions will be notified on or around July 30, 2021. Selected institutions will work with CDC and the CDC Foundation to create a more detailed research plan, budget and timeline which will become part of the grant agreement/contract. Once the grant agreement/contract is executed, project work will begin and proceed through December 31, 2022. All parties will agree upon final deliverables and how those may extend past December 31, 2022 (ex. Manuscripts may be drafted but not yet under review with a journal).

Who do I contact if I have a question?

Questions and inquiries can be directed to Carrie Whitney at cwhitney@cdcfoundation.org.