

RFA: Project Firstline Infection Prevention and Control Training

OVERVIEW

On April 23rd, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for statewide associations to implement infection prevention and control (IPC) training for frontline workers. This funding is available through the Project Firstline: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Workforce IPC Training Collaborative. This project aims to provide IPC training directly to frontline personnel, with a focus on unlicensed workers who may not have been mandated to take other infection control courses.

Awardees will assess training needs and implement appropriate IPC training programs, including a training curriculum focused on infection control basics (e.g., transmission risk, safe donning and doffing of personal protective equipment, preventing the spread of respiratory infections). DOH will also explore options to enhance the capacity of local health departments to address IPC needs in adult care, assisted living, and outpatient facilities in their jurisdiction.

Through this RFA, DOH is seeking three to six organizations that can conduct the training and other project related activities related to statewide implementation of Project Firstline. CDC has provided about \$3.4 million in total funding to New York State for this project.

The full RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on May 27th.

FUNDING

DOH anticipates funding three to six associations/entities to support with the implementation of Project Firstline. Awarded applicants will be reimbursed for allowable costs incurred in accordance with approved budgets.

Contracts will last for one year starting on June 15th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants must have current access to contact information for their target facilities and current capacity to perform a survey of those facilities. Examples of target facilities include frontline staff from:

- Private practice;
- Ambulatory surgery centers;
- Office-based surgery practices;
- Adult care facilities (ACFs);
- Nursing homes;
- Hospitals;
- Local health departments (LHDs); and
- Regional Department of Health offices.

Applicants should focus on training for staff who are not required to take the mandated infection control course, such as certified nursing assistants, ancillary staff, housekeepers, maintenance, and dietary staff.

Preferred applicants will be facility associations with comprehensive, statewide membership of the targeted facility type and a proven track record of outreach to those members.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Applicant Organizations (30 points)
- Project Summary Narrative (40 points)
- Implementation Timeline (10 points)
- Budget (20 points)

In the case of a tie, the proposal with the highest score on the “Project Summary Narrative” section will be considered for funding.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by May 27th. There will be an optional applicant conference webinar on May 3rd at 3pm. Interested parties may register [here](#) before 9am on May 3rd. A maximum of 10 representatives from each prospective applicant will be permitted to register for the conference.

Applicants are encouraged to learn more about Project Firstline by visiting the CDC website [here](#).