



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability Reporting Form A411

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Division of Public Health/Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section

Date of this notice: October 2, 2023

RFA Title: Supporting Women's Health Services

Purpose- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH), Women, Infant and Community Wellness Section develops and promotes programs and services that protect the health and wellbeing of infants and women during their child-bearing years. The goal is to improve the overall health of women, reduce infant sickness and death, and strengthen families and communities. Priority is given to underserved, uninsured, or medically indigent individuals.

The Supporting Women's Health Services RFA was established in 2023 to provide a competitive grants process among local health departments (LHDs) and nonprofit community health centers to increase access to contraceptives and improve maternal and infant health within their local communities.

Description- The Supporting Women's Health Services opportunity is focused on improving reproductive, maternal, and/or infant health for North Carolinians. Local health departments interested in applying for funds must select to address contraceptive access, maternal health outcomes, and/or infant health outcomes. Non-profit community health centers interested in applying for funds must address contraceptive access in their communities. Agencies must propose a plan to implement at least one evidence-based/informed strategy. The plan must address why and how the strategy was chosen, and how the health outcomes will be impacted.

Eligibility- Local health departments (LHDs) and nonprofit community health centers are eligible to apply to this RFA.

- Nonprofit community health centers can apply for funds for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) for underserved, uninsured, or medically indigent patients.
- LHDs can apply for funds to increase access to contraceptives as well as to improve maternal and infant health.
- For-profit agencies are not eligible to apply.

Agencies must be able to receive North Carolina State funding. Recipients of state funds are expected to have established in writing certain general agency policies including personnel and financial accounting policies. Funds to grantees will be dispersed on a cost reimbursement basis only and agencies should carefully consider if they have the capacity to implement the program under this system.

How to Apply: The RFA will be posted on the Program's website <https://wicws.dph.ncdhhs.gov/> on **October 2, 2023.**

A representative of the applicant agency must participate in a technical assistance webinar, which will be held on **October 11, 2023**, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612170108>. Potential applicants are also encouraged to submit a letter of intent no later than October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. by completing the survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJP9B8C>.

Deadline for Submission: November 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

How to Obtain Further Information: Inquires about this RFA are encouraged, and may be directed to the following Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Health Program staff:

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