

RFA # CCH-CPIA-2020-02

**HEALTH RESEARCH, INC.**  
**and**  
**New York State Department of Health**  
*Center for Community Health/Division of Chronic Disease Prevention*  
*Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control*

***Community Cancer Prevention in Action (CPIA)***  
***Richmond, Suffolk and Warren Counties***

Questions and Answers

1. Question: I saw this RFA and we here in Onondaga County (surrounded by many other low income, low accessibility counties with high rates of cancer) have a successful pilot project that would be highly suitable for expanding via this RFA. I am wondering (1) why you chose the counties you chose, and (2) will such a RFA ever be targeted at the Central New York area? We feel a little neglected – we have received a mammography van grant and a NAPBC navigator grant, as these are state-wide. However, for so many others, the focus is always on the downstate and metro areas and we feel like we have a highly needy (rural, low income, disparate and high disease burden) population in the 8-13 counties which comprise the Central New York area.

Answer: This RFA is issued as a result of the [Governor's Cancer Research Initiative](#) and the funding opportunity was announced in press releases issued in 2019 coinciding with public forums the Department conducted in each of the three counties to be served by this RFA; press releases linked as follows:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-actions-address-higher-rates-cancer-warren-county-regional-cancer>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-actions-address-higher-rates-cancer-suffolk-county-cancer-study>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-actions-address-higher-rates-thyroid-cancer-staten-island-regional>. The Department issued a similar funding opportunity in January 2018 that targeted the entire state, including Central New York. The 2018 RFA was distributed broadly throughout the State to hundreds of not-for-profit organizations, including New York State's hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers, federally qualified health centers, non-article 28 facilities, cancer centers, local health departments, New York State Cancer Consortium members, and organizations holding contracts for implementation of current cancer prevention and early detection programs such as the Cancer Services Program, Mobile Mammography Vans, and Nationally Accredited Breast Center Patient Navigation programs. The New York State Department of Health, with funding from Health Research, Inc., does intend to issue smaller funding opportunities in support of cancer prevention, early detection and survivorship

programming; any organization or individual that received this funding opportunity will receive emails announcing future funding opportunities.

2. Question: In the RFA, section IIA- Who May Apply, is it possible for there to be two principal investigators from two different organizations on this grant? I did not see this answered specifically in the RFA.

Answer: The application must be submitted by one organization and awards will only be made to one organization for each of the three service regions. Further, per RFA Section II.B.4, the contract organization, or 'contractor', "is responsible for ensuring all program deliverables are met."... "Contractors are responsible for implementing the required work, described in the RFA." "The contract organization must employ the required (initiative program coordinator). It is not permissible to subcontract that position."

"Applicants may subcontract components of the scope of work, for example, development of promotion plans or evaluation projects. Those applicants that propose subcontracting should identify subcontracting agencies during the application process if known. Applicants that plan to subcontract are expected to state in the application the specific components of the scope of work to be performed through subcontracts. Applicants should note that the lead organization (contractor) will have overall responsibility for all contract activities, including those performed by subcontractors, and will be the primary contact for HRI and the Department. Subcontracts need to be approved by HRI and the Department before work commences."

3. Question: For the various educational and mobilization interventions in the work plan for indoor tanning and sun exposure, can these be provided at the same time? For example, if we are stating that we will make 12 earned media attempts to talk about indoor tanning, can some of these be one and the same earned media attempts for sun exposure if we have events that include education on both topics at the same time? Or if we prepare a brochure on Skin Cancer prevention that covers both Indoor tanning and sun exposure, then provide them to a school's PTA group, for example, can we claim that we have done an educational intervention for indoor tanning and also claim that we have done an educational intervention for sun exposure on the work plan even though we are giving the brochure to one PTA group?

Answer: Yes, interventions where appropriate may be combined. All successful awardee work plan activities will require review and approval by the NYSDOH/HRI prior to implementation. Note that disseminating a brochure is not considered an educational intervention.