

# **Request for Applications**

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# NC Well Integrated Screening and Evaluation Services for Women Across the Nation (NC WISEWOMAN) Cardiovascular Disease Screening Services

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Cancer Prevention and Control Branch (CPCB) is to reduce the overall cancer burden in North Carolina. This is accomplished by planning, directing, and supporting cancer prevention and control efforts through collaborative work with partners in local, state, and national organizations, and universities; reducing the number of people who get and die from breast and cervical cancers and cardiovascular disease by providing testing and follow-up services for uninsured and underinsured women in North Carolina; identifying opportunities to promote healthy behaviors related to eating, exercising, not using tobacco products, and safe environments; and recommending health education activities for everyone. The CPCB consists of four programs that work to ensure a comprehensive and collaborative approach to addressing the state's cancer burden.

Among the four programs is the NC Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (NC WISEWOMAN) Program that promotes effective screening and lifestyle intervention strategies for cardiovascular health in order to reduce the incidence of heart disease and stroke and reduce mortality in eligible underserved women of North Carolina. To be eligible for the NC WISEWOMAN Program, participants must be eligible for the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP), but need not be enrolled. Funding is received through a competitive grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to solicit applications to contract with the NC WISEWOMAN Program to provide cardiovascular disease screening services to eligible women ages 35-64.

#### **Program Goals and Objectives:**

#### Goals

1. To provide eligible women who have chronic disease risk factors with screenings, healthy behavior support services, and referral services to address structured barriers to adopting a healthy lifestyle. (Refer to NC WISEWOMAN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY in Section III SCOPE OF SERVICES).

## **Objectives**

- 1. Provide cardiovascular screening and follow-up services through local Grantees.
- 2. Provide women who have abnormal Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) screening results with referrals for medical evaluation, healthy behavior support services (HBSS), team-based care, smoking cessation, community-based resources and clinical linkages, and other healthy lifestyle interventions.
- 3. Evaluate the results of the Program including the effects of specialized counseling and interventions.
- 4. Address structured barriers to the adoption of health lifestyle behaviors.

#### **Outcomes**

- 1. Individual screening goals shall be set with each Grantee based on capacity, prior screening targets, successful outcome results in compliance with CDC performance indicators, and continued NC WISEWOMAN funding. Screening is intended to provide eligible, low income, underinsured or uninsured women with chronic disease risk factor screenings, healthy behavior support options, and referral services to address structured barriers.
- 2. Screening and healthy behavior support options in the WISEWOMAN Program are expected to reduce mortality and morbidity due to cardiovascular risks; increase early detection of cardiovascular disease; decrease risk and disabilities related to stroke; increase healthy lifestyles and improve quality of life.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Public and private non-profit agencies may apply and must be able to provide or subcontract for screenings for blood pressure, blood lipids, and glucose/Hgb A1C, provide in-depth counseling and coaching on CVD risk reduction strategies, and referral for assessed social services needs.

- 1. Applicants must have a referral resource for follow-up of disease-level abnormal clinical findings.
- 2. Applicants must demonstrate ability to reach women ages 35-64 years of age.
- 3. Applicants must provide NC WISEWOMAN Program services to eligible women of 35-64 years of age, if the agency chooses to participate in the NC WISEWOMAN Program.
- 4. Applicants must have the ability to support expanded health promotion and health coaching services to women ages 35-64 that meet the eligibility criteria of the NC WISEWOMAN program.
- 5. Applicants must demonstrate ability to document patient records, enter patient data into the state's centralized database Med-It, and attend trainings as required.
- 6. Applicants must provide, by stated timeline guidance, intense patient tracking, patient navigation and follow-up of abnormal cardiovascular disease screening results.
- 7. Applicants must designate a representative to oversee the program operations and serve as liaison (coordinator) with the NC WISEWOMAN Program staff.
- 8. Applicants must have a referral system with a licensed facility under the most recent Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations for disease-level abnormal clinical findings.
- 9. Applicants must be able to evaluate participants' social service needs and identify structured barriers, making referrals as necessary through NCCARE 360, a statewide coordinated care network that connects individuals to local services and resources, or an established agency mechanism to connect individuals with appropriate services.

This RFA is open to public and private non-profit agencies who shall offer the service to populations with an increased risk for CVD (African Americans, Native Americans, and Latinos) and the general public in accordance with CDC recommendations.

