



From: Faculty Research Development Office
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Subject: Limited Competition: Reducing Disparities in Vaccination Coverage by Poverty Status Among Young Children: An Assessment of Parental Experience, Barriers, and Challenges with Accessing Quality Vaccination Services (RFA-IP-18-001) CDC/HHS

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UNM Researchers,

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is seeking to gain a better understanding of the factors contributing to vaccination coverage disparities observed between young children living below the poverty level and those living at or above the poverty level, including challenges accessing vaccination services, receiving lower quality vaccination services, Medicaid policy-related barriers, knowledge/attitudes/beliefs toward vaccination, and competing priorities. This cooperative agreement is limited and institutes (determined by DUNS number) are allowed to submit only **one application**.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) seeks to collect information directly from parents and families about their experience with accessing vaccination services, the quality of vaccination services received, Medicaid policy-related barriers they may face, their knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs toward vaccination, and competing priorities in order to investigate a number of hypotheses developed by the CDC Immunization Services Division (ISD) in response to disparities that have been identified in vaccination coverage by poverty status.

The findings from this NOFO will be used to support the development of strategies to increase vaccination coverage of young children living below the poverty level. This may contribute to an increase in vaccination coverage in general, and a reduction in disparities in vaccination coverage by poverty status.

More information about the expectations of the awardee can be found in the attached NOFO or at <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=294858>.

Not required letters of intent are due 12/18/2017 with full proposals due to the sponsor on January 18, 2018. The estimated total funds available, including direct and indirect costs, for the entire two (2)-year project period is \$600,000 and the project period is anticipated to run from 08/01/2018 – 07/30/2020.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description of the proposed approach including the anticipated state/local immunization program partner and target population (200 words), by **noon, Friday, December 1, 2017** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: CDC_RFA – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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