



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

Expanded infrastructure support for coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices

Funding amount: individual award ceiling is \$20,000

Anticipated number of awards: 10

Eligibility: coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices - see details below

Anticipated funding period: January 2023-June 2023

Application deadline: December 16, 2022

Overview: With support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) in collaboration with the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME) and the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) is pleased to offer an opportunity to provide capacity building support for coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices. CDC, NNPHI, IACME, and NAME recognize the need for coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices to purchase supplies that will assist with the facilitation of timely and comprehensive data sharing with vital records offices and public health agencies to better inform drug overdose prevention and response efforts. Approved supplies may include (but not limited to): **laptops, computers, tablets, high quality cameras for scene investigation or autopsies photos, internet costs, printers, scanners, upgraded case management system (CMS), etc.**

Background: According to CDC, more than 932,000 people in the United States have died from a drug overdose since 1999. Detailed, accurate, and timely data collection and surveillance of overdose-related mortality is one key component of drug overdose prevention efforts, as data is used to better focus prevention and overdose response activities. This *Expanded Infrastructure Support for Coroner, Medical Examiner, or Medicolegal Death Investigator Offices* funding opportunity is intended to support the purchase of approved supplies that will improve office's ability to facilitate timely and complete overdose mortality data.

Who is eligible to apply?

Coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices applying for this funding:

- Must be able to receive funding from NNPHI through a reimbursable contract

- Must be able to receive federal funds for this initiative
- Awards will be prioritized for offices that have not received previous funding from NNPHI, but all applications will be considered.

Funding Available: Total funding available: \$200,000; individual award ceiling is \$20,000 with the opportunity for a minimum of 10 total awards. This project is part of a larger cooperative agreement between NNPHI and the CDC (*CDC-RFA-OT18-1802: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health*). As such, respondents should be aware that the total funding available for these capacity-building awards is subject to availability.

Anticipated RFP Milestone Dates

December 16, 2022 (11:59 PM ET)	Applications due
No later than January 31, 2023	Notification of Award Status
February 28, 2023	Contracts finalized
January 1, 2023- June 30, 2023	Implementation of infrastructure funding

Timeline

NNPHI requests offices to propose expenditures for approved supplies through June 2023. Invoicing will be due within 90 days of the end of the funding period. Funds must be spent within 5 months of the award.

Example Requests: This opportunity is focused on enhancing infrastructure and it is estimated that the primary expenses will be the purchase of approved supplies (laptops, cameras, etc.) that will upgrade the office's ability to report overdose deaths.

NNPHI will work with selected coroner, medical examiner, or medicolegal death investigator offices to negotiate a budget and work plan. *Please note travel and personnel time will not be an approved expense for these project funds.*

How to Apply: NNPHI is utilizing a Smartsheet Online System for the proposal submission process. Complete and submit the application using [this link](#) no later than **11:59 PM PT on December 16, 2022**.

Submit questions about this funding opportunity [here](#): NNPHI will respond to questions within 24 hours. If you have any technical challenges, please contact Helen Lindau at hlindau@nnphi.org.

Selection Criteria: Applications will be reviewed by NNPHI staff.

Notice to Applicants: Please be advised that NNPHI reserves the right to modify the terms of the RFP with reasonable notification to all interested parties. This RFP and any related discussions create no rights or obligations whatsoever. NNPHI may cancel or delay this solicitation at any time at its discretion.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the contract executed by NNPHI and the selected applicant, if any, will be the exclusive statement of rights and obligations extending from this solicitation. Applicants are further advised that all information that applicants submit in response to this solicitation shall remain in the public domain.

Application Template

Submit your application via the [Smartsheet application](#) no later than **11:59 PM PT on December 16, 2022**. *The following information will be required to complete the Smartsheet application:*

Legal Name of Organization/Agency

Tax Identification Number

SAM.gov Unique Entity ID registration number *(If you do not have a SAM.gov Unique Entity ID, please register for a free one [here.](#))*

Contact person for matters related to this application

Applicant contact email address

Applicant contact phone number

Are staff from your office members of either IACME and/or NAME and/or certified through ABMDI? (Y/N) Please specify

Applicants will be asked to select the following supplies they are requesting and to provide a short justification of how it will support their office in improving surveillance of drug overdose deaths. Applicants should research the cost of items on the approved list (below) and provide an estimated cost in the justification section provided. Please note, individual items cannot exceed \$5,000 (except for purchase of CMS which can be up to \$20,000.) Applicants may select multiple supplies that when added together total the \$20,000 award ceiling amount.)

Approved supply list

1. *[once supply is selected, space for justification and estimated cost will appear in Smartsheet]*
 - a. Computers/laptops/tablets
 - b. High quality cameras or mid-range cameras for death scene investigation or autopsy photos
 - c. Internet costs
 - d. Printers/scanners
 - e. Case Management System *(can exceed individual supply cost ceiling of \$5,000)*
 - f. Other (please specify supply and justify how it would support your office to improve surveillance)

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