

**North Carolina Farmworker Health Program,
Office of Rural Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services**

Application Guidance for NC Farmworker Health Program Funding for 2023-2025

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Office of Rural Health

Date of this notice: November 4, 2022

Deadline to receive applications: January 10, 2023

Working title of the funding program: NC Farmworker Health Program

Purpose:

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is anticipating the receipt of federal funds to increase access to primary, preventive, and behavioral health services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in select regions in North Carolina. NCFHP funding is meant to supplement existing resources in communities and reduce barriers to care so that farmworkers and their family members have equitable access to comprehensive and continuous health care services. NCFHP supports the development of sustainable services for farmworkers by encouraging local partnerships and collaborations to facilitate the inclusion of farmworkers in services that are available for the general community.

Application Tracks:

Three tracks are open for applications with this funding opportunity. Track I applicants do not need to apply for Tracks II, III, or IV to request funds for their enabling, behavioral health, and/or dental services. Tracks II-IV are specifically for applicants proposing to support services at multiple or all NCFHP Service Delivery Sites. NCFHP is not currently accepting applications for Track II funding. We anticipate re-opening applications for enabling services support and health workforce development in the 2025-2026 funding cycle.

Track I. Farmworker health service delivery site: Applicants may submit through this track proposals to provide a comprehensive package of healthcare services to farmworkers and their families either directly or through formal referral arrangements. **Note that Track I funding is currently available only in the limited regions listed below.**

- **Funding focus:** Funds may be used for enabling, medical, dental, and behavioral health services for farmworkers and their families when these services are not otherwise available or if the existing services are not sufficient to respond to the demand. Because of the numerous barriers to care that farmworkers experience, NCFHP strongly supports the provision of quality enabling services including outreach, health education, and case management.
- **Funding preferences:** Preference will be given to applicants based on the criteria listed below.
 - Demonstrates a need for increased health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in their community

- Demonstrates capacity to effectively address barriers to care for farmworkers and provide quality services
- Demonstrates capacity to provide or link farmworkers to primary, dental, and behavioral health services and to respond to additional needs
- Demonstrates capacity to effectively carry out COVID-19 prevention and response efforts
- Proposes an efficient strategy that utilizes local resources and collaborates with other partners to respond to health care gaps that farmworkers face in their community
- Proposes a plan to incorporate farmworker feedback into their service delivery approach or quality improvement efforts
- Can meet NCFHP requirements and expectations outlined in the application
- **Service area:** Track I funding is available in the below regions as defined by the scope of project in NCFHP’s federal award.
 - **Region 1**
 - Counties: Ashe, Alleghany
 - Funding available: Up to \$153,100
 - Minimum enabling FTE: 1
 - Patient goal: 500

Funding category	Amount available
Enabling, medical and administrative services	133,300
Behavioral health services	3,000
Dental services	16,800
Total	153,100

- **Region 2**
 - Counties: Surry, Yadkin, Stokes
 - Funding available: Up to \$95,000
 - Minimum enabling FTE: 1
 - Patient goal: 300

Funding category	Amount available
Enabling, medical and administrative services	83,000
Behavioral health services	6,000
Dental services	6,000
Total	95,000

- **Region 3** - Applicants may propose to serve a subsection of region 3 or the entire region.
 - Counties: Bladen, Pender, Southern Sampson, Southern Duplin, New Hanover, Robeson, Columbus
 - Funding available: Up to \$525,108
 - Minimum enabling FTE: 3
 - Patient goal: 2,500

Funding category	Amount available
Enabling, medical and administrative services	467,050
Behavioral health services	27,083
Dental services	30,975
Total	525,108

Track II. Enabling services support and health workforce development: NCFHP is not currently accepting applications for Track II funding. We anticipate re-opening applications for enabling services support and health workforce development in the 2025-2026 funding cycle.

Track III. Behavioral health services support: Applicants may submit through this track proposals to work in partnership with NCFHP Service Delivery Sites to facilitate access to behavioral health services.

