

RFA: Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Services Program (CSP)

OVERVIEW

On January 26th, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) released a Request for Applications (RFA) seeking hospitals, primary care networks, or other organizations to implement breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening programs through the Cancer Services Program (CSP). This program aims to facilitate access to high-quality cancer screening and follow-up services to reduce morbidity, mortality, and health-related disparities among New York State residents, with a focus on populations who are medically underserved. Approximately \$40 million in State Infrastructure funding will be awarded to 22 organizations over five years to implement the screening programs. Additionally, a total of \$30.5 million will be available for service funding, along with reimbursement for services provided.

The full RFA is attached. Applications are due on March 12th.

FUNDING

Approximately \$7.9 million in State Infrastructure funding will be awarded annually across the 22 awardees. There will be one award in each of the 22 CSP Service Regions, as outlined in Attachment 1. Applicants may apply to provide services in more than one region but must submit a separate application for each service region for which they apply. Organizations will receive one State Infrastructure contract to support personal and non-personal costs. Maximum State Infrastructure contract values for each service region are provided in Attachment 2 of the RFA.

Screening and diagnostic services will be reimbursed directly to health care providers and clinical laboratories by the State and Health Research, Inc. (HRI), a not-for-profit organization affiliated with DOH. Approximately \$12.5 million will be available in State funding and \$18 million in HRI clinical funding for reimbursable clinical services over the five-year grant period. The State funding amount for the first year of the contract will be provided to each organization upon award and may change based on State budget appropriations, while the HRI funding will be provided annually, pending receipt of funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Clinical and laboratory services will be reimbursed on a fixed-price, fee-for-service (FFS) basis, as listed in Attachment 3 of the RFA.

Contracts will last for five years beginning October 1st.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations located in New York State, including but not limited to:

- Health care systems;
- Primary care networks;
- Community-based organizations; and
- Professional associations.

Preference will be given to applicants who are health care systems, hospitals, or primary care networks and applicants who demonstrate the ability to engage in strategic partnerships to collaborate with existing programs, initiatives, and contractors within their service region. Applicants who meet these preferred qualifications may be awarded up to an additional 10 points.

TARGET POPULATION

Individuals are eligible for free cancer screening and diagnostic services through the CSP if they meet the following criteria:

- Individuals who are uninsured or underinsured;
- Individuals who have a household income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) or who live above 250% of the FPG but attest that they are unable to afford the cancer screening and diagnostic services offered by the program;
- Women aged 40 years and older in need of breast and/or cervical cancer screening;
- Individuals aged 50 years and older in need of colorectal cancer screening; and
- Individuals who meet other criteria, such as symptoms or a personal or family history that indicates a high risk of cancer, may also be eligible.

Organizations should target and facilitate access to services for priority populations who are disproportionately affected by breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer or lack adequate health care options, including the following individuals:

- Individuals aged 50-64 years;
- Women who are rarely or never screened for cervical cancer (i.e. have never had a Pap test or have not had a Pap test in the last five years); and
- Individuals who are medically unserved or underserved for reasons such as sex, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, geographic location, socioeconomic status, cultural isolation, low literacy, and language.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- CSP-Eligible and Priority Populations/Statement of Need (10 points)
- Capacity and Experience (15 points)
- Work Plan (5 points)
- Technical Proposal (30 points)
- Staffing, Key Functions, and Qualifications (20 points)
- Budget and Justification (20 points)
- Preferred Eligibility Qualifications (10 bonus points)

Applicants must receive a minimum score of 60 out of a possible 110 to be considered for this RFA. The highest scoring applicants in each of the 22 CSP Service Regions will receive funding.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by March 12th. Applicants are encouraged to submit a non-mandatory Letter of Interest via Grants Gateway and to canserv@health.ny.gov with the RFA number (#17682) in

the subject line by February 8th. There will be an applicant conference held via webinar on February 2nd at 10am. Applicants must register for the conference [here](#) by 9:30am on February 2nd.

Questions should be submitted to Wendy Gould at the email address above by February 8th and should cite the RFA section and paragraph to which the question refers. Answers to questions will be posted in the Grants Gateway on February 22nd.