

Department of Health and Human Services

Part 1. Overview Information

Participating Organization(s)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH \(http://www.nih.gov\)](http://www.nih.gov))

Components of Participating Organizations

National Cancer Institute ([NCI \(https://www.cancer.gov/\)](https://www.cancer.gov/))

National Institute on Drug Abuse ([NIDA \(https://www.drugabuse.gov/\)](https://www.drugabuse.gov/))

Funding Opportunity Title

Advancing Adolescent Tobacco Cessation Intervention Research (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

Activity Code

[R01 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac_search_results.htm?text_curr=r01&Search.x=0&Search.y=0&Search_Type=Activity\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac_search_results.htm?text_curr=r01&Search.x=0&Search.y=0&Search_Type=Activity) Research Project Grant

Announcement Type

New

Related Notices

[NOT-OD-22-190 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-190.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-190.html) - Adjustments to NIH and AHRQ Grant Application Due Dates Between September 22 and September 30, 2022

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number

RFA-CA-22-043

Companion Funding Opportunity

[RFA-CA-22-042 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-22-042.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-22-042.html), [R34 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac_search_results.htm?text_curr=R34&&Search.x=0&&Search.y=0&&Search_Type=Activity\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac_search_results.htm?text_curr=R34&&Search.x=0&&Search.y=0&&Search_Type=Activity)
Planning Grant

Number of Applications

See [Section III. 3. Additional Information on Eligibility](#).

Assistance Listing Number(s)

93.393, 93.279

Funding Opportunity Purpose

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support studies that develop, test, implement, and evaluate behavioral tobacco cessation interventions for adolescents, with a focus on the critical developmental risk period of mid- to late adolescence (approximately 14-20 years old).

Key Dates

Posted Date

October 03, 2022

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date)

December 23, 2022

Letter of Intent Due Date(s)

30 days prior to application due date

Application Due Dates			Review and Award Cycles		
New	Renewal / Resubmission / Revision (as allowed)	AIDS	Scientific Merit Review	Advisory Council Review	Earliest Start Date
January 23, 2023	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	April 2023	August 2023	October 2023
October 16, 2023	October 16, 2023	Not Applicable	February 2024	May 2024	July 2024

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement.

Expiration Date

October 17, 2023

Due Dates for E.O. 12372

Not Applicable

Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the Research (R) Instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82400\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82400), except where instructed to do otherwise (in this FOA or in a Notice from [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11164\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11164)).

Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the FOA) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in [Section IV](#). When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions.

Applications that do not comply with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

There are several options available to submit your application through Grants.gov to NIH and Department of Health and Human Services partners. You **must** use one of these submission options to access the application forms for this opportunity.

1. Use the NIH ASSIST system to prepare, submit and track your application online.

Apply Online Using ASSIST

2. Use an institutional system-to-system (S2S) solution to prepare and submit your application to Grants.gov and [eRA Commons \(http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/\)](http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/) to track your application. Check with your institutional officials regarding availability.
3. Use [Grants.gov \(https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html#search=true&oppNum=RFA-CA-22-043\)](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html#search=true&oppNum=RFA-CA-22-043) Workspace to prepare and submit your application and [eRA Commons \(http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/\)](http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/) to track your application.

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Part 2. Full Text of Announcement

Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) supports studies that develop, test, implement, and evaluate behavioral tobacco cessation interventions for adolescents, with a focus on the critical developmental risk period of mid- to late adolescence (approximately 14-20 years old). Projects supported by this FOA must be grounded in the adolescent developmental literature and draw on a well-established theoretical model of behavior change. Applicants should consider the potential for future adoption, implementation, and sustainability of interventions, at all stages of intervention planning and development. As appropriate, investigators are encouraged to consider including members of the community and community-based organizations in all stages of the research, from design to implementation.

This FOA runs in parallel with an FOA of similar scientific scope, [RFA-CA-22-042 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-22-042.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-22-042.html) which utilizes the Planning Grant (R34) mechanism.

Background

Tobacco product use among adolescents is a critical public health concern. Although cigarette smoking among adolescents has declined substantially since the mid-1990s, the prevalence of other tobacco product use has increased during the same time period. Since 2014, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) have been the most common tobacco product used by youth. Patterns of adolescent tobacco use have become increasingly complex with the greater availability, marketing, and promotion of diverse types of tobacco products (e.g., ENDS, cigars, cigarillos, waterpipe, oral nicotine products). Multiple concurrent tobacco product use (often called dual or poly tobacco product use) is now common among adolescents, for example, concurrent use of ENDS with cigarettes, cigars and/or smokeless tobacco. Co-use of tobacco and cannabis is also common among adolescents, for example, the concurrent use of tobacco and cannabis/THC via vaping devices and co-administration of cannabis and tobacco in cigars (i.e., “blunts”). Moreover, certain adolescent subpopulations bear a disproportionate burden of tobacco use. For example, tobacco product use is higher among lesbian, gay or bisexual adolescents compared to heterosexual adolescents, and among adolescents with mental health conditions, those experiencing homelessness, and those involved with the community welfare or juvenile justice systems. There are also disproportionate burdens by type of tobacco product. For example, cigar use is higher among black high school students than white high school students.

Adolescence is a dynamic period of cognitive and psychosocial development during which the prefrontal cortex is still developing. During this period, youth are establishing their identity and autonomy, and increasing skills related to self-regulation and cognitive control. The adolescent period is characterized by an increased focus on peer relationships, increased autonomy from parents/guardians, and social role transitions. It is also the period at which individuals are most at risk of initiation, escalation, and entrenchment of tobacco use. There is substantial heterogeneity in adolescents' trajectories of tobacco use uptake and progression to tobacco dependence; some progress rapidly from early trial to daily use, some escalate gradually from low-level, intermittent use to more regular use over a period of several years, and some maintain a persistent pattern of non-daily, light use. Intervening with tobacco use during the adolescent years provides opportunities to disrupt escalation of and/or promote cessation of tobacco use before it solidifies into persistent and long-term use, with downstream adverse health consequences for the remainder of the life course.

