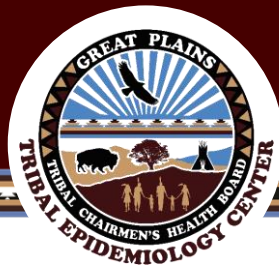


**TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES
CDC PROJECT SUB-AWARD
2017 – 2018
Request for Applications
(RFA)**

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB) and the Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center is pleased to announce a funding opportunity through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in support of and response to local public health priorities and needs as well as to contribute to the development of tribal public health workforce and infrastructure.

**Application Deadline:
DECEMBER 29, 2017**



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

The Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center (GPTEC) is a core component of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB), providing and building capacity within a wide variety of epidemiological and technical assistance services. GPTEC's mission is to provide leadership, technical assistance, support, and advocacy for the 18 tribal nations and communities serviced by the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service in order to eliminate the disparities in health that currently exist for tribal peoples within the same four-state region.

With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), GPTEC is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity in support of and response to local public health priorities and needs as well as contribute to the development of tribal public health workforce and infrastructure.

Sample projects include:

- Tribal public health accreditation;
- Completion of surveillance, assessment projects, or development of related systems;
- Participation in GPTEC system, plan, policy mapping, or community health assessment review project;
- Development of tribal public health codes, policies, or plans for emergency and outbreak response;
- Growth of tribal epidemiological, informatics, data management systems and libraries, or the pursuit of related data products;
- Development of local quality improvement and/or evaluation activities not otherwise funded, potentially including implementation of the Tribal Health Evaluation Toolkit;
- Others, as deemed appropriate by GPTEC staff.

This funding opportunity offers support for tribal programs to increase capacity for and delivery of core public health functions, including collecting and monitoring data on health status objectives; evaluating delivery and data systems that impact tribal health; and developing infrastructure for chronic disease prevention, health promotion, and prevention.

This sub-award or contract may not be used to conduct research. If data is used or collected, it must be for public health practices and purposes and directly benefit the community from which it is collected. Sub-awardees are responsible for following the appropriate Institutional Review Board protocol, if needed.



The GPTEC will provide funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$60,000 per recipient. Up to 12 awards will be available for the 2017-2018 funding cycle. Priority will be given to applications submitted by **11:59 p.m. MT on December 29, 2017**. Applications submitted after this deadline will be reviewed dependent on availability of funds. The project period for year one will run from the date of award through September 29, 2018.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must:

- Be a tribe, tribal agency, tribal program, health care facility servicing tribes or tribal members, tribal non-profit organization, or other non-profit organization serving American Indians from the four-state Great Plains Area (ND, SD, NE, or IA).
- Share the results of their work with GPTCHB, GPTEC, and the CDC.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

SELECTED TRIBAL PARTNERS MUST AGREE TO:

- Sign and return a sub-award agreement or contract with the GPTEC that stipulates the amount of funding with a distribution schedule, designates a tribal point of contact, and outlines deliverables and deadlines. The sub-award or contract must be received before distribution of funds occurs.
- Designate **one** main point of contact to serve as the Project Liaison. The Project Liaison will be responsible for submitting all project deliverables, participating in conference calls, and communicating directly with the GPTEC staff.
- Establish or use an existing Community Advisory Board/Coalition/Committee to develop and implement a community engagement process.
- Host a site visit by GPTEC staff to review the project, if needed.
- Share project successes and lessons learned as part of a broader information dissemination strategy.
- Participate in scheduled individual phone calls with GPTEC staff to discuss progress, barriers, or any technical assistance that may be needed.
- Participate in overall project evaluation activities.
- Submit a progress report and all final deliverables to GPTEC at the end of the project period.



THE GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER WILL PROVIDE:

- Funding amount between \$5,000 and \$60,000 to be paid as specified in sub-award agreement or contract.
- Technical assistance and resources for tribes and tribal partners during the application process as well as in identified areas of need.
- A site visit to meet project staff and review the project work plan and progress, if needed.
- Conference calls, as appropriate, to support peer-learning between tribal partners.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the enclosed application package. The following will comprise a completed application package:
 - ✓ Appendix A: Tribal Affiliation and Contact Information;
 - ✓ Appendix B: Application Narrative and Scope of Work;
 - ✓ Appendix C: Budget Proposal;
- Submit all sections of the project application. See **Instructions** in **Appendix A** for further details.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a team of qualified public health professionals. The review committee will grade applications based on:

- Projects demonstrating potential to develop and implement programs that will increase capacity for and delivery of core public health functions.
- Ability to perform program objectives in the specified time frame.
- Demonstration of a high level of commitment from all program participants and partners.
- Strength of the budget as it relates to the scope of work.

The scoring rubric is attached for reference. GPTech will notify all applicants of the status of their application by **January 15, 2018**.