



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** NC Division of Public Health (DPH), Women's and Children's Health Section (WCHS), Women's Health Branch

**Date of this notice:** October 26, 2021

**RFA Title:** Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health

**Purpose-**

The Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) Program was established in 2015 to provide a competitive grants process among local health departments (LHDs) to provide funding to improve birth outcomes, reduce infant mortality, and improve health among children aged 0-5. Grants will be awarded for a two-year period and will be administered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, DPH, WCHS, Women's Health and Children and Youth Branches.

**Description-**

ICO4MCH provides funding to improve birth outcomes, reduce infant mortality, and improve health among children aged 0-5 to local health departments in NC through a competitive two-year grant process.

**Eligibility-**

Only local health departments/districts are eligible to apply for this RFA. Given the amount of funding available, the awarding of these funds is competitive. Single, regional, or multi-county applications are encouraged. For a multi-county application that includes different local health departments, one county must take the lead in submitting the application. DPH will accept applications from single or multi-county LHDs that meet certain criteria of need.

The criteria include:

1. 1,000 or more births in 2019 in the county(ies).

AND

2. At least ONE of the following:

- a. Combined 2017-2019 infant mortality rate 10.4 or higher per 1,000 live births and 20 or more infant deaths;
- b. Combined 2017-2019 infant mortality disparity ratio of 2.5 or higher;
- c. Percent of children <5 years of age living in poverty must be 35.7% or higher American Community Survey (ACS 2017-2019 data); or
- d. Percent of children <19 years of age who are uninsured must be 8.7% or higher (2019 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates SAHIE).

**How to Apply-**

The announcement of the RFA and instructions for receiving the RFA will be posted at the following DHHS website, <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/public-health-grant-opportunities>, on **October 26, 2021** and may be sent to local health departments via direct mail, email, and/or the Program's website.

All prospective applicants are **required to attend** a Bidder's Webinar on **November 2, 2021, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am** <http://whb.adobeconnect.com/ico4mchrfa/>.

Written questions concerning the specifications in this Request for Applications will be received until **November 9, 2021**. As an addendum to this RFA, a summary of all questions and answers will be posted at <http://whb.ncpublichealth.com/> by **November 19, 2021**.

**Deadline for Submission: By 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.**

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