According to 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey data, about two-thirds of adolescent tobacco users are interested in quitting and a similar proportion report having made one or more quit attempts in the previous 12 months. However, there is a dearth of evidence on effective approaches, strategies and interventions to promote cessation among adolescents. Existing treatment paradigms and pharmacotherapies, which were developed for adult cigarette smokers, have shown limited success when adapted and applied to youth. Despite ongoing research efforts, few empirically validated tobacco cessation interventions currently exist to help adolescents quit using tobacco. Research to expand cessation treatment options in this population is urgently needed.

In sum, there is a need for well-designed, adequately powered, randomized controlled trials of behavioral interventions for adolescents that consider the unique developmental and behavioral aspects of tobacco use in this population, including factors that might promote or hinder cessation. Particularly needed are studies of interventions to promote non-cigarette tobacco cessation (e.g., ENDS, cigars and smokeless tobacco), to promote cessation in the context of dual and poly tobacco use, and studies of interventions tailored to subpopulations with elevated tobacco use rates (e.g., African American youth, Native American/Alaska Native youth, LGBTQ youth, and youth with mental health conditions).

Research Objectives

The goal of this FOA is to stimulate research that will lead to empirically validated, developmentally appropriate behavioral interventions that are effective for treating adolescent tobacco dependence and preventing escalation of dependence and use. Applications to this FOA should propose to develop and test interventions to a) promote cessation of one or more forms of tobacco use among adolescents with established tobacco dependence, or to b) disrupt escalation of tobacco use among recent initiates and those who are using tobacco at low frequency and intensity. Interventions should be grounded in a well-established theoretical model of behavior change and informed by developmental science. Behavioral interventions may be tested alone, or as the primary intervention with a pharmacotherapy adjunct.

Interventions should be targeted to individuals in the mid- to late adolescent period (approximately 14-20 years old). Applications may address an adolescent age that is slightly younger or older than this range, as long as the mid- to late adolescent period is included. This FOA is not intended to solicit applications of only late adolescents into young adulthood (18+ years old). Applicants must consider the unique characteristics and needs of adolescent tobacco users (e.g., dynamic period of neurodevelopmental plasticity and change, immature self-regulatory skills, socioemotional development) when designing and testing their cessation interventions. In addition, consideration should be given to the potential for neurobehavioral treatment targets to be different for adolescents relative to adults (e.g., interpersonal processes, stress reactivity, self-regulation, nicotine enhancement of non-drug rewards).

Tobacco cessation intervention research that includes adolescent subgroups with elevated tobacco use rates, and/or explicitly considers the sociocultural characteristics and needs of a specific subgroup is encouraged. Applicants should consider community-based participatory research approaches that may facilitate trust and engagement with the target population. These could be involved from the earliest stages of the research and may include adolescents, members of the community, and leaders of community-based organizations. The role these may have in optimizing the development of the intervention and the eventual adoption and implementation of effective interventions should be considered.

Recruiting and retention of adolescents in clinical trials has historically been difficult. Applicants should describe how they will recruit this population and maintain them in the study. Will they employ unique techniques or technologies to reach this population? How will they manage consent by parents or guardians? What are the challenges for participants to get to study clinics and how will these challenges be addressed?

Cessation interventions are needed for the broad range of tobacco products, with particular interest in interventions targeting the products most commonly used by adolescents: ENDS, cigarettes, and cigars/little cigars/cigarillos. Additionally, interventions should take into account the changing patterns of adolescent tobacco use (e.g., dual and poly tobacco product use). Proposed interventions may be conducted in various settings that have the potential to reach adolescents (e.g., schools, communities, health care settings). Where possible, investigators are encouraged to utilize existing infrastructure, community resources, and service systems (public and private). When selecting the mode of intervention delivery, investigators are encouraged to consider its appeal and accessibility to adolescents.

Applications that aim to understand and leverage advances in digital and mobile technology to reach and engage adolescents in cessation treatment are encouraged. Inclusion of these technologies should include consideration of review by FDA for authorization as part of the path forward (e.g., at what stage the applicant will reach out to FDA for feedback). Applicants should consider the potential for future adoption, implementation, and sustainability of interventions, at all stages of intervention planning and development, as appropriate.

Interventions may include FDA approved smoking cessation pharmacotherapies as long as they are being studied in the context of a primary behavioral intervention that is appropriate for the study population.

Studies may address co-use of tobacco and cannabis products. Studies that include cannabis use endpoints (including cessation) should describe the relationship of cannabis use to tobacco use, and why addressing cannabis co-use is important for tobacco cessation. The tobacco cessation measures should be considered as primary endpoints in such a study.

As appropriate to the study, applicants are encouraged to utilize research designs that allow for assessment of implementation endpoints (e.g., hybrid effectiveness-implementation designs, pragmatic trials, mixed-methods designs). Including implementation science metrics (e.g., assessing feasibility, facilitating factors/barriers, acceptability to the study population, fidelity of intervention implementation if implemented in real-world settings) and strategies for dissemination and implementation should be considered from the earliest stages. These may reduce the timeframe from establishing effectiveness to reaching the scientific community, practitioner community, diverse public health organizations, policymakers, and most importantly, the adolescent tobacco users with effective interventions.

