



## **Rebuilding the Public Health Workforce**

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### ***Overview***

In response to COVID-19, considerable [new federal funding](#) is available to support development of governmental public health infrastructure. There are opportunities for state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments to enhance and rebuild their public health workforce. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) has issued an [FAQ](#) that clearly states that “training is an integral component of this funding” (see page 5, question 31).

There also are challenges, such as rapidly recruiting and hiring staff, providing training, and navigating funding streams. Fortunately, there are efforts underway to provide assistance in these and other areas, including the de Beaumont Foundation’s National Consortium for Public Health Workforce Development, American Public Health Association’s [Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response](#), and Bipartisan Health Policy Task Force.

The [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) brings together 24 national organizations engaged in public health practice and academia. Member organizations, individually and collectively, have much to contribute to our nation’s efforts to rebuild and enhance the public health workforce. During this meeting, updates on current initiatives in this area will be shared to enable members to learn from one another about actions being taken. This information can be used by Council members to build on current efforts, explore opportunities for collaboration, and individually and collectively contribute to enhancing and rebuilding our nation’s public health workforce.