

**CDC Foundation Consulting Opportunity Announcement:
Non-Infectious Disease (NID) Programs
Overdose Prevention Health Equity Consultant**

Scope of Work

The CDC Foundation seeks a consultant with subject matter expertise in health equity to provide technical assistance related to health equity and community engagement to increase overdose prevention project capacity to develop tools and metrics that advance health equity in national, state and local overdose prevention and response efforts. Activities of the consultant might include:

- Conducting a needs assessment to identify the overdose prevention project technical assistance needs related to health equity
- Providing recommendations to address program gaps and needs
- Supporting the design and implementation of professional development opportunities for project staff (training/webinar series, train-the-trainer models, health equity style guide, etc.)
- Convening multi-sector partnership and community engaged discussions, meetings and workgroups

By engaging in this work, the Overdose Prevention Project aims to be more aligned with national overdose prevention policy priorities and strategic health equity initiatives that support the application of a health equity lens and integrate community-based participation in developing solutions to reduce overdoses and save lives.

Primary Objectives

Through the expertise and technical assistance provided by the Health Equity Consultant, Overdose Prevention project staff will be better equipped to:

- Convene diverse groups of multi-sector partnerships, build alliances with community leaders and develop relationships across communities to address the root causes of health inequities in the drug overdose epidemic
- Provide project partners with technical assistance, guidance, tools and resources to promote health equity and culturally appropriate, community engaged approaches to support state and local overdose prevention and response efforts
- Increase meaningful inclusion of disproportionately affected populations in the development, implementation and evaluation of overdose response strategies, policies and performance indicators
- Foster long-standing relationships with organizations that serve and work with communities affected by health inequities to understand and connect with populations across diverse intersections and demographics
- Conduct research and evaluation on community engagement to determine best practices for engaging diverse communities and populations
- Develop indicators of successful community engagement outcomes that are integrated into the policy technical package and performance metrics



Period of Performance

The CDC Foundation estimates an initial engagement period of February 1, 2022, to September 30, 2024.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- Bachelors required, Master's degree (or equivalent) preferred in public health, social/human services, social work, public policy or other related discipline with a minimum of 5 years' experience
- Previous work experience in implementing and evaluating health equity and community engagement initiatives
- Knowledge, technical skill and training on community based participatory programs, cultural competency and leadership and engagement in diverse and underserved communities
- Ability and experience building multisector partnerships, community collaborations and facilitating outreach and meaningful connections with underrepresented communities and target populations
- Record of accomplishment towards public health commitment of achieving health equity through community engagement
- Ability to express ideas and convey information quickly and effectively in a verbal and written manner
- Ability to think strategically, creatively and analytically and find innovative approaches to overcoming challenges
- Ability to travel by car or plane to Atlanta, Georgia, as needed

How to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest, statement of qualifications (e.g., Curriculum Vitae), hourly rate and specific proof of experience such as examples of work you have developed related to impending, measuring and/or evaluating community engagement and health equity. Highlight strategic examples of engagement with communities addressing overdose prevention, harm reduction or related initiatives.

Please submit all documents and relevant information online through the [Overdose Prevention Health Equity Consultant submission form](#) by **January 21, 2022**. If you have questions, please send to Monique Bethell, at mbethell@cdcfoundation.org.

Only respondents who are selected to advance to the next stage of consideration, consisting of oral interviews, will be contacted.

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