Specific research questions of interest include, but are not limited to:

- What components comprise effective behavioral interventions for adolescent tobacco cessation? What are mediators and moderators of treatment effectiveness?
- What comprises an effective digital therapeutic intervention for adolescent tobacco cessation and how can we maximize the efficacy of these approaches?
- How can we effectively intervene with youth across various developmental trajectories of tobacco use?
- How can we intervene to disrupt progression to daily use and/or dependence with youth who are infrequent users of tobacco products, or demonstrate earlier stages of compulsive patterns of use?
- How can we maximize the reach, uptake and engagement with adolescent-focused tobacco cessation interventions, particularly in populations of youth that experience tobacco-related health disparities?
- How can we effectively treat tobacco use among youth, in the context of dual or polyuse of tobacco products?
- How can we effectively treat tobacco use among youth in the context of cannabis and tobacco co-use, or co-use with other substances (e.g., alcohol)?
- In the context of a behavioral cessation intervention, what additional impact can FDA-approved smoking cessation pharmacotherapy have in treating adolescent tobacco dependence?

Non-Responsive Projects

Applications with the following attributes will be deemed non-responsive and will not be reviewed:

- Applications that propose purely observational or descriptive research focused on adolescent tobacco use
- Applications that only propose formative research
- Studies that do not test a behavioral intervention targeting adolescent tobacco cessation
- Applications that do not target cessation explicitly (e.g., applications that target reduced tobacco product use or lower risk use)
- Studies that lack a control or comparison group
- Studies that only test a smoking cessation pharmacotherapy without a primary behavioral intervention
- Studies that offer one tobacco product as a cessation aid for another tobacco product

Special Considerations

Annual grantee meetings: Awardees will be expected to participate in an annual investigators' meeting that may be hosted at NCI and/or on a rotating basis at a participating grantee's institution. The meetings will provide a forum for presenting scientific findings from the funded studies and will facilitate interactions among the community of funded scientists. Applicants should budget for the Principal Investigator and one additional project personnel to attend the planned annual grantee meeting. Investigators will be expected to participate in grantee meeting planning and may also be asked to participate in committees that meet periodically in a virtual format.

Standardization and coordination: Investigators are strongly encouraged to consider using best common measures available based on scientific consensus for sociodemographic variables, and key predictors and cessation outcomes to the extent possible to promote the collection of comparable data across studies. Investigators may refer to the Institute of Medicine reports entitled "Capturing Social and Behavioral Domains in Electronic Health Records," the PhenX Toolkit, and other consensus documents for relevant measures. Funded investigators will, to the extent possible, be expected to collaborate and report key common variables in a standardized manner. Investigators may also be asked to collaborate in the development of survey measures, approaches to recruitment, retention and engagement, and other areas of shared investigator interest.

Tobacco Industry Funding of Applicants: The National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (NACDA) has set forth points with regard to existing or prospective sponsored research agreements with tobacco companies or their related entities and the impact of acceptance of tobacco industry funding on NIDA's credibility and reputation within the scientific community. This includes any consulting relationships (paid or unpaid) with the tobacco industry or organizations supported—in whole or in part—by this industry. Please see (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/advisory-boards-groups/national-advisory-council-drug-abuse-nacda/council-statements/points-to-consider-regarding-tobacco-industry-funding-nida>) (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/advisory-boards-groups/national-advisory-council-drug-abuse-nacda/council-statements/points-to-consider-regarding-tobacco-industry-funding-nida>) for details. While this guidance was originally issued for NIDA applicants, it is relevant for all applications submitted under this RFA.

Recommended Guidelines for the Administration of Drugs to Human Subjects: NACDA also recognizes the importance of research involving the administration of drugs with abuse potential, and dependence or addiction liability, to human subjects. Potential applicants are encouraged to obtain and review these recommendations before submitting an application that will administer compounds to human subjects. The guidelines are available on NIDA's Web site at <https://www.drugabuse.gov/funding/clinical-research/nacda-guidelines-administration-drugs-to-human-subjects> (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/funding/clinical-research/nacda-guidelines-administration-drugs-to-human-subjects>).

See [Section VIII. Other Information](#) for award authorities and regulations.

Investigators proposing NIH-defined clinical trials may refer to the [Research Methods Resources](https://researchmethodsresources.nih.gov/) (<https://researchmethodsresources.nih.gov/>) website for information about developing statistical methods and study designs.

Section II. Award Information

Funding Instrument

Grant: A support mechanism providing money, property, or both to an eligible entity to carry out an approved project or activity.

Application Types Allowed

New
Resubmission

The [OER Glossary](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11116) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11116) and the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide provide details on these application types. Only those application types listed here are allowed for this FOA.

Clinical Trial?

Required: Only accepting applications that propose clinical trial(s).

[Need help determining whether you are doing a clinical trial?](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82370) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82370)

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards

NCI and NIDA intend to commit \$30 million total across the fiscal years (FYs) starting in FY 2023 to fund up to 6 awards.

Award Budget

Direct costs in any single year should reflect the actual needs of the proposed project; however, total direct costs are limited to \$3,150,000 across a 5-yr project period.

Award Project Period

The proposed project period must not exceed 5 years.

NIH grants policies as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120) will apply to the applications submitted and awards made from this FOA.

Section III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Organizations

Higher Education Institutions

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for NIH support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:

- Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
- Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)

Nonprofits Other Than Institutions of Higher Education

- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

For-Profit Organizations

- Small Businesses
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses)

Local Governments

- State Governments
- County Governments
- City or Township Governments
- Special District Governments
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized)

Federal Governments

- Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government
- U.S. Territory or Possession

Other

- Independent School Districts
- Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities
- Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Faith-based or Community-based Organizations
- Regional Organizations
- Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions)

Foreign Institutions

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) **are** eligible to apply.

