



Funding Opportunity: AHRQ Releases Solicitation for Studies on Health System and Healthcare Professional Responsiveness to COVID-19

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On May 14, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announced a funding opportunity inviting Large Research (R01) Project grant applications to support novel, high-impact studies evaluating the responsiveness of healthcare delivery systems, healthcare professionals, and the overall U.S. healthcare enterprise to the COVID-19 pandemic. AHRQ is interested in funding research focused on evaluating topics such as:

- “effects on quality, safety, and value of health system response to COVID-19;
- the role of primary care practices and professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- how the response to COVID-19 affected socially vulnerable populations and people with multiple chronic conditions;
- and implementation of digital healthcare, including innovations and challenges encountered in the rapid expansion of telehealth response to COVID-19.”

This funding opportunity is consistent with AHRQ's mission of “producing evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, ensuring that the evidence is understood and used.” Additionally, AHRQ will accept COVID-19 research proposals related to its mission outside of the specified topics. AHRQ encourages multi-method, rapid-cycle research with the ability to: produce and disseminate initial findings within 6 months after award and then regularly throughout the remainder of the award period.

Deadline: AHRQ encourages Letters of Intent to be submitted on **June 1, 2020**. Applications are due on **June 15, 2020** by **5:00 PM local time** of applicant organization.

Award Information: AHRQ expects to make up to \$5 million available to fund awards in FY2020. The total costs (direct and indirect) for a project awarded under this FOA will not exceed \$500,000 in any given year and \$1,000,000 for the entire project period.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include public and private higher education institutions, nonprofits other than institutions of higher education, state and local governments, independent school districts, public housing authorities, community-based organizations, and regional organizations.

Sources and Additional Information:

- The full funding opportunity can be found at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-20-003.html#_Part_1_Overview.