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Subject: Limited Competition: SSA Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (#ICAP-ICAP-22-001)

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The Social Security Administration's *Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program* will award cooperative agreements allowing the Social Security Administration (SSA) to collaborate with States, foundations, and other non-federal groups and organizations who have the interest and ability to identify, operate, and partially fund interventional research. The research and interventions under this program will target the increased employment and self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, including people of color and underserved communities.

SSA expects to award at least 2 cooperative agreements, each totaling up to \$3 million. Applicants may not apply for more than \$3 million for each causal intervention project or \$1.5 million for each feasibility intervention project. **Cost share of at least 5%** is required for the program manager component of the award, which may be cash or in-kind contributions.

SSA expects project periods of up to 5 years. All projects will start with 1 base-year with the option to fund the remaining 4 years. The 1-year base period of each agreement will support the development of data sharing agreements, project planning, evaluation design, and other administrative aspects.

Proposals must address goals under at least one of the following **priority topics**:

- Eliminating structural barriers in the labor market (including racial/ethnic/other underserved communities and people with disabilities) that increase the likelihood of people receiving DI or SSI benefits;
- Promoting self-sufficiency by helping people enter, stay in, or return to the labor force;
- Coordinating planning between private and public human services agencies to improve the administration and effectiveness the DI, SSI, and related programs;
- Assisting claimants in underserved communities to apply/appeal decisions on DI & SSI benefits claims;
- Conducting outreach to potentially SSI-eligible children with disabilities.

This is a limited competition. Only **one** application per institution is allowed. The start date will be no later than January 31, 2023. **The deadline for full proposals to the SSA is September 15, 2022.** Full program details can be found at <https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/icap.html>.

SSA strongly encourages submitting a *Letter of Intent to Apply*. Obtaining advance information about the potential number of applications, as well as the general structure of the proposed intervention projects and evaluation plans, prior to the application deadline will assist SSA in developing a more efficient review process. The letters should be submitted via e-mail to SSA.ICAP@ssa.gov on or prior to Monday, August 15, 2022. Please use "Intent to Apply" in the subject line and include the following information:

- Lead applicant's name and address;
- General overview of the intervention, including target population and priority topic the project will address, the anticipated outcome(s), and a brief summary of the evaluation design;
- Existing evidence supporting the quality of causal evidence;
- Evidence supporting the efficacy (strength) of the intervention;
- Any preliminary information identifying the project partners;
- The intervention period (not to exceed five years, including one start-up year); and
- Total anticipated funding request and total anticipated budget (including any non-SSA funds).

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the SSA Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program, please submit a 200-word statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description by **noon, Tuesday, August 9, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). Based on the number of responses, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

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

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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