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S. Organizations **are** eligible to apply.

Foreign components, as [defined in the NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11118\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11118), are allowed.

Required Registrations

Applicant Organizations

Applicant organizations must complete and maintain the following registrations as described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide to be eligible to apply for or receive an award. All registrations must be completed prior to the application being submitted. Registration can take 6 weeks or more, so applicants should begin the registration process as soon as possible. The [NIH Policy on Late Submission of Grant Applications \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-039.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-039.html) states that failure to complete registrations in advance of a due date is not a valid reason for a late submission.

- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)– \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82390\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82390) Applicants must complete and maintain an active registration, **which requires renewal at least annually**. The renewal process may require as much time as the initial registration. SAM registration includes the assignment of a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code for domestic organizations which have not already been assigned a CAGE Code.
 - [NATO Commercial and Government Entity \(NCAGE\) Code \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11176\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11176) – Foreign organizations must obtain an NCAGE code (in lieu of a CAGE code) in order to register in SAM.
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)- A UEI is issued as part of the SAM.gov registration process. The same UEI must be used for all registrations, as well as on the grant application.
- [eRA Commons \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123) - Once the unique organization identifier is established, organizations can register with eRA Commons in tandem with completing their full SAM and Grants.gov registrations; all registrations must be in place by time of submission. eRA Commons requires organizations to identify at least one Signing Official (SO) and at least one Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) account in order to submit an application.
- [Grants.gov \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82300\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82300) – Applicants must have an active SAM registration in order to complete the Grants.gov registration.

Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD(s)/PI(s))

All PD(s)/PI(s) must have an eRA Commons account. PD(s)/PI(s) should work with their organizational officials to either create a new account or to affiliate their existing account with the applicant organization in eRA Commons. If the PD/PI is also the organizational Signing Official, they must have two distinct eRA Commons accounts, one for each role. Obtaining an eRA Commons account can take up to 2 weeks.

Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator)

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/PIs, visit the Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

2. Cost Sharing

This FOA does not require cost sharing as defined in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11126\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11126).

3. Additional Information on Eligibility

Number of Applications

Applicant organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

The NIH will not accept duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time, per [2.3.7.4 Submission of Resubmission Application \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.7_policies_affecting_applications.htm#Submissi\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.7_policies_affecting_applications.htm#Submissi). This means that the NIH will not accept:

- A new (A0) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of an overlapping new (A0) or resubmission (A1) application.
- A resubmission (A1) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of the previous new (A0) application.
- An application that has substantial overlap with another application pending appeal of initial peer review (see [2.3.9.4 Similar, Essentially Identical, or Identical Applications \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.9_application_receipt_information_and_deadlines.htm#Similar\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.9_application_receipt_information_and_deadlines.htm#Similar)).

Section IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Requesting an Application Package

The application forms package specific to this opportunity must be accessed through ASSIST, Grants.gov Workspace or an institutional system-to-system solution. Links to apply using ASSIST or Grants.gov Workspace are available in [Part 1](#) of this FOA. See your

administrative office for instructions if you plan to use an institutional system-to-system solution.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the Research (R) Instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82400\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82400) except where instructed in this funding opportunity announcement to do otherwise. Conformance to the requirements in the Application Guide is required and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

Letter of Intent

Although a letter of intent is not required, is not binding, and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application, the information that it contains allows IC staff to estimate the potential review workload and plan the review.

By the date listed in Part 1. Overview Information, prospective applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent that includes the following information:

- Descriptive title of proposed activity
- Name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of the PD(s)/PI(s)
- Names of other key personnel
- Participating institution(s)
- Number and title of this funding opportunity

The letter of intent should be sent to:

Gina Tesauro, MSW
National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Telephone: 240-276-6786
Email: gina.tesauro@nih.gov (<mailto:gina.tesauro@nih.gov>)

Page Limitations

All page limitations described in the SF424 Application Guide and the [Table of Page Limits \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11133\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11133) must be followed.

Instructions for Application Submission

The following section supplements the instructions found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide and should be used for preparing an application to this FOA.

SF424(R&R) Project/Performance Site Locations

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Cover

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Other Project Information

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Senior/Key Person Profile

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

R&R or Modular Budget

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

R&R Subaward Budget

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

PHS 398 Research Plan

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

Research Strategy: The entire Research Strategy must adhere to the general requirements listed in [Section I \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-15-011.html#_Research_Objectives\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-15-011.html#_Research_Objectives) of this FOA. The subsections indicated below should address the following specific aspects.

Significance:

Explain how this project, if successful, will contribute to advancing tobacco cessation treatment among adolescents in the U.S. Intervention studies conducted outside the U.S. must take into consideration and demonstrate an adequate rationale that they will be effective at treating youth in the U.S. and feasible in terms of acceptability, reach and engagement with youth in the U.S.

Approach:

The description in this sub-section must address and provide the necessary supporting details explaining how the proposed project will meet the following key requirements:

- *The design of clinical trials:* Studies should be designed to estimate the effect of an intervention on tobacco cessation outcomes with at least one control or comparison group.
- *Tobacco use history:* All studies must include a comprehensive assessment of tobacco product use (including, but not limited to, the product(s) being targeted for cessation). At minimum, tobacco product use should be assessed at baseline and the primary study endpoint.
- *Cessation endpoints:* A 6-month cessation primary endpoint is required. Biological verification of tobacco abstinence is strongly encouraged.
- *Intervention delivery:* Studies should be designed for optimal reach, uptake and engagement by adolescents and suitable for the intended context. Applicants are encouraged to include implementation metrics (e.g., acceptability of the intervention to adolescents and feasibility of implementation).

