

Calling State/Territorial Teams! Learn More About the Strategies to Repair Equity and Transform Community Health (STRETCH) Initiative

Based on an unprecedented increase in public health funding and an extraordinary focus on the health equity divide during the COVID-19 pandemic, governmental public health and its partners have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to amplify a vision for vibrant communities where everyone can lead their healthiest life. Seizing this moment will require effective cross-sector and cross-agency coordination to build a culture of health. With support by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the [Strategies to Repair Equity and Transform Community Health \(STRETCH\) Initiative](#) will be led in partnership with the CDC Foundation (CDCF), the Association of State and Territorial Health officials (ASTHO), and the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). This initiative will convene state health agencies and their partners to establish a learning community that will combine virtual engagements with tailored technical assistance to support SHAs in:

- Designing meaningful and lasting systems change and create inclusive and equitable public health systems
- Embedding equity into S/THAs strategic priorities, partnership approaches, program development and implementation, policies, and practices
- Leverage newly available funding to create and execute public health financing strategies that drive the greatest, most equitable public health impact

Attached to this message is the project Request for Application (RFA). Please join us at our [virtual informational session](#) scheduled for **Tuesday, November 9 at 3:00pm EST** to learn more. This session will provide attendees with more information about the initiative, answer any outstanding questions regarding the RFA, and engage participants to learn more about the needs of state/territorial health agencies in the current environment. We also invite you to contact us if you have comments or would be willing to provide input as we plan for this initiative at Equitypartners@cdcfoundation.org.