

Fiscal Year 2020
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program Supplemental Funding
CFDA # 93.251

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Request for Information Submission Due Date: July 2, 2020

Funding Description

Purpose

This notice of request for information (RFI) seeks application for supplemental funding in FY 2020 for the 59 states and territories that are current recipients of 4-year grants for the HRSA-20-047 Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program (H61).

The supplement will provide funds to address the impact of the current COVID-19 public health emergency on its state/territory EHDI systems of care and on families with children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing (DHH) (or suspect their child may be DHH) through a targeted needs assessment process, and develop steps to coordinate quality care and support to the impacted infants, young children, and families.

Authority

Funding for the EHDI is authorized by Public Health Service Act, Title III, Section 399M(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 280g-1(a)(2)).

Federal Award Information

Summary of Funding

Approximately \$590,000 total (\$10,000 per recipient) will be made available for each of the 59 recipients of the EHDI in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

Eligibility

Eligible Organizations

The 59 current recipients under the EHDI Program (HRSA-20-047), are the only eligible entities for this supplement.

Cost sharing or matching is not a requirement for this funding.

Activities

Activities funded under this supplement are consistent with the terms of, but are separate from, the description set forth in the previously awarded funding opportunity (HRSA-20-047). Proposed activities align with several activities in the NOFO designed to support comprehensive and coordinated state and territory systems of care. The activities funded under this supplement include:

- 1) Conduct a targeted needs assessment to identify the impact of the current COVID-19 public health emergency on the state/territory EHDI system, including delays and barriers in hearing screening, audiological diagnostic evaluation, and enrollment in early intervention services.

- 2) Collaborate with other state/territory EHDl Program (HRSA-20-047) staff for support and to share timely resources and strategies to address impacts of the current public health emergency.
- 3) Implement strategies, including the use of telehealth services, to address identified needs including those that address missed, delayed, or inaccessible hearing screenings, follow-up, audiological diagnostic evaluations, and enrollment in early intervention services.
- 4) Communicate any newly implemented strategies for each state/territory's EHDl system of care with service providers, stakeholders, and families.
- 5) Disseminate resources and materials to support families with children who are DHH (or suspect their child may be DHH) so that families may support their child's development in the case of delayed or inaccessible services.
- 6) Conduct targeted outreach and support to families with DHH children of underrepresented, minority and at-risk populations who may be disproportionately impacted by the current public health emergency.
- 7) Inform the EHDl National Technical Resource Center (HRSA-20-048) about activities conducted to address needs and impacts of the current public health emergency.

Response to the RFI

The response to the request for information must be submitted in HRSA's EHBs and must include the following information:

1) Supplemental Project Narrative:

The supplement narrative must address plans to conduct the following activities:

- a. Conduct a targeted needs assessment to identify the impact of the current public health emergency on the state/territory EHDl system, including delays and barriers in hearing screening, audiological diagnostic evaluation, and enrollment in early intervention services.
- b. Collaborate with other state/territory EHDl Program (HRSA-20-047) staff for support and to share timely resources and strategies to address impacts of the current public health emergency.
- c. Implement strategies, including the use of telehealth services, to address identified needs including those that address missed, delayed, or inaccessible hearing screenings, follow-up, audiological diagnostic evaluations, and enrollment in early intervention services.
- d. Communicate any newly implemented strategies for each state/territory's EHDl system of care with service providers, stakeholders, and families.
- e. Disseminate resources and materials to support families with children who are DHH (or suspect their child may be DHH) so that families may support their child's development in the case of delayed or inaccessible services.
- f. Conduct targeted outreach and support to families with DHH children of underrepresented, minority and at-risk populations who may be disproportionately impacted by the current public health emergency.
- g. Inform the EHDl National Technical Resource Center (HRSA-20-048) about activities conducted to address needs and impacts of the current public health emergency.

2) Budget

Complete and include the Standard Form (SF) 424A, which includes a Line-Item Budget and Federal Object Class Categories Form, and a budget narrative for the full amount of supplemental funding.

3) Attachments: The supplemental funding request must include the following attachments:

- a. Attachment 1: SF424A: Budget Form & Budget Narrative

Submission Deadline and Award Notice

Submit the response to this RFI via HRSA's Electronic Handbook (EHBs) **11:59 PM ET on July 2, 2020.**

System for Award Management (SAM)

Recipients must continue to maintain active SAM registration with current information at all times during which you have an active federal award, application, or a plan under consideration by an agency (unless the applicant is an individual or federal agency that is exempted from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)).

Intergovernmental Review

This funding is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100.

Request for Information Review

Review Criteria and Process

A technical review of the response to the RFI will be conducted. HRSA reserves the right to request clarification and a resubmission of the budget and/or narrative if the submission to this request is not fully responsive to any of the requirements, or if ineligible activities are proposed.

Following the review of all applicable information, the HRSA reviewing and grants management officials will determine whether an award can be made, if special conditions are required, and what level of funding is appropriate.

Award decisions and funding levels are discretionary and are not subject to appeal to any HRSA or HHS official or board.

As part of HRSA's required review of risk posed by applicants for this program, as described in [45 CFR § 75.205 \(HHS Review of Risk Posed by Applicants\)](#), HRSA will consider additional factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, past performance and the results of HRSA's assessment of the financial stability of your organization. HRSA reserves the right to conduct site visits and/or use the current compliance status to inform final funding decisions.

Award Administration Requirements

Award Notice

HRSA anticipates issuing awards by September 2020.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All HRSA awards are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements at [45 CFR part 75](#).

UPDATED [SAM.GOV](#) ALERT: For your SAM.gov registration, you must submit a [notarized letter](#) appointing the authorized Entity Administrator. The review process changed for the Federal Assistance community on June 11, 2018. Read the [updated FAQs](#) to learn more.

Reporting and Related Requirements

The recipients will hold program update calls with the Project Officer on a monthly basis as well as, complete an annual progress report as part of their non-competing continuation.

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