Local Health Departments are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

#### **FUNDING**

The CPCB receives federal funding from the CDC to carry out program activities for the NC WISEWOMAN Program.

The proposed Program period is a twenty-four (24) month period:

October 1, 2025 - September 29, 2027

Year 1: 10/1/25 – 9/30/26 Year 2: 10/1/26 – 9/30/27

The total funding available for each year will be approximately \$48,600, contingent upon federal funding availability. The Cancer Prevention and Control Branch anticipates awarding 2-10 contracts with each averaging \$4,860 - \$24,300 annually.

Funding will be available each year and contracts will be issued for one year, with the option to renew in year two, contingent upon program performance and availability of funds. Also, additional federal funds may be available based on annual funding allocations from the CDC.

If awarded <u>federal</u> pass-through funds, Applicant as well as all SubGrantees of the Applicant <u>must</u> certify the following whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports: "I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812."

#### II. BACKGROUND

CVD, afflicting the heart and blood vessels, is a preventable disease that kills one person every 33 seconds in the United States. In 2022, approximately 702,880 individuals died in the United States from heart disease, which is 1 in every 5 deaths<sup>1</sup>. Currently, CVD and stroke are the first and fifth leading causes of death in North Carolina respectively.<sup>2</sup>

In 2023, heart disease killed 188.4 people per 100,000 North Carolinians while strokes accounted for 55.1 deaths per 100,000 North Carolinians. Heart disease deaths overwhelmingly impact all racial ethnicities, but mortality rates tend to vary depending on race and ethnicity among females. In the United States, heart disease is the leading cause of death among African American and white females. Heart disease is the second leading cause of death among Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska Native, Pacific Island, and Asian American females.<sup>4</sup>

HBSS services are lifestyle interventions aimed at the reduction of CVD risk. NC WISEWOMAN focuses on interventions that reduce hypertension, a leading cause of CVD. The best nonpharmacological interventions to reduce hypertension include weight loss, reduction in sodium intake, healthy diet, physical activity, and moderation in alcohol intake. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fish has been shown to decrease blood pressure by 11 mm Hg.<sup>5</sup>

Food insecurity, housing instability, and unmet transportation needs have an influence on the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Research shows that while 90% of health care spending is attributed to hospital and doctor visits, the majority of an individual's overall health, 70%, is driven by environmental factors and influenced behaviors.<sup>6</sup>

Annually, the NC WISEWOMAN Program provides approximately 2,000 screenings for uninsured women ages 35 to 64 years old with a focus on women who are at an increased risk for the development of CVD. These women also receive referral for healthy behavior support services, which enables them to participate in evidence-based interventions to affect lifestyle change. If these services were not offered through contracts, then these screenings and intervention services would not be available for the low income and minority women who are at the most risk for the development of CVD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2025). Heart disease facts. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/heart-disease/data-research/facts-stats/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/heart-disease/data-research/facts-stats/index.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, North Carolina Leading Causes of Death. 2022 Death Data via CDC  $WONDER.\ \underline{https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/northcarolina/nc.htm}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, State Center for Health Statistics. YTD2023 Quarter 1-4 (Jan-Dec) North Carolina Resident Deaths Occurring in North Carolina, By Underlying Cause of Death Category and Sex of Decedent. (Provisional Data). https://schs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/data/provisional/Death/2023/PD19ResidentDeathsbyCODbyGenderV2.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2025). Heart disease facts. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/heart-disease/data-research/facts-stats/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/heart-disease/data-research/facts-stats/index.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ACC/AHA Guidelines on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular disease: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines (2019)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> American Heart Association. (2017). Cardiovascular disease: A costly burden for America Projections through 2035. American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association. (2017). Guidelines for the prevention, detection, evaluation, and management of high blood pressure in adults.

## III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### A. NC WISEWOMAN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All women served must meet the following eligible population requirements.

## 1. Eligible Population

- a. Enrollment into the NC WISEWOMAN Program is limited to women between the ages of 35 to 64 who are uninsured or underinsured.
- b. All women provided services through this program must have gross incomes that are equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level according to schedules in effect at the beginning of the agreement term.<sup>7</sup>
- c. Women aged 65 and older, previously enrolled in NC WISEWOMAN Program who remain eligible for federally funded NC BCCCP, may return for their one-time rescreening 12-18 months after their initial NC WISEWOMAN Program visit.
- d. Women enrolled in Medicare (Part B) and/or Medicaid are not eligible for NC WISEWOMAN Program clinical services but may be eligible for HBSS only.
- 2. **Priority Population:** The priority population is defined as ethnic and racial minorities, without a usual source of health care, and who meet the eligible population criteria listed in Section A.1.

