



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Public Health  
Women's and Children's Health Section  
Women's Health Branch  
NC Sickle Cell Syndrome Program**

**Date of this notice:** 12/20/2021

**RFA Title:** North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program Request for Applications to provide care coordination, counseling, and education services to sickle cell clients, families and communities in select North Carolina counties for FY 2023-2025.

### **Purpose**

The North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program (NCSCSP) was established through state law in 1973 to provide education, testing and counseling for sickle cell syndrome and related genetic disorders. Program services have expanded to include comprehensive care coordination for individuals with sickle cell disease and related disorders.

### **Description**

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disease that affects an estimated 5,000 people in North Carolina, including approximately 120 infants born each year with sickle cell disease and nearly 4,000 infants born with sickle cell trait or a related trait.

The goal of the NCSCSP is to promote the health and well-being of persons with sickle cell disease through the reduction of morbidity and mortality and to bring heightened awareness of the disease and its complications to the general public. The program's service delivery model includes newborn screening, testing services at local health departments, laboratory services through the NC State Laboratory of Public Health, education, genetic counseling, care coordination, clinical care through comprehensive sickle cell medical centers and insurance coverage for eligible clients through the DPH Sickle Cell Benefit Plan (medical care reimbursement program).

## **Eligibility**

Public agencies, non-profit organizations, local health departments, area health education centers and federally qualified health centers that provide services in one or more counties in the priority region(s) are eligible to apply for funding. The priority regions include the following counties: Alamance, Carteret, Caswell, Craven, Cumberland, Forsyth, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Jones, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Onslow, Pamlico, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, and Wayne.

Applicants must be in good standing with the State of North Carolina (i.e., no overdue tax debts, no disbarments or program performance concerns, etc.) at the time of application.

## **How to Apply:**

Submit applications by electronic copy, mail, or hand delivery. Send the electronic copy of the signed application and all attachments to [Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov).

Applicants should submit copies by mail to:

Kimberly H. Leathers  
NC Sickle Cell Syndrome Program  
NC DHHS- Division of Public Health  
1929 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1929

Applicants should submit copies by hand delivery to:

NC DHHS- Division of Public Health  
5601 Six Forks Road, Building 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Raleigh, NC 27609-3711  
Attn: Kimberly H. Leathers

All prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a Bidder's Conference/Microsoft Teams meeting on 1/6/2022 from 10:30 am to 12 Noon. To participate, please send an email stating your intention to participate in the Microsoft Teams Meeting to [Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov) on or before 5:00 pm on January 4, 2022.

**Deadline for Submission:** January 25, 2022

How to Obtain Further Information: Direct all inquiries concerning this RFA to:  
Kimberly H. Leathers @ [Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Leathers@dhhs.nc.gov) or by calling 919-219-0157 (cell).