



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Reducing the Impact of COVID-19 on Farmworker Families

Opportunity for Organizations and Agriculture Employers to Help Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 on Farmworker Families

Mini-grants for Demonstration Projects (up to \$100,000) are now available

ELIGIBILITY:

- Non-profit organizations
- Health Care Service Providers
- Faith-based Organizations
- Migrant Education & Migrant Head Start Programs
- Academic & research institutions
- Agriculture Employers
- Housing providers
- Labor Unions

Note: Individuals are not eligible for funding

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications accepted and awarded on a rolling basis until May 1, 2021

PURPOSE

Overview. Dedicated and empowered communities are key to successfully preventing and mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on farmworkers and their families. Because farmworkers are often logistically and socially isolated from existing public health resources, we are seeking to fund community- and workplace-based projects that aim to reduce the incidence and impact of COVID-19 on farmworkers. There is an urgent need to invest now in practical public health strategies, outreach, and education efforts to help protect the health, safety, and well-being of farmworker families.

Scope of Work. The National Center for Farmworker Health is seeking to support the work of organizations to protect and safeguard farmworker families and stop the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, you are invited to apply for a grant (request up to \$100,000) to help support farmworkers in your community by providing support & education services and access to COVID-19 testing and vaccination. Activities may include some or all of the following public health strategies for farmworkers and their household members:

Vaccinate:



- Facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines, when eligible
- Provide education to reduce fears or concerns about vaccination
- Collect information about vaccine hesitancy and barriers to accessing COVID-19 vaccines and provide feedback to NCFH

Test and quarantine:

- Facilitate access to COVID-19 testing when exposed or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Provide education about testing, isolation, and quarantine, and when they are needed
- Assist in getting temporary housing when isolation or quarantine are needed

Seek treatment:

- Assist those who have tested positive for COVID-19 to access treatment to avoid serious illness
- Assist those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and refer to helpful resources (such as housing, food, and other basic needs)

Reinforce safety precautions:

- Encourage PPE and face mask usage and provide PPE and face masks
- Provide education on proper mask wearing and storage and the benefits and limitations of face masks
- Promote social distancing at home, work, and in the community
- Educate on necessary cleaning and sanitizing practices at home and at work and safe uses of sanitizers or cleaning products

Populations Served. All proposals must address the needs of farmworkers and their families, (where applicable) in their community. Proposals that specify focused efforts on harder to reach populations, such as communities of indigenous farmworkers, H-2A guest workers, and farmworkers living in congregate housing and/or working in extremely remote rural areas will be prioritized for funding.

PROJECT DESIGN

Applicants may propose any reasonable, safe, culturally affirming strategy to perform the required scope of work that they feel will best reach and empower the communities that they serve. Creativity and innovation are encouraged. Successful applicants may focus on activities that best meet the needs and or identified gaps within their community and should incorporate the public health strategies listed in the Scope of Work, above, into their projects. Applicants should refer and follow the [CDC Guidelines for Communities](#) and Employer applicants should refer to the [Interim Guide for Agricultural Workers and Employers](#) to guide their strategies. We encourage organizations to think through how they can work collaboratively with other partners to increase their effectiveness and reach.



PROJECT PERIOD

The overall project period can begin as early as April 16, 2021 through September 29, 2021. Projects will officially begin on date when the grant is awarded. Successful applicants will be notified. Applicants agree to be flexible about project implementation date.

SELECTION AND SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Scope of activities (Did you provide a proposed project plan with all required information?)
- Impact (Number of workers proposed to be served; number or proportion of vulnerable workers)
- Evidence of partnerships with other farmworker-serving organizations or stakeholders
- Budget justification (Does the proposed budget make acceptable use of funding? Does it cover all the necessary expenses?)
- Ability to begin project within 2 weeks of funding notice

TIMELINE

May 1, 2021: Deadline for Applications

- Applications will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis.
- ✓ As soon as April 16, 2021: Project Period Starts
 - Projects will officially begin on April 16, 2021 or on the date when the award is provided.
- ✓ May 15, 2021: Final Notification of Awards
- ✓ September 29, 2021: Project Period Ends
- ✓ November 1, 2021: Deadline for Final Reports

REPORTING

Successful applicants agree to submit a final project report, due by Nov. 1, 2021.

An online link will be provided.

Mandatory Orientation Meeting for Successful Applicants: All funded projects must agree to send appropriate personnel to a one-hour mandatory orientation meeting. Non-attendance may result in cancellation of your project. Applicants will be given three dates to choose from.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

45-50 grants will be awarded, depending on available funding and amount of funding requested. Applicants can request up to \$100,000, but the majority of awards will be \$50,000 or less. Approximately \$1,200,000 will be awarded through this initiative.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Budgeting:

- Indirect costs are not allowed. This includes fiscal sponsor fees, rent, and utilities.
- Food, beverage, alcohol, and tobacco purchases are not permitted.
- If your organization requests reimbursement for local travel, you must submit requests for mileage reimbursement at the federal rate (\$0.56 cents per mile). Fuel receipts are not eligible for reimbursement.
- In-kind match is strongly encouraged but not required.
- Stipends or honoraria for volunteers are permitted, within reason.
- Direct administrative costs (personnel and fringe) are permitted for project management, project activities, and reporting.
- Purchase of supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, etc.) are allowed, as is printing and copying.
- You must use the line items on the budget you submit with your application to request reimbursement, unless you receive permission to change it during your project.
- Please email any specific questions on budgeting to frank@ncfh.org before you submit your application.

HOW TO APPLY

Online application for Employers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EnEmApp>

Online application for CBOs, and other organizations:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EnCboApp>

The online application includes:

- Brief organizational background questions.
- Brief narrative summary questions.

Online applications are due at 11:59 PM on May 1, 2021. Late submissions will not be considered.

Please direct application questions to [Paige Menking](#) with 'NCFH Grant proposal' in the subject line.

We will hold a Zoom Technical Assistance Conference on April 8th, 2021 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Central Time to answer any questions you may have. The call will be in English and Spanish and will be recorded.