Morehouse School of Medicine
National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN)
Regional Community Coalition (RCC) Micro Grants
Funding Opportunity

National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN) Background

The Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN) was designed to develop and coordinate a strategic and structured national network of national, state/territorial/tribal, and local public and community-based organizations that will mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on racial, ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable populations.

To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minority, rural, and other disproportionately impacted populations, MSM announced the NCRN as part of the National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities (NIMIC) Initiative, a three-year cooperative agreement between Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

The NCRN partners includes local, state, and national partners representing the following priority groups: Black/African American, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Individuals living in or representing Tribal Lands, Individuals with intellectual, developmental, sensory, or physical disabilities, Justice System Involved Adults, Migrant and Agricultural Farmworkers, Immigrant and Refugee Communities, Underserved Rural Populations.

NCRN Objective

To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minority, rural, and socially vulnerable populations, MSM established the National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN), to focus on six foundational priority areas:

- Identify and Engage Vulnerable Communities
- Nurture Existing and Develop New Partnerships
- Disseminate Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Information
- Link Vulnerable Communities to Resources with Technology
- Monitor and Evaluate
- Comprehensive Dissemination
Regional Community Coalition (RCC)

The Regional Community Coalition (RCC) is a sub-committee of the National Community Coalition Board (NCCB) of the National Covid-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN). The RCC is established in alignment with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions to allow for the expansion of the network at the grassroots level to ensure network member organizations have an opportunity to network and engage amongst NCRN strategic partners and each other. The RCC also includes representatives from the Territory and Regional Offices of Minority Health.

RCC Roles and Responsibilities

The RCC fosters collaboration and networking to create sustainability among Community Organization and Strategic Partners for future cross collaborative work and activities for the successful and immediate response, recovery, and residency reduction of COVID-19 among impacted populations.
**RCC Meeting Dates**

The RCC meets on a quarterly basis. The meetings are hosted on the 3rd month of every Quarter on the third Tuesday from 3 PM – 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

2021 Meeting Dates:
- March 16, 2021
- June 15, 2021
- September 21, 2021
- December 14, 2021 *exception due to holidays

To join the RCC as a Community Organization Partner, visit the NCRN website (www.msm.edu/ncrn) homepage and subscribe as a community organization.

The NCRN Community Engagement Core is responsible for the relationship management of the activities performed by the NCRN partners. The NCRN Community Engagement Core invites non-profit community-based organizations (CBOs) to submit proposals to apply for funding designed to assist communities in gaining increased access to COVID-19 vaccines.

**Eligibility Criteria**
- The CBO’s headquarters must be based in 1 of the 10 identified regions of United States (Appendix A).
- The CBO’s COVID-19 vaccine efforts must be aligned with one or more of the listed NCRN population priority groups: Black/African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Individuals living in or representing Tribal Lands, Individuals with intellectual, developmental, sensory, or physical disabilities, Justice System Involved Adults, Migrant and Agricultural Farmworkers, Immigrant and Refugee Communities, Underserved Rural Populations.
- The RCC Micro Grant awards will be limited to non-profits engaged in grass roots community-based work with an organizational annual revenue of less than $2 million dollars.
- Completion of the RCC Micro Grant Funding Opportunity Application.
- Awarded CBOs must be willing to participate in the Regional Community Coalition (RCC) by registering as a community organization through the NCRN platform (www.msm.edu/ncrn).
- Awarded CBOs must be willing to complete a community engagement report at the end of the award period that includes reporting metrics of community engagement and information dissemination.

**Funding Limits, Budgeting, and Organization Requirements**
- For profit organizations, Federal, State and Local Offices of Government, NCRN Strategic Partners, and MSM Staff/Faculty will not be eligible to receive an NCRN RCC Micro Grant.
- Budgets may include personnel (salaries and fringe), consultants, supplies, and other approved expenses.
- Budgets may not include capital expenditures, charges for patient care, medications, lobbying, any political activity, or rental costs of off-site facilities.
- The NCRN will fund up to twenty-five $5000 grants among the 10 United State Regions (Appendix A).
- Awarded funds will be disbursed in two payments (½ up front and ½ at award period midpoint).
- Award period of performance starts on August 15, 2021 and ends on November 15, 2021.
Application Submission

- Electronic submission must be received by 11:59 pm EST on Saturday, July 10, 2021 through the following link: https://forms.gle/1qMFsZaeizGH2edJ7
- See Appendix B for questions included in electronic application.

Selection Process

- The NCRN Community Engagement Core will review all submissions and select award recipients.
- Decisions will be announced by the NCRN Community Engagement Director on or before July 30, 2021. All decisions by the Community Engagement Core are final.

Technical Assistance

If you have any questions about the RCC Micro Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement or application process, please call 1-877-904-5097 or email ncrn@msm.edu.
(RCC) Micro Grant Funding Opportunity – Appendix A

REGION 1
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

REGION 2
New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

REGION 3
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

REGION 4
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

REGION 5
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

REGION 6
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

REGION 7
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska

REGION 8
Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming

REGION 9
Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau

REGION 10
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
(RCC) Micro Grant Funding Opportunity – Appendix B

1. Email of Individual Submitting Grant Application: (Text) ______________________________

2. Name of Individual Submitting Grant Application: (Text) __________________________________

3. Title of Individual Submitting Grant Application: (Text) ______________________________

4. Organization Name: (Text) __________________________________________________________

5. Is Your Organization a Non-Profit? (Select Option)
   □ Yes   □ No

6. Organization City and State: (Text) _________________________________________________

7. Organization Zip Code: (Numerical) _________________________________________________

8. Organization Region – See Appendix A for Guidance: (Select all the apply)
   □ Region 1   □ Region 2   □ Region 3   □ Region 4   □ Region 5
   □ Region 6   □ Region 7   □ Region 8   □ Region 9   □ Region 10

9. Organization Annual Revenue: (Numerical) __________________________________________

10. Organization Mission Statement and/or Purpose? (Text) _______________________________

11. Organization Website URL: (Text) _________________________________________________

12. What COVID-19 Related Activities Does Your Organization Currently Engage In? (Select all that apply)
   □ COVID-19 Vaccine Education   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Vaccine
   □ COVID-19 Clinical Trials Education   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Clinical Trials
   □ COVID-19 Prevention Education   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Prevention Education
   □ COVID-19 Prevention Supplies (Masks, Gloves, etc.)
   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Prevention Supplies (Masks, Gloves, etc.)
   □ COVID-19 Symptom Checking   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Symptom Checking
   □ COVID-19 Testing   □ Linkage to COVID-19 Testing
   □ COVID1-19 Treatment/Care   □ Linkage to COVID1-19 Treatment/Care
   □ Social Services   □ Linkage to Social Services
   □ N/A   □ Other: ______________________________
13. What Target Demographic Does Your Organization Serve: (Select all that apply)
   □ Black/African American  □ Latino/Hispanic  □ American Indian  □ Alaska Native
   □ Native Hawaiian  □ Pacific Islander  □ Asian American  □ White/Caucasian
   □ Incarcerated  □ Justice-Involved  □ Migrant Worker  □ Disabled
   □ Meat Packing Worker  □ Torture Survivor  □ Rural Area Resident
   □ N/A  □ Other: __________________________________________

14. Does Your Organization Currently Have an Existing Contract/MOU with NCRN?
   □ Yes  □ No

15. How Did You Hear About the RCC Grant Funding Opportunity? (Text) _________________________

16. How Will a RCC Micro Grant Enable Your Organization to Increase Access to COVID-19 Vaccines in the Community? (Text – 500 Words or Less)
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17. Attach a proposed budget and budget justification. (Upload)