Letters of Support: Provide all appropriate letters of support, including any letters necessary to demonstrate the support of consortium/site participants, and other collaborators. Letters of support should also be provided from individuals or organizations that have been or will be involved in stakeholder engagement efforts.

Resource Sharing Plan: Individuals are required to comply with the instructions for the Resource Sharing Plans as provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

The following modifications also apply:

- All applications, regardless of the amount of direct costs requested for any one year, should address a Data Sharing Plan.

Appendix:

Only limited Appendix materials are allowed. Follow all instructions for the Appendix as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

- No publications or other material, with the exception of blank questionnaires or blank surveys, may be included in the Appendix.

PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information

When involving human subjects research, clinical research, and/or NIH-defined clinical trials (and when applicable, clinical trials research experience) follow all instructions for the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, with the following additional instructions:

If you answered "Yes" to the question "Are Human Subjects Involved?" on the R&R Other Project Information form, you must include at least one human subjects study record using the **Study Record: PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information** form or **Delayed Onset Study** record.

Study Record: PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

Delayed Onset Study

Note: [Delayed onset \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm#DelayedOnsetStudy\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm#DelayedOnsetStudy) does NOT apply to a study that can be described but will not start immediately (i.e., delayed start). All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

PHS Assignment Request Form

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

Foreign Institutions

Foreign (non-U.S.) institutions must follow policies described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11137\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11137), and procedures for foreign institutions described throughout the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

See Part 1. Section III.1 for information regarding the requirement for obtaining a unique entity identifier and for completing and maintaining active registrations in System for Award Management (SAM), NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) Code (if applicable), eRA Commons, and Grants.gov

4. Submission Dates and Times

[Part I. Overview Information](#) contains information about Key Dates and times. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications before the due date to ensure they have time to make any application corrections that might be necessary for successful submission. When a submission date falls on a weekend or [Federal holiday \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.html?id=82380\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.html?id=82380), the application deadline is automatically extended to the next business day.

Organizations must submit applications to [Grants.gov \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11128\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11128) (the online portal to find and apply for grants across all Federal agencies). Applicants must then complete the submission process by tracking the status of the application in the [eRA Commons \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11123\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11123), NIH's electronic system for grants administration. NIH and Grants.gov systems check the application against many of the application instructions upon submission. Errors must be corrected and a changed/corrected application must be submitted to Grants.gov on or before the application due date and time. If a Changed/Corrected application is submitted after the deadline, the application will be considered late. Applications that miss the due date and time are subjected to the NIH Policy on Late Application Submission.

Applicants are responsible for viewing their application before the due date in the eRA Commons to ensure accurate and successful submission.

Information on the submission process and a definition of on-time submission are provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

5. Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)

This initiative is not subject to [intergovernmental review \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_10/10.10.1_executive_orders.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_10/10.10.1_executive_orders.htm).

6. Funding Restrictions

All NIH awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120).

Pre-award costs are allowable only as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11143\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11143).

7. Other Submission Requirements and Information

Applications must be submitted electronically following the instructions described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must complete all required registrations before the application due date. Section III. Eligibility Information contains information about registration.

For assistance with your electronic application or for more information on the electronic submission process, visit [How to Apply – Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html). If you encounter a system issue beyond your control that threatens your ability to complete the submission process on-time, you must follow the [Dealing with System Issues \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/dealing-with-system-issues.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/dealing-with-system-issues.htm) guidance. For assistance with application submission, contact the Application Submission Contacts in Section VII.

Important reminders:

All PD(s)/PI(s) must include their eRA Commons ID in the Credential field of the Senior/Key Person Profile form. Failure to register in the Commons and to include a valid PD/PI Commons ID in the credential field will prevent the successful submission of an electronic application to NIH. See Section III of this FOA for information on registration requirements.

The applicant organization must ensure that the unique entity identifier provided on the application is the same identifier used in the organization's profile in the eRA Commons and for the System for Award Management. Additional information may be found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

See [more tips \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11146\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11146) for avoiding common errors.

Upon receipt, applications will be evaluated for completeness and compliance with application instructions by the Center for Scientific Review and responsiveness by the NCI, NIH. Applications that are incomplete, non-compliant and/or nonresponsive will not be reviewed.

Post Submission Materials

Applicants are required to follow the instructions for post-submission materials, as described in [the policy \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82299\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=82299). Any instructions provided here are in addition to the instructions in the policy.

Section V. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

Only the review criteria described below will be considered in the review process. Applications submitted to the NIH in support of the [NIH mission \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11149\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11149) are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system.

A proposed Clinical Trial application may include study design, methods, and intervention that are not by themselves innovative but address important questions or unmet needs. Additionally, the results of the clinical trial may indicate that further clinical development of the

intervention is unwarranted or lead to new avenues of scientific investigation.

Overall Impact

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

Scored Review Criteria

Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

Significance

Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? Is the prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project rigorous? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?

Are the scientific rationale and need for a clinical trial to test the proposed hypothesis or intervention well supported by preliminary data, clinical and/or preclinical studies, or information in the literature or knowledge of biological mechanisms? For trials focusing on clinical or public health endpoints, is this clinical trial necessary for testing the safety, efficacy or effectiveness of an intervention that could lead to a change in clinical practice, community behaviors or health care policy? For trials focusing on mechanistic, behavioral, physiological, biochemical, or other biomedical endpoints, is this trial needed to advance scientific understanding?

Specific to this FOA: To what extent will this project, if successful, contribute to advancing tobacco cessation treatment among adolescents in the U.S.?

Investigator(s)

Are the PD(s)/PI(s), collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or those in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?