- **Funding focus:** Culturally and linguistically relevant behavioral health services at NCFHP Service Delivery Sites may not be available or sufficient to respond to the demand. Funding is available to support the expansion of mental health and/or substance use disorder services for farmworkers and their families. Applicants may request funds to pay a percentage of a behavioral health provider’s time or on a fee-for-service basis per encounter. In addition to licensed and credentialed providers, certain non-licensed professionals such as peer support specialists, who meet NCFHP requirements, may be supported for substance use disorder services.
- **Funding preferences:** Preference will be given to applicants based on the criteria listed below.
 - Demonstrates the ability to provide behavioral health services, including substance use disorder services, in-person or via telehealth for farmworkers within NCFHP’s service delivery area in collaboration with NCFHP Service Delivery Sites
 - Demonstrates capacity to provide behavioral health services at times that are accessible to farmworkers, including evening and/or weekend hours
 - Demonstrates the ability to provide quality services that are patient focused and linguistically and culturally relevant for NC’s farmworker population
 - Demonstrates a plan to utilize patient feedback to evaluate patient satisfaction and quality of behavioral health services provided
 - Demonstrates the ability to foster strong partnerships with NCFHP Service Delivery Sites
 - Can meet NCFHP requirements and expectations outlined in the application.

Track IV. Dental services support: Applicants may submit through this track proposals to supplement dental services at NCFHP-funded service delivery sites.

- **Funding focus:** Dental services at NCFHP Service Delivery Sites may not be available or sufficient to respond to the demand. Funding is available to support the expansion of dental services for farmworkers and their families. Applicants may request funds on a fee-for-service basis per encounter.
- **Funding preferences:** Preference will be given to applicants based on the criteria listed below.

- Demonstrates the ability to provide basic and restorative dental services for farmworkers and their families within NCFHP's service delivery area in collaboration with NCFHP's Farmworker Health Service Delivery Sites
- Can meet NCFHP requirements and expectations outlined in the application.

Proposed Project Period/Contract Term:

The project period will be a minimum of one year: April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024. Strong proposals may be approved for a project period of up to 2 years: April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025.

For multi-year projects, funding beyond the first year is subject to the availability of federal funds for the NC Farmworker Health Program in subsequent fiscal years and satisfactory recipient performance. The initial contract will be for the first year only: April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024. A Project Status Report and budget will be required in Year 2 for continued funding.

Applicants only awarded a 1-year project period will be required to submit a full application for continued services in Year 2 that will be reviewed by NCFHP staff and governing board for approval.

Funding Availability:

Awards will depend on the availability of funds.

Eligible Applicants:

- Free and charitable clinics
- Health departments
- Hospitals
- Rural health centers
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) [When proposed services do not duplicate services supported directly by HRSA]
- Non-profit community-based organizations

Deadline and Instructions for Submission:

Submissions are due by 11:59pm on **January 10, 2022**. Application documents should be completed using the Word and Excel templates available on our [website](#). Finalized application materials should be submitted via email to Kate Furgurson at kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Technical Assistance Webinar:

A technical assistance webinar will be held on **November 18, 2022**, from 2-3:30pm. Advanced registration is required. Please click [here](#) to register. A recording of the webinar will be available on our [website](#).

Application Checklist:

All applicants must submit the following to be considered for funding.

Track I. Farmworker health service delivery site	Track III. Behavioral health services support	Track IV. Dental services support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed proposal narrative ✓ Completed budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed proposal narrative ✓ Completed budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed proposal narrative ✓ Completed budget

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signed assurances page ✓ Goal tables ✓ Proof of sufficient vehicle insurance if staff personal vehicles used for transporting patients ✓ Improvement plan update (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signed assurances page ✓ Improvement plan update (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signed assurances page ✓ Improvement plan update (if applicable)
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For questions about the grant application, please contact Kate Furgurson at kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov.

For questions specific to behavioral health services, please contact Kristina Morris at kristina.morris@dhhs.nc.gov.

For credentialing and privileging or clinical CQI questions, please contact Dr. Modjolie Moore at modjolie.moore@dhhs.nc.gov.

For budget questions, please contact Elizabeth Freeman Lambar at elizabeth.freeman@dhhs.nc.gov.

Grant Assurances:

As a recipient of HRSA’s health center funding, NCFHP must abide by HRSA’s Health Center Program requirements, some of which are also expected of NCFHP grantees. As a program within the Office of Rural Health, NCFHP grantees must also abide by associated state requirements and expectations. All applicants must abide by the Farmworker Health Grant Assurances included with the funding application.

Budget Guidance:

Applicants are required to use the NCFHP Budget Template for 2023-2024 corresponding to the appropriate Track (I, III or IV) provided on our [website](#) and should complete the personnel, summary, and budget justification tabs.

Additional information about the budget and budget limitations can be found in the budget guidance tab of the budget templates for all tracks.