

Greetings OD2A staff,

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is accepting applications to participate in our *Health Equity and Overdose Prevention Mentorship Program*. This will be the second iteration of our mentorship program and will include opportunities for local health departments (LHDs) to learn from peers, share experiences and exchange strategies for integrating health equity into drug overdose prevention and response work. This mentorship program is designed to:

- Pair LHDs that have experience in advancing health equity in their overdose prevention or response programs in key strategy areas (see RFA [here](#) for description) with peer LHDs interested in receiving assistance, guidance, tools, and resources to begin or continue work on planning or expanding their jurisdiction's capacity to address health inequities in drug overdose.
- Provide bi-directional learning spaces for strategy and tool sharing around health equity practices that can be integrated into opioid prevention and response.
- Establish a network of LHDs from across the country to be a resource for continuous learning and connection around health equity and drug overdose both during and following the project period.
- Improve NACCHO and CDC's understanding of how current health equity actions and strategies are being applied in local public health contexts.

The project period of performance will be from contract execution, (approximately) October 2022 to June 2023. Each selected mentee will receive funding up to \$20,000 to complete the program and associated deliverables. The amount awarded to each selected mentor will be contingent on the number of eligible applications received (mentoring one (1) mentee: up to \$20,000; mentoring two (2) mentees: up to \$40,000). NACCHO plans to announce the selected agencies in or by the week of August 29, 2022. Funding estimates for the overall program and for individual projects may change.

There are separate [mentee](#) and [mentor](#) applications; requirements and full details of the project are available in the respective RFAs as well as their linked deliverable schedules. NACCHO will be hosting an informational webinar on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 12:00pm EST** to review this funding announcement, preview a strong application, and answer any questions or concerns applicants may have. Register for the webinar [here](#), and you will receive information on how to join the meeting upon successful registration. If you have any questions, please email IVP@naccho.org.

Applications must be submitted to NACCHO's Overdose Prevention Team at IVP@naccho.org by **Friday, August 19, 2022 at 8:00pm ET**. LHDs that would like our feedback in advance for a stronger application can submit by **Friday, August 12, 2022, at 8:00pm ET**. Submissions after the **final deadline, August 19, 2022, will not be considered.**