With regard to the proposed leadership for the project, do the PD/PI(s) and key personnel have the expertise, experience, and ability to organize, manage and implement the proposed clinical trial and meet milestones and timelines? Do they have appropriate expertise in study coordination, data management and statistics? For a multicenter trial, is the organizational structure appropriate and does the application identify a core of potential center investigators and staffing for a coordinating center?

Innovation

Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed?

Does the design/research plan include innovative elements, as appropriate, that enhance its sensitivity, potential for information or potential to advance scientific knowledge or clinical practice?

Approach

Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Have the investigators included plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project? Have the investigators presented strategies to ensure a robust and unbiased approach, as appropriate for the work proposed? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and will particularly risky aspects be managed? Have the investigators presented adequate plans to address relevant biological variables, such as sex, for studies in vertebrate animals or human subjects?

If the project involves human subjects and/or NIH-defined clinical research, are the plans to address 1) the protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals on the basis of sex/gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as the inclusion or exclusion of individuals of all ages (including children and older adults), justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?

Does the application adequately address the following, if applicable

Study Design

Is the study design justified and appropriate to address primary and secondary outcome variable(s)/endpoints that will be clear, informative and relevant to the hypothesis being tested? Is the scientific rationale/premise of the study based on previously well-designed preclinical and/or clinical research? Given the methods used to assign participants and deliver interventions, is the study design adequately powered to answer the research question(s), test the proposed hypothesis/hypotheses, and provide interpretable results? Is the trial appropriately designed to conduct the research efficiently? Are the study populations (size, gender, age, demographic group), proposed intervention arms/dose, and duration of the trial, appropriate and well justified?

Are potential ethical issues adequately addressed? Is the process for obtaining informed consent or assent appropriate? Is the eligible population available? Are the plans for recruitment outreach, enrollment, retention, handling dropouts, missed visits, and losses to follow-up appropriate to ensure robust data collection? Are the planned recruitment timelines feasible and is the plan to monitor accrual adequate? Has the need for randomization (or not), masking (if appropriate), controls, and inclusion/exclusion criteria been addressed? Are differences addressed, if applicable, in the intervention effect due to sex/gender and race/ethnicity?

Are the plans to standardize, assure quality of, and monitor adherence to, the trial protocol and data collection or distribution guidelines appropriate? Is there a plan to obtain required study agent(s)? Does the application propose to use existing available resources, as applicable?

Data Management and Statistical Analysis

Are planned analyses and statistical approach appropriate for the proposed study design and methods used to assign participants and deliver interventions? Are the procedures for data management and quality control of data adequate at clinical site(s) or at center laboratories, as applicable? Have the methods for standardization of procedures for data management to assess the effect of the intervention and quality control been addressed? Is there a plan to complete data analysis within the proposed period of the award?

Specific to this FOA:

- How well does the measurement approach capture key cessation endpoints and other tobacco product use (i.e., 6-month primary cessation endpoint for tobacco product(s) targeted by the intervention; other tobacco product use at baseline and follow-up timepoints)?
- How appropriate is the proposed research design for estimating the effect of the intervention on tobacco cessation outcomes?

Environment

Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

If proposed, are the administrative, data coordinating, enrollment and laboratory/testing centers, appropriate for the trial proposed?

Does the application adequately address the capability and ability to conduct the trial at the proposed site(s) or centers? Are the plans to add or drop enrollment centers, as needed, appropriate?

If international site(s) is/are proposed, does the application adequately address the complexity of executing the clinical trial?

If multi-sites/centers, is there evidence of the ability of the individual site or center to: (1) enroll the proposed numbers; (2) adhere to the protocol; (3) collect and transmit data in an accurate and timely fashion; and, (4) operate within the proposed organizational structure?

Additional Review Criteria

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the following additional items while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact score, but will not give separate scores for these items.

Study Timeline

Is the study timeline described in detail, taking into account start-up activities, the anticipated rate of enrollment, and planned follow-up assessment? Is the projected timeline feasible and well justified? Does the project incorporate efficiencies and utilize existing resources (e.g., CTSA, practice-based research networks, electronic medical records, administrative database, or patient registries) to increase the efficiency of participant enrollment and data collection, as appropriate?

Are potential challenges and corresponding solutions discussed (e.g., strategies that can be implemented in the event of enrollment shortfalls)?

Protections for Human Subjects

For research that involves human subjects but does not involve one of the categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.

For research that involves human subjects and meets the criteria for one or more of the categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate: 1) the justification for the exemption, 2) human subjects involvement and characteristics, and 3) sources of materials. For additional information on review of the Human Subjects section, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Human Subjects \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11175\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11175).

Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Individuals Across the Lifespan

When the proposed project involves human subjects and/or NIH-defined clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for the inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals on the basis of sex/gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as the inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals of all ages (including children and older adults) to determine if it is justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed. For additional information on review of the Inclusion section, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Inclusion in Clinical Research \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11174\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11174).

Vertebrate Animals

The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following criteria: (1) description of proposed procedures involving animals, including species, strains, ages, sex, and total number to be used; (2) justifications for the use of animals versus alternative models and for the appropriateness of the species proposed; (3) interventions to minimize discomfort, distress, pain and injury; and (4) justification for euthanasia method if NOT consistent with the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals. Reviewers will assess the use of chimpanzees as they would any other application proposing the use of vertebrate animals. For additional information on review of the Vertebrate Animals section, please refer to the [Worksheet for Review of the Vertebrate Animal Section \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11150\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11150).

Biohazards

Reviewers will assess whether materials or procedures proposed are potentially hazardous to research personnel and/or the environment, and if needed, determine whether adequate protection is proposed.

Resubmissions

For Resubmissions, the committee will evaluate the application as now presented, taking into consideration the responses to comments from the previous scientific review group and changes made to the project

Renewals

Not Applicable

Revisions

Not Applicable.