#### **B. FUNDING GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS**

- 1. The Grantee will be reimbursed at a capitated rate of \$250 per woman (including the first health coaching) for providing CVD screening services through the NC WISEWOMAN Program for up to the number of women the Grantee specifies in their proposed budget. The Grantee will be reimbursed at a rate of \$15 per session for second and third HBSS sessions for up to the number of women specified. Additional sessions beyond session three will not be reimbursed.
- 2. The total funds awarded from the NC WISEWOMAN Program shall be maintained by the Grantee in a separate budget cost center to assure proper auditing of expenditures. Funding allocations are based on performance measures as stated in Section III. F., Performance Standards.
- 3. Monies shall be allocated to ensure achievement of the number of health screenings and Health Coaching sessions awarded and payment for NC WISEWOMAN Programapproved services rendered by outside medical providers through subcontracts. These may include medical evaluation for abnormal results. (Refer to the most recent Fee Schedule for NC WISEWOMAN, available at https://bcccp.ncdhhs.gov/providers.htm/)
- 4. The Grantee may submit in writing via email to program staff a request to use awarded HBSS funds to meet additional screening or HBSS service navigation needs;
- 5. NC WISEWOMAN Program funds shall not be used to reimburse for treatment services. Payment to a subGrantee using NC WISEWOMAN funds is limited to those screening and diagnostic follow-up services listed in the current NC WISEWOMAN Program Services

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- Fee Schedule. Only services listed on the NC WISEWOMAN Program Fee Schedule are reimbursable with program funds unless prior authorization is obtained from NC WISEWOMAN Program staff.
- 6. The Grantee must submit Contract Expenditure Reports (CER) by the 10th of each month to request reimbursement for services rendered in the preceding month. CERs must be submitted even when no expenses are incurred in a given month. Failure to submit monthly sequential reports may delay receipt of reimbursement.
- 7. Per 2 CFR § 200.68 Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) excludes charges for patient care; therefore, indirect cost is not allowed on services sought through this RFA.

#### C. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

- 1. The payment to subgrantees by the Grantee for any service described in Section III.F., Performance Standards, shall not exceed the prevailing Medicare-allowable fee for the service. Fee schedules will be provided to the participating subgrantee by the Grantee.
- 2. NC WISEWOMAN Program funds shall only be used for payment after all other third-party payment sources (including private insurance) provide evidence of partial or non-payment of program eligible services. NC WISEWOMAN Program is the payer of last resort.
- 3. Women whose gross incomes are less than or equal to 100% of the federal poverty level (1-100% FPL) cannot be charged for any services covered through NC WISEWOMAN Program. Participants should be notified of any possible charges prior to committing to the procedure.
- 4. Sliding fee scales may be used for women whose gross incomes are between 101% and 250% of the federal poverty level. A flat fee cannot be charged for NC WISEWOMAN Program services to any woman enrolled in NC WISEWOMAN Program.

#### D. CONTRACT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. The number of women screened in compliance with performance indicators shall be determined by the number of women that have a NC WISEWOMAN screening paid partially or in full with NC WISEWOMAN Program funds.
- 2. To retain the baseline budget for the following fiscal year, a NC WISEWOMAN Grantee must screen 100% of their allocated number of women and expend a 100% of the funds awarded each year.
- 3. NC WISEWOMAN Program staff will evaluate Grantee performance at the mid-point of each federal program year. Those Grantees who are not meeting performance indicators will be notified and evaluated for placement on "high risk status". If a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is recommended, the Grantee shall have 60 days to submit and implement the plan. A program staff performance review will determine if budget adjustments are necessary:
  - a. A pattern of expenditures that may lead to a surplus of funds in the contract year may result in a one-time budget decrease.
  - b. Grantees exceeding their targeted numbers and complying with performance indicators may receive additional funds (if available).
  - c. Grantees who do not meet their screening targets will be assessed for budget and patient target realignments.

