Request for Applications (RFA): Medicolegal Death Investigation FHIR® Implementation Collaborative (MDI FIC)

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About CDC Foundation

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Purpose

• CDC is prioritizing data modernization to transform the medicolegal death investigations (MDI) data landscape and reduce the resources needed by an MDI office to collaborate with data sharing partners.

• Information from medicolegal death investigations is used to understand causes of death and monitor evolving health challenges (e.g., drug overdose epidemic).

• Death data obtained will support a more cohesive system by putting in place the right people, implementing processes and informing policies.

• Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) is a standard created for health care data exchange. FHIR® standards can be used to achieve data exchange between MDI case management systems and data sharing partners (e.g., jurisdictional electronic death registration systems (EDRS), toxicology and other laboratory information management systems (LIMS) and ancillary workflows whose systems have capability of using FHIR®). For more information and background on the vision for MDI data modernization, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/comec/modernizing-mec-data-systems.htm.
What is the Medicolegal Death Investigation FHIR® Implementation Collaborative (MDI FIC)?

• Learning and testing collaborative to design, build and test FHIR®-based data exchange with an identified data sharing partner to improve data exchange.
The CDC Foundation is seeking applications for the 2nd cohort of the Medicolegal Death Investigation FHIR® Implementation Collaborative (MDI FIC).

Applicants must work on a project related to improving data exchange with an MDI office.

- MDI authority is a person or persons or office whose duty it is to perform medicolegal death investigations for a designated jurisdiction and ensure certification of cause and manner of death; duties vary based on local enabling statutes.
Project Activities

- Quarterly virtual cohort calls
- One in-person meeting
- Two virtual testing events to pilot and test various approaches to data exchange using FHIR®
- Report on progress and disseminate lessons learned
Project Expectations

- Manage relationships and expectations with vendors and data sharing partners
- Collaborate with other funded sites
- Communicate project updates to CDC Foundation project manager
Eligibility Criteria

- MDI offices, regional forensic autopsy facilities, forensic science centers or is a public agency/organization that provides regionalized integration of MDI offices
  - *Private and commercially owned entities are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.*
- Headquartered in the U.S. or a U.S. territory
- In good financial standing/having sustainable operations
- Governmental entity
- *Previously funded MDI FIC participants are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.*
- SAMS/UEI Number
Anticipated Contract Term

• September 30, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (10-month term)
Funding Source

• Resulting awards will be supported by:

  • Federal funding through a cooperative agreement between the CDC Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-OT18-18020501SUPP22). The CDC Foundation anticipates the award will meet the criteria of “contractor” as defined by 2 CFR 200.331. A final determination will be made at the time of the award.

  • A grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies provided to the CDC Foundation for the Overdose Prevention Initiative.
Timeline

• Submit questions about the RFA no later than: July 6, 2023
• Supplemental Q and A posted no later than: July 28, 2023
• Submit application no later than: August 18, 2023
• Selection notifications sent no later than: September 8, 2023
• Agreements start: September 30, 2023
Anticipated Funding & Payment Structure

• Awards of up to $100,000

• Staff, consultants, innovative electronic case management system enhancements, other data infrastructure modernization needs and travel and accommodations required for training and dissemination.

• Anticipated payment structure: The CDC Foundation anticipates awarding a Fixed Price/Deliverables agreement with a payment schedule; the CDC Foundation reserves the right to change the method of payment. An invoice template will be provided after the contract is awarded.
Requests for Proposals

The CDC Foundation issues requests for proposals (RFP) to sub-grant funds received for a specific project. These RFPs will seek:

- providers of products or services required for a specific CDC Foundation program with CDC, or
- eligible nonprofit or governmental organizations that wish to participate in a CDC Foundation program addressing a specific health issue,
- a consultant/independent contractor (i.e., a sole proprietor, company, nonprofit, etc.) whose services are retained for a specified activity/project during a set time frame. The consultant/independent contractor works independently and is paid according to the terms of their written agreement with the Foundation. The consultant/independent contractor is not an employee of the CDC Foundation.

FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERIES:
Interested in learning more about federal grants management? This training series is a self-paced course for those interested in applying for federal funds or those who need a refresher course. In the course, you will learn: 1) federal grant basics; 2) notice of awards, award budget and subrecipients; and 3) federal grant management. You will also receive a certificate of completion.

This training is a collaboration of CDC’s Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, the Office of Grant Services, Public Health Foundation and the CDC Foundation.

You can find the training at the CDC TRAIN platform.

OPEN REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS:

Implementation and Monitoring of Overdose Prevention Indicators RFP

The CDC Foundation is issuing a request for proposals for community-based organizations and local health departments to provide feedback on the ease of collecting data for overdose prevention indicators in the communities they serve. All proposed indicators will be examined with a health equity lens. Applicants can receive awards of up to $100,000. This award will support participation in a year-long pilot to help inform refinement of overdose prevention indicators and the development of tools for a web-based toolkit. Selected sites will be expected to participate in virtual cohort calls, attend an in-person meeting and share key learnings throughout the project period.

View Overdose Prevention Indicators RFP

Application Form (must be completed by August 4, 5:00 p.m. ET)
Application Submission Instructions

• Applicants will be required to submit an online application via Smartsheet (https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2865162c92da49089d4ad089c6fd6615).

• Communications during the RFA period will be accepted from June 16 through July 6, 2023. Communications will close at 11:59pm ET on July 6, 2023. Responses for this current RFA inquiry period will be provided on the CDC RFP page by July 28, 2023, 11:59pm ET.

• Questions and answers from the previous RFA can be accessed here: https://www.cdcfoundation.org/RFA-MDI-FIC-SupplementalQA?inline.

• For questions contact: mdi_datasystems@cdcfoundation.org
Requested Information

The application will request the following information:

• Legal organization name
• Abbreviated name, if applicable
• Street address, city, state, zip code
• Year established
• Confirmation of being headquartered in U.S. (or U.S. territory) and a government entity
• Confirmation of being in good financial standing/having sustainable operations
• MDI affiliation

• Description of MDI electronic CMS which can be either a commercial off-the-shelf product or internally developed
• Primary point of contact: name, title, organization, email address, phone number
• DUNS number
• Federal tax ID/employer identification number
• Number of employees
• Verification that the agency receiving funding can accept ACH payment or wire transfer.
Application Package Contents and Attachments

- Appendix A – Application and IT scope of work
- Appendix B – Budget and budget narrative
- Appendix C – Letters of support
- Appendix D – List of key personnel
- Appendix E – Financial statements
Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following evaluation criteria and will be assessed according to responses in the corresponding sections of the RFA:

A. Technical: 20%

B. Organizational Capacity: 30%

C. Budget: 10%

D. Readiness/Previous Experience: 40%

Total: 100%
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