Additional Review Considerations

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will consider each of the following items, but will not give scores for these items, and should not consider them in providing an overall impact score.

Applications from Foreign Organizations

Reviewers will assess whether the project presents special opportunities for furthering research programs through the use of unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions that exist in other countries and either are not readily available in the United States or augment existing U.S. resources.

Select Agent Research

Reviewers will assess the information provided in this section of the application, including 1) the Select Agent(s) to be used in the proposed research, 2) the registration status of all entities where Select Agent(s) will be used, 3) the procedures that will be used to monitor possession use and transfer of Select Agent(s), and 4) plans for appropriate biosafety, biocontainment, and security of the Select Agent(s).

Resource Sharing Plans

Reviewers will comment on whether the following Resource Sharing Plans, or the rationale for not sharing the following types of resources, are reasonable: (1) [Data Sharing Plan \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11151\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11151); (2) [Sharing Model Organisms \(https://sharing.nih.gov/other-sharing-policies/model-organism-sharing-policy#policy-overview\)](https://sharing.nih.gov/other-sharing-policies/model-organism-sharing-policy#policy-overview); and (3) [Genomic Data Sharing Plan \(GDS\) \(https://sharing.nih.gov/genomic-data-sharing-policy\)](https://sharing.nih.gov/genomic-data-sharing-policy).

Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources

For projects involving key biological and/or chemical resources, reviewers will comment on the brief plans proposed for identifying and ensuring the validity of those resources.

Budget and Period of Support

Reviewers will consider whether the budget and the requested period of support are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed research.

2. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by (an) appropriate Scientific Review Group(s) convened by NCI, in accordance with [NIH peer review policy and procedures \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11154\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11154), using the stated review criteria. Assignment to a Scientific Review Group will be shown in the eRA Commons.

As part of the scientific peer review, all applications will receive a written critique.

Applications may undergo a selection process in which only those applications deemed to have the highest scientific and technical merit (generally the top half of applications under review) will be discussed and assigned an overall impact score.

[Appeals \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_2/2.4.2_appeals_of_initial_scientific_review.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_2/2.4.2_appeals_of_initial_scientific_review.htm) of initial peer review will not be accepted for applications submitted in response to this FOA.

Applications will be assigned on the basis of established PHS referral guidelines to the appropriate NIH Institute or Center. Applications will compete for available funds with all other recommended applications submitted in response to this FOA. Following initial peer review, recommended applications will receive a second level of review by the appropriate national Advisory Council or Board. The following will be considered in making funding decisions:

- Scientific and technical merit of the proposed project as determined by scientific peer review.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance of the proposed project to program priorities.

3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

After the peer review of the application is completed, the PD/PI will be able to access his or her Summary Statement (written critique) via the [eRA Commons \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123). Refer to Part 1 for dates for peer review, advisory council review, and earliest start date.

Information regarding the disposition of applications is available in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120).

Section VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

If the application is under consideration for funding, NIH will request "just-in-time" information from the applicant as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_2/2.5.1_just-in-time_procedures.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_2/2.5.1_just-in-time_procedures.htm).

A formal notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NoA) will be provided to the applicant organization for successful applications. The NoA signed by the grants management officer is the authorizing document and will be sent via email to the recipient's business official.

Recipients must comply with any funding restrictions described in Section IV.6. Funding Restrictions. Selection of an application for award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of the NoA are at the recipient's risk. These costs may be reimbursed only to the extent considered allowable pre-award costs.

Any application awarded in response to this FOA will be subject to terms and conditions found on the [Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/part_ii_subpart_b.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/part_ii_subpart_b.htm) website. This includes any recent legislation and policy applicable to awards that is highlighted on this website.

Individual awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by, the NIH and are subject to the IC-specific terms and conditions identified in the NoA.

ClinicalTrials.gov: If an award provides for one or more clinical trials. By law (Title VIII, Section 801 of Public Law 110-85), the "responsible party" must register and submit results information for certain "applicable clinical trials" on the ClinicalTrials.gov Protocol Registration and Results System Information Website (<https://register.clinicaltrials.gov> (<https://register.clinicaltrials.gov/>)). NIH expects registration and results reporting of all trials whether required under the law or not. For more information, see <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/reporting/index.htm> (<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/reporting/index.htm>).

Institutional Review Board or Independent Ethics Committee Approval: Recipient institutions must ensure that all protocols are reviewed by their IRB or IEC. To help ensure the safety of participants enrolled in NIH-funded studies, the recipient must provide NIH copies of documents related to all major changes in the status of ongoing protocols.

Data and Safety Monitoring Requirements: The NIH policy for data and safety monitoring requires oversight and monitoring of all NIH-conducted or -supported human biomedical and behavioral intervention studies (clinical trials) to ensure the safety of participants and the validity and integrity of the data. Further information concerning these requirements is found at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/data_safety.htm (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/data_safety.htm) and in the application instructions (SF424 (R&R) and PHS 398).

Investigational New Drug or Investigational Device Exemption Requirements: Consistent with federal regulations, clinical research projects involving the use of investigational therapeutics, vaccines, or other medical interventions (including licensed products and devices for a purpose other than that for which they were licensed) in humans under a research protocol must be performed under a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigational new drug (IND) or investigational device exemption (IDE).