- 4. The NC WISEWOMAN Program staff will reassess the Grantee's risk category at least annually, and more often if irregularities are noted. The frequency and intensity of monitoring techniques applied are directly proportional to the level of risk assigned.
  - a. A Grantee categorized as low risk will receive a detailed monitoring visit at least once every three years.
  - b. A Grantee categorized as high risk will receive a detailed monitoring visit at least annually.
- 5. The NC WISEWOMAN staff will conduct a mid-year review of the Grantee's performance to assess progress in screening and HBSS delivery. If the Grantee is found to be below expectations or needs improvement, the Grantee will be required to have a technical assistance visit by NC WISEWOMAN staff.
  - a. Meets Expectations: Screening pace is on track and participants have at least two documented sessions of HBSS.
  - b. Below Expectations: Screening pace is on track and participants have at least one documented session of HBSS.
  - c. Needs Improvement: Screening pace is not on track and participants do not have any documented sessions of HBSS.
- 6. Funding adjustments may be made in the baseline budget of Grantees. State accessible data will be reviewed in March of each year to determine if budget adjustments are indicated based on compliance with performance indicators and patient targets.
- 7. Consequences of Inadequate Performance:
  - a. Failure to meet allocations or expend funds as expected may result in reduced allocations and funding.
  - b. Failure to submit data in a timely manner could result in the Grantee being deemed out of compliance. If the Grantee is deemed out of compliance, NC WISEWOMAN will provide technical assistance, and the Grantee shall be requested to cease drawing down funds until the Grantee is back in compliance with deliverables. If technical assistance does not prove beneficial, the agreement may be terminated.
  - c. If monthly, annual, or triennial monitoring uncovers deficits, NC WISEWOMAN Program staff will work with the Grantee to correct these deficits.
    - i. Serious ongoing deficits will require development and implementation of a CAP.
    - ii. Persistent failure to meet program requirements will result in termination of the contract
  - d. If the Grantee terminates or is terminated from the NC WISEWOMAN Program, the Grantee is required to:
    - i. Notify the NC WISEWOMAN Program Director of the intent to terminate in a letter written on the Grantee's letterhead and signed by the authorized signatory, which includes the effective date of the termination.
    - ii. Identify resources in the community and refer women who have abnormal findings found prior to termination of the NC WISEWOMAN Program.
    - iii. Notify all current NC WISEWOMAN participants of the program closure and offer them assistance to find alternative providers of screening services.
    - iv. Identify alternative resources in the community for patients wishing to continue cardiovascular screening.

- v. Continue to monitor monthly data reports and provide follow up or corrected information until all cases are closed out.
- vi. Maintain all NC WISEWOMAN records and program manuals according to the record retention terms and conditions of the contract.
- vii. Return any unused or unearned NC WISEWOMAN funds.

#### E. PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Grantees shall be awarded an annual contract to provide cardiovascular screening services to eligible women for up to 12 months, from October 1, 2025, through September 29, 2026. CPCB will renew contracts for a second 12-month period, contingent upon successful completion of performance indicators and based on funding availability, from October 1, 2026, through September 29, 2027.

Individual screening goals are set with each Grantee based on capacity, prior screening targets, successful outcome results in compliance with CDC performance indicators, and continued NC WISEWOMAN Program funding.

## The following are the program components expected of each Grantee:

- 1. Screening and Follow-up Services: Screening tests must include blood pressure, serum cholesterol/ HDL, and fasting blood glucose or hemoglobin A1C. Patient information is collected on height, weight, health behaviors, dietary habits, and physical activity. Patient education, counseling, and support to facilitate lifestyle behavior changes and reduce risk to cardiovascular disease is provided to all patients. Additional details are listed below in Section III.F., Performance Standards.
- 2. Professional Development: Support ongoing health promotion and prevention education by obtaining information about CVD for community health care providers via training and orientation, Blood Pressure (BP) measurement training, motivational interviewing, health coaching using evidence-based curriculum, conference calls, and webinars. Additional details are listed below in Section III.G., Professional Development.
- 3. Community Based Interventions and Public Education: Promote activities to raise awareness among the public about CVD and support for women enrolled in the Program. Intervention resources vary and may include but are not limited to Diabetes Prevention Program; NC HeartWise; Faithful Families; and QuitlineNC. All interventions must be approved by NC WISEWOMAN Program staff before implementation.
- 4. Quality Assurance: Provide quality assurance, review and update programmatic and clinical protocols pertaining to the program and monitor adherence of health care.
- 5. Data Reporting and Surveillance: Grantees are required to collect data on the Project for federal reporting utilizing the NC WISEWOMAN Program's mandated database.
- 6. Program Monitoring and Evaluation: Evaluation, or the systematic collection of information about