



PEDIATRIC PANDEMIC NETWORK

Pilot and Emerging Issues Project

Guidelines Request for Proposals 2025

GOALS OF PROGRAM

1. Advance the mission of the Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN): In collaboration with the Nation's children's hospitals and their communities, the Network will coordinate, prepare, respond, and disseminate high-quality, research-based pediatric care in future disasters, emergencies, and pandemics.
2. Conduct projects in emerging issues to respond rapidly to disasters, emergencies, and pandemics.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any PPN-affiliated institution is eligible to submit a proposal. The Principal Investigator faculty member (Instructor, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) must be from an institution that has an established PPN contract.
2. The proposal should represent a line of research for the PI that is not currently funded by other mechanisms.
3. The projects should ideally use one or more PPN service domains.
4. The projects should include a dissemination plan.
5. The projects should be feasible to be completed in one year.

PRIORITY AREAS

In the 2025 year of funding, there are four priority areas for the PPN. These will also be the priority areas for the pilot program:

- Mental and behavioral health
- Disaster preparedness
- Surging endemic, epidemic, pandemic, emerging, and/or vaccine-preventable infectious diseases
- Community engagement

We recognize that there may be additional unanticipated emerging issues/crises, and these will also be considered for funding. Investigator questions about priority area eligibility may be discussed with the research domain prior to submission.

NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO BE FUNDED

Up to 6 proposals over FY4 of the Children's National PPN grant will be funded (until August 31st, 2026).

IMPORTANT DATES

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| •RFA Release | March 31, 2025 |
| •Pilot Project Proposal Due | May 10, 2025 |
| •Notification of Award | June 15, 2025 |
| •Award Start Date | July 1, 2025 |

FULL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover page - Includes Project Title
2. Description (Summary Abstract) – 300 words or less
3. Narrative - 5 pages
 - a. Specific Aim(s) – approximately 1 page
 - b. Background, Significance and Innovation – approximately 1 page. Includes a short statement describing how pilot funding will increase competitiveness for future funding support.
 - c. Experimental Design – approximately 3 pages. Include a brief description of PPN service core resources requested.
4. Biosketches of study PI and key co-investigator(s) and consultants, including Other Support (two-page limit per biosketch)
5. Budget – Detailed budgets for Year 1 and budget justification.
 - a. **The budget cannot exceed \$75,000. Limited salary support is allowable. No indirect costs can be requested.**

PROPOSAL REVIEW

The PPN Research Domain members will serve as the study section for the pilot project review with ad hoc members added as needed for subject matter expertise. The scoring of project proposals is similar to the National Institute of Health's scoring scale, which is evaluated based on the following factors: Significance, Approach, Investigators, Innovation, Feasibility, Collaboration, and Community Impact. In addition, because of the one-year timeline for this funding opportunity, applications will be scored based on feasibility of completion of project within one year. For example, applications that have already gone through the IRB process or that use existing data or databases or are exempt from IRB review (e.g. QI projects) will increase the feasibility of a one-year project. Recommendations for funding will be made by the PPN Research Domain to the four PPN PIs and HRSA PO who will serve as Council to make a final determination of funding.

DISSEMINATION AND PUBLICATION

It is required that each project has a dissemination plan. Publications resulting from the pilot award will follow the authorship policy of the PPN (see attached) and will acknowledge funding from HRSA.

IRB REVIEW

No pilot funds will be released without complete IRB approval or exemption from the institution of the PI. QI projects may not need IRB review. Given the short timeline of the award, IRB submission/approval is encouraged prior to the grant start date.

As a condition of award, a project report is expected at the end of the funding period.

Submit applications to april.parish@nationwidechildrens.org



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