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards include the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120) as part of the NoA. For these terms of award, see the [NIH Grants Policy Statement Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart A: General \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11157\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11157) and [Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Recipients, and Activities \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11159\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11159), including of note, but not limited to:

- [Federalwide Research Terms and Conditions \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_3/3.1_federalwide_standard_terms_and_conditions_for_research_grants.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_3/3.1_federalwide_standard_terms_and_conditions_for_research_grants.htm)
- [Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-041.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-041.html)
- [Acknowledgment of Federal Funding \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.2.1_acknowledgement_of_federal_funding.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.2.1_acknowledgement_of_federal_funding.htm)

If a recipient is successful and receives a Notice of Award, in accepting the award, the recipient agrees that any activities under the award are subject to all provisions currently in effect or implemented during the period of the award, other Department regulations and policies in effect at the time of the award, and applicable statutory provisions.

Should the applicant organization successfully compete for an award, recipients of federal financial assistance (FFA) from HHS must administer their programs in compliance with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age and, in some circumstances, religion, conscience, and sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy). This includes ensuring programs are accessible to persons with limited English proficiency and persons with disabilities. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. Please see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html>) and <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html>).

HHS recognizes that research projects are often limited in scope for many reasons that are nondiscriminatory, such as the principal investigator's scientific interest, funding limitations, recruitment requirements, and other considerations. Thus, criteria in research protocols that target or exclude certain populations are warranted where nondiscriminatory justifications establish that such criteria are appropriate with respect to the health or safety of the subjects, the scientific study design, or the purpose of the research. For additional guidance regarding how the provisions apply to NIH grant programs, please contact the Scientific/Research Contact that is identified in Section VII under Agency Contacts of this FOA.

- Recipients of FFA must ensure that their programs are accessible to persons with limited English proficiency. For guidance on meeting the legal obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs or activities by limited English proficient individuals see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html>) and <https://www.lep.gov> (<https://www.lep.gov>).
- For information on an institution's specific legal obligations for serving qualified individuals with disabilities, including reasonable accommodations and making services accessible to them, see <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/understanding/disability/index.html> (<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/understanding/disability/index.html>).
- HHS funded health and education programs must be administered in an environment free of sexual harassment, see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html>). For information about NIH's commitment to supporting a safe and respectful work environment, who to contact with questions or concerns, and what NIH's expectations are for institutions and the individuals supported on NIH-funded awards, please see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/harassment.htm> (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/harassment.htm>).
- For guidance on administering programs in compliance with applicable federal conscience protection and associated anti-discrimination laws see <https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html>) and <https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html>).

Please contact the HHS Office for Civil Rights for more information about obligations and prohibitions under federal civil rights laws at <https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/about-us/contact-us/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/about-us/contact-us/index.html>) or call 1-800-368-1019 or TDD 1-800-537-7697.

In accordance with the statutory provisions contained in Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417), NIH awards will be subject to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) requirements. FAPIIS requires Federal award making officials to review and consider information about an applicant in the designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS) prior to making an award. An applicant, at its option, may review information in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through FAPIIS and comment on any information about itself that a Federal agency previously entered and is currently in FAPIIS. The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in FAPIIS, in making a judgement about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants as described in 45 CFR Part 75.205 and 2 CFR Part 200.206 "Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants." This provision will apply to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements except fellowships.

Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions of Award

Not Applicable

3. Reporting

When multiple years are involved, recipients will be required to submit the [Research Performance Progress Report \(RPPR\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm) (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm>) annually and financial statements as required in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.4.1_reporting.htm) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.4.1_reporting.htm).

A final RPPR, invention statement, and the expenditure data portion of the Federal Financial Report are required for closeout of an award, as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.6_closeout.htm) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.6_closeout.htm). NIH FOAs outline intended research goals and objectives. Post award, NIH will review and measure performance based on the details and outcomes that are shared within the RPPR, as described at 45 CFR Part 75.301 and 2 CFR Part 200.301.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act), includes a requirement for recipients of Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY2011 or later. All recipients of applicable NIH grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) available at www.fsrs.gov (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11170) on all subawards over the threshold. See the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.1.8_federal_funding_accountability_and_transparency_act_ffata.htm) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.1.8_federal_funding_accountability_and_transparency_act_ffata .htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.1.8_federal_funding_accountability_and_transparency_act_ffata.htm)) for additional information on this reporting requirement.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements provided at 45 CFR 75.113 and 2 CFR Part 200.113 and Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75 and 2 CFR Part 200, recipients that have currently active Federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of a Federal award, must report and maintain the currency of information reported in the System for Award Management (SAM) about civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in connection with the award or performance of a Federal award that reached final disposition within the most recent five-year period. The recipient must also make semiannual disclosures regarding such proceedings. Proceedings information will be made publicly available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS). This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available. Full reporting requirements and procedures are found in Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75 and 2 CFR Part 200 – Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

Application Submission Contacts

eRA Service Desk (Questions regarding ASSIST, eRA Commons, application errors and warnings, documenting system problems that threaten submission by the due date, and post-submission issues)

Finding Help Online: <http://grants.nih.gov/support/> (<http://grants.nih.gov/support/>) (preferred method of contact)

Telephone: 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)

General Grants Information (Questions regarding application instructions, application processes, and NIH grant resources)

Email: GrantsInfo@nih.gov (<mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov>) (preferred method of contact)

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Section VIII. Other Information

Recently issued trans-NIH [policy notices](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11163) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11163) may affect your application submission. A full list of policy notices published by NIH is provided in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11164) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11164). All awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120) (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120).

Authority and Regulations

Awards are made under the authorization of Sections 301 and 405 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 241 and 284) and under Federal Regulations 42 CFR Part 52 and 45 CFR Part 75 and 2 CFR Part 200.

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[NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices](https://grants/guide/index.html) (<https://grants/guide/index.html>)



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- Find your FOA and Application due date
- Search NIH RePORTER

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- Create your eRA commons ID
- Initiate Application in ASSIST

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- Application preparing
- Letter of support and

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- Validate Application
- Submission

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