



Rebuilding the Public Health Workforce

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Landmark Funding Opportunity to Rebuild the Public Health Workforce

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) released on June 15, 2022 a landmark Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to help reinvigorate and rebuild public health infrastructure, [Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems](#). This nearly \$4 billion five-year initiative “will provide cross-cutting support to public health agencies for critical infrastructure needs related to workforce, foundational capabilities, and modernizing public health data systems.” Component A grantees will be health departments; Component B grantees will be national organizations supporting the successful implementation of Component A grantees’ activities. Even those health departments not eligible to receive funding directly through this initiative can benefit. The NOFO states the following, “No less than 40% of the funding provided to state health department recipients for Strategy A1 Workforce should be distributed among the local health departments that have not received direct funding from this grant.”

Steven L. Reynolds, MPH, Senior Public Health Advisor, Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development (DSEPD), Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS), CDC, will discuss this opportunity during the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) meeting. To read more and stay informed about this NOFO, CDC has established a website with basic information and FAQs at <https://www.cdc.gov/workforce/resources/infrastructuregrant/index.html>.

Foundational Public Health Training

CDC is developing a foundational public health training plan for [Public Health AmeriCorps](#). Six of the eight domains of the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) are serving as the framework for this training. Once released for Public Health AmeriCorps, CDC will be modifying the training plan for general availability and access through [CDC TRAIN](#), with availability anticipated later this summer. During the Council meeting, Michelle Carvalho, MPH, MCHES, Lead, Learning Design & Fellowship Education Team, Education and Training Services Branch, DESPD, CSELS, CDC, will provide information about this exciting new training plan.