

MDAAP/HCHD COVID-19 Grants Program

COVID-19 Vaccination: Community Engagement and Response

The Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), with support from the Howard County Health Department (HCHD), is offering grants to primary health care providers serving children living in Howard County, Maryland. Eligible practices include those comprised of primary care pediatricians, family practice physicians, and nurse practitioners located in Howard County, as well as those who can document that they serve 1,000 or more children who reside in Howard County. For multi-provider practices, grants will be awarded to the practice, not the individual providers.

ACTIVITIES FUNDED: The MDAAP will fund two categories of activities:

- **Category 1: Deliver COVID-19 Vaccination at the Practice:** Applicants in this category must be registered with the State's ImmuNet program specifically to become a COVID-19 vaccine administrator. The proposed funding should be used to augment existing clinical infrastructure in order to accommodate for the administration of COVID-19 vaccination. This may include: personnel costs, refrigeration equipment, tents, printing, IT equipment, and supply purchases. It is assumed that applicants will bill according to allowable CMS reimbursement rates for COVID-19 administration costs and therefore this funding should not be utilized solely for vaccine administration. Funds may be used for activities that may include (but are not limited to) providing education to families about the vaccine (including translation services needed) and transportation to/from vaccine appointments. This category can include expenses for COVID-19 vaccination documented by the practice between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to include offering vaccination for children and youth from ages 5 to 21 years as well as adults in the family as part of their proposal. **Proposals in this category shall not exceed \$60,000.**

Please note that PPE can be acquired from HCHD by completing the State of Maryland PPE Request form <https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Documents/Emergency%20PPE%20Request%20Form.pdf>. This form should be sent to hocoPPErequests@howardcountymd.gov.

- **Category 2: Outreach and Prevention:** Applications in this category shall (1) Propose activities to educate and promote the benefits and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner; and (2) Propose activities to educate and promote the prevention of COVID-19 through documented proven strategies of mask wearing, handwashing, and social distancing that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. This can include hosting community events that provide education as well as vaccination and developing social media ads for your practice or videos to be used at Howard County sites. Outreach to populations with barriers to access COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged. These populations include but are not limited to children without a usual source of health care, areas with high rates of free and reduced lunches, areas with low COVID-19 or primary vaccination rates, communities of color, and children with special health care needs. Applicants are encouraged to include offering vaccination for children ages 5 to 21 years as well as adults in the family as part of their proposal. **Proposals in this category shall not exceed \$60,000 if vaccination events are offered.**

ACCOUNTABILITY: Once grants are awarded, practices must agree to a 15-30 minute monthly check-in with the MDAAP grants manager to monitor progress towards goals and objectives. Practices will be required to submit a brief report documenting initiation of grant activities prior to receiving the first half of their funding. If the practice must purchase items for grant activities, these bills can be submitted along with documentation of planned activities in order to receive additional funding. The balance of funding will be dispersed on a monthly basis as expenditures accrue.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ZOOM MEETING: Practices interested in applying can join a technical assistance Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7-8p ET. Please register for this Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91calA0d1L_Plm3ILOu. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please complete the attached application and **submit it no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022 to GrantsMgr.MDAAP@gmail.com.**