



**NC Department of Health and Human Services
Comprehensive Suicide Prevention
(CSP): Building Community Capacity
Request for Applications
Q&A Webinar**

August 12, 2021

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Agenda

- Overview of the RFA #A387
 - Purpose
 - Key funding information
 - Eligibility & priority applicants
 - Application components
- Overview of strategies
 - Promote Safe Storage practices
 - Provide Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) trainings
 - Support participation in gatekeeper trainings
- Additional RFA information
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 - Funding restrictions
 - Scoring
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- Closing and Q&A
- Helpful resources

Funding Opportunity Overview

Purpose of Funding: Comprehensive Suicide Prevention

- To fund community-based or government organizations to provide comprehensive suicide prevention focusing on key populations.

Use of Funding: Implementation of Pre-selected Suicide Prevention Strategies

- 1) Promote Safe Storage practices by forming a local Gun Safety Team (GST)
- 2) Provide Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) trainings
- 3) Support participation in gatekeeper trainings

If an Application Involves More Than One Organization, Please Indicate:

- Partnership between two or more organizations;
- One organization is the fiscal lead with well-established procedures and capacity for receiving state funds; and
- Partner organizations with less capacity and/or has never received state funds.

Key Funding Information

- Maximum total amount: \$200,000
- No match is required
- Project period: March 1, 2022 – August 31, 2024 (30 months)
- Financial Assistance Contract

Contract Year	Dates	Maximum Award
2021-2022	March 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022	\$50,000
2022-2023	September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023	\$75,000
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Eligible Applicants

- Open to all 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations located and licensed to conduct business in the state of North Carolina
- Applicants can apply in partnership with a fiscal agent
- Governmental organizations, including local health departments, are eligible for this RFA

Priority Applicants

- Priority will be given to organizations that:
 - Have a commitment to serving populations highly impacted by suicide:
 - Males
 - Veterans
 - Rural Communities
 - Youth ages 10-18 (can include LGBTQ+)
- Are based in counties that have higher suicide deaths and attempts according to the NC Violent Death Reporting System, NC and DETECT data
- Have limited or lower existing resources
- **All** qualifications should be indicated on the application Summary Page and outlined in the project proposal.

Required Application Components

- Summary Page
- Application Face Sheet
- Applicant's Response
- Project Budget (submit as a separate excel document using the provided Budget Worksheet)
- Indirect Cost Rate Approval Letter (if applicable)
- Letters of Commitment
- IRS Determination Letter Regarding Your Organization's 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status
- Verification of 501(c)(3) Status Form

All forms/descriptions can be found in the RFA starting on page 22.

CSP Request for Applications (RFA)

- Grant application instructions, project narrative worksheet & budget template can be found here: <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/A387.htm>
- Due Friday, September 8, 2021, by 5:00pm ET
- Submit only by email as 1 PDF attachment & separate excel budget to beinjuryfreenc@dhhs.nc.gov

Strategies Overview

Strategies

- 1) Promote Safe Storage practices by forming a local Gun Safety Team (GST)
- 2) Provide Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) trainings
- 3) Support participation in gatekeeper trainings
 - Applicants must commit to all three strategies.
 - Applicants may propose additional projects that support these three strategies.

Strategy: Gun Safety Team (GST)

- Promote Safe Storage practices by forming a local Gun Safety Team (GST)
- Resource for creating a GST in your community:
 - <https://publichealth.nc.gov/phl/docs/2020/DurhamCountyGunSafety-2020PHLeadersConference.pdf>
- Consider searching for partners in a variety of disciplines.
 - For example, child development specialists, teachers, school administrators, health educators, community development advocates and other prevention experts.

Strategy: Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)

- Provide CALM trainings to at least thirty community members.
- CALM is 3.5-hour training to train providers to ascertain whether the at-risk person had a suicide plan and work with them and their families to create a safe home environment free of lethal means.

Strategy: Gatekeeper Training

- Gatekeeper trainings are designed to train teachers, coaches, clergy, emergency responders, primary and urgent care providers, and others in the community to identify people who may be at risk of suicide and to respond effectively, including facilitating treatment seeking and support services.
- Recommended gatekeeper trainings:
 - Start: 60–90-minute on-line training
 - ASIST: intensive 2 day in-person training
- Individuals trained should interact with identified at-risk populations.

Additional RFA Information

Performance Standards

- Applications must adhere to the performance standards outlined on page 16 of the RFA
- Ensure that project proposals include details about how you will adhere to the performance standards

RFA Funding Restrictions

- Federal funding from CDC and American Rescue Plan
- Grant funds must be utilized in NC
- Funds are reimbursed on an expenditure basis through monthly contract expenditure reporting

Funding Limitations and Restrictions

The following purchases are **not allowed**:

- Any type of research;
- Clinical care or any direct medical service, including mental health or crisis services;
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs;
- Lobbying (publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body); and/or
- Capital expenses, new construction or renovation of facilities or furniture/equipment.

For more information see Section VI: Project Budget.

Allowable Expenses

Funding can be used for:

- Salaries, stipends, and wages
- Program implementation costs
- Renting equipment
- Transportation-related needs
- Training and technical assistance
- Attending trainings and conferences
- Indirect cost

For a full list, see RFA pages 26 & 27.

Estimated Costs

- The strategies require specific programs. Please see below for ***estimated*** costs. These numbers can be used in developing your budget.
 - CALM training: \$400/session
 - Start gatekeeper training: \$39.95/person
 - ASIST training: \$2,080 for a two-person training team, their travel expenses (gas, overnight stay, meals for 2 days), and \$40/person material cost

Narrative & Budget: Sections and Scoring

- Proposal Summary (0 points) – *Required, not scored*
- Project Narrative
- Organizational Readiness (20 points)
- Assessment of Need (16 points)
- Project Description and Sustainability (28 points)
- Evidence of Collaborations/Partnerships, Letters of Support (24 points)
- Evaluation Plan (12 points)
- Project Budget (0 points) - *Required, not scored*
- For more information on each section of the narrative, please see RFA pages 23 & 24.

Letters of Support

- Provide at least 2 letters of support.
- For organizations that are not local health departments, a letter of support from your local health department is required if they have been funded through the Healthy Communities block grant for suicide prevention in the last five years.
- See Appendix C: sample letter of support
- See Appendix D: list of LHDs that received the Healthy Communities block grant.
- See RFA page 24 for more information on ‘Evidence of Collaborations/Partnerships’.

Suicide Prevention at your Local Health Department

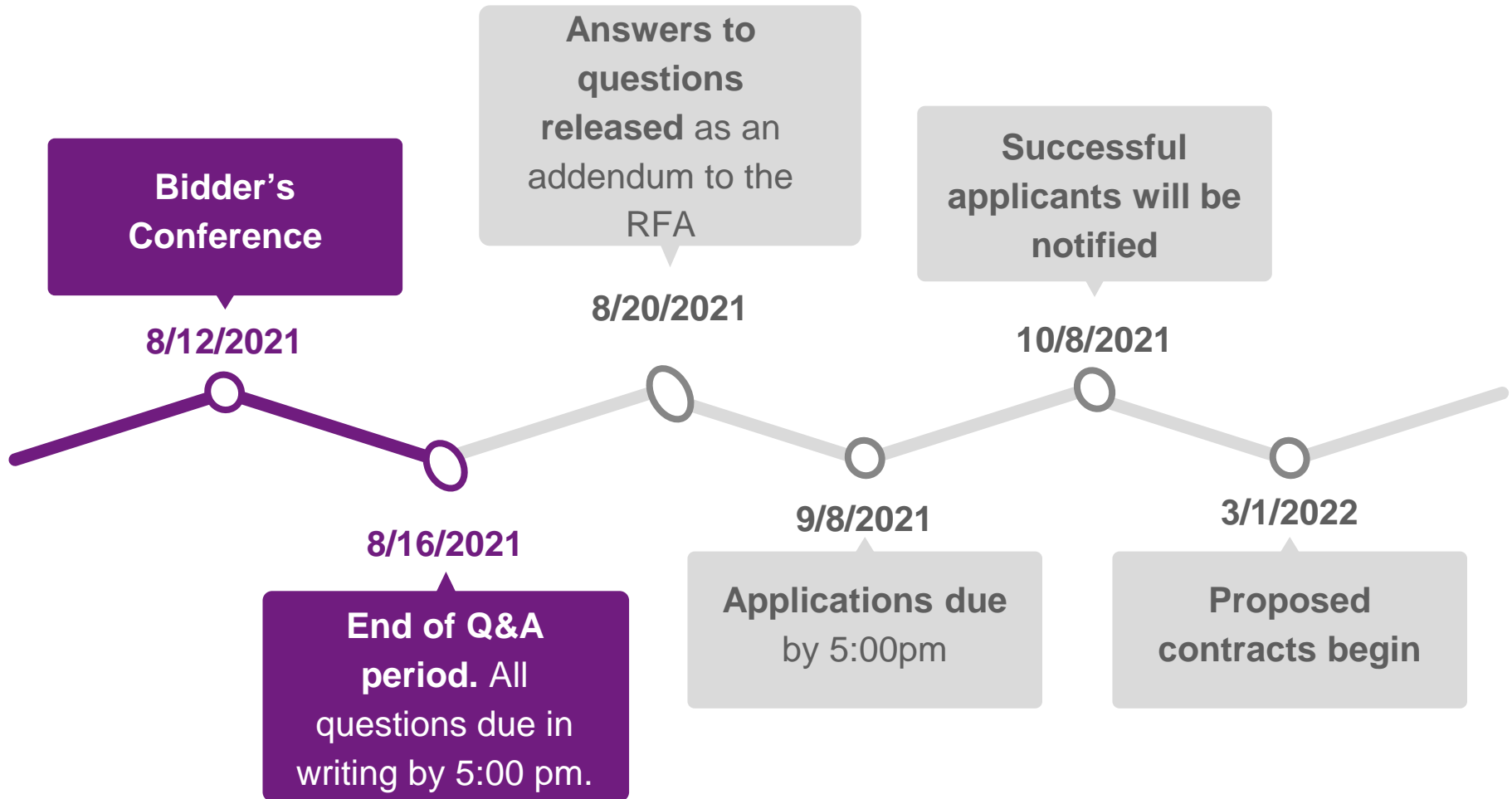
In total, 26 District or Local Health Departments (LHD) covering 35 counties have worked on this strategy from 2018 to 2020.



Data to Support Application

- North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System 2018 Annual Report
 - <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/VDRS/2018-NCVDRSAnnualReport.pdf>
- Injury and Violence Prevention Branch's Violent Death Data
 - <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/ViolentDeathData.htm>
- County Health Rankings
 - <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings>
- North Carolina Health Atlas Maps
 - <https://schs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/data/hsa/>

Application Timeline Information



Summary & Reminders

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Key Funding Information

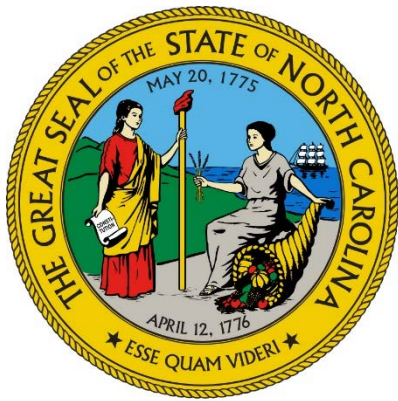
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Questions & Answers

Additional Questions?

- Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to beinjuryfreenc@dhhs.nc.gov
- Questions are accepted only through Monday, August 16, 2021, if submitted by 5:00 pm ET.
- Frequently Asked Questions will be posted at <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/A387.htm>



Thank you!