



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** Division of Public Health (DPH) / Epidemiology Section/ Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch (OEE)

**Date of this notice:** September 26, 2022

**RFA Title:** A-394 Climate Change Adaptation in the Sandhills Region

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Climate Change Adaptation in the Sandhills Region RFA is to help build local capacity and expertise of climate change adaptation within the Sandhills region of eastern North Carolina. This RFA will support local partners at local health departments, nonprofit agencies, and community-based organizations to implement adaptation action and evaluation plans to address the compound climate hazards of impaired air quality, extreme heat, and flooding. This RFA will build regional capacity and expertise in climate change adaptation to support adaptation actions in resource access, communication, and policy. Organizations and agencies applying for these funds must work to strengthen community engagement, build collaborative relationships, and implement culturally relevant and specific evidence-supported strategies. They will develop, purchase and distribute health promotional and educational materials to local partners for the identified compound climate hazards. Funds include travel costs for adaptation action implementation and evaluation.

This RFA will fund one (1) local organization to hire one (1) FTE and complete, by August 31, 2023, 8 monthly local partner meetings, 800 hours documented implementing adaptation actions with local partners, 1 annual evaluation report with reporting on all performance measures, and 1 presentation to a national audience.

**Description:** Health impacts from extreme heat, smoke and flood exposure are preventable and effective prevention techniques are available. Funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC-RFA-EH21-2101, Environmental Public Health and Emergency Response Program will be used to support the implementation and evaluation of climate change adaptation actions in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. The North Carolina Division of Public Health/Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch will contract with one (1) organization with experience in implementing climate change and health adaptation projects in the Sandhills. The organization will support local partners to implement and evaluate adaptation action plans to reduce illnesses from heat, smoke and flooding in the Sandhills region counties of Bladen, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland. This RFA will build regional capacity and expertise in climate change adaptation to support adaptation actions in resource access, communication, and policy. Organizations and agencies applying for these funds must work to strengthen community engagement, build collaborative relationships, and implement culturally relevant and specific evidence-supported strategies. They will develop, purchase and distribute health promotional and educational materials to local partners for the

identified compound climate hazards. They will assist DPH/OEE in developing, implementing and refining Adaptation Action and Evaluation Plans and collecting evaluation data; host monthly meetings with local prevention specialist partners; and overall strengthen climate change adaptation capacity within the Sandhills region.

**Eligibility-** This RFA is available to a local health department, nonprofit agency, or community-based organization located or serving populations within one of the Sandhills region counties of Bladen, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, or Scotland, that can implement all requirements described in the RFA.

The applicant must:

1. Meet all the requirements described in the Request for Application, including but not limited to work with local partners in the Sandhills region and NC DPH/OEE to implement adaptation action and evaluation plans in resource access, communication, and policy; develop, purchase and distribute health educational and promotional materials; build regional capacity and expertise in climate change adaptation.
2. Demonstrate a clear ability to implement the activities identified in their application as evidenced, in part, by their experience implementing climate change and health adaptation projects in the Sandhills.
3. Demonstrate a history of working with community partners and must indicate a willingness to continue to do so throughout this project period. Applicants are expected to build relationships with both traditional and non-traditional partners on all aspects of their climate and health adaptation efforts.

**How to Apply:** RFAs will be posted on the Program's website <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oee/programs/climate.html> and may be sent via email to interested agencies and organizations beginning September 26, 2022.

Written questions concerning the specifications in this Request for Applications will be received until October 7, 2022. As an addendum to this RFA, a summary of all questions and answers will be placed on the Program's website: <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oee/programs/climate.html>. by October 12, 2022.

Applicants shall email an electronic copy of the signed application and all attachments to Autumn.Locklear@dhhs.nc.gov by 5:00 pm on October 31, 2022 in Excel or PDF format.

**Deadline for Submission:** All applications must be received by 5:00 pm ET on October 31, 2022. Only emailed applications will be accepted (scanned signatures are acceptable).

**How to Obtain Further Information:** Direct all inquiries concerning this RFA to:

Autumn.Locklear@dhhs.nc.gov. Please include your agency name and RFA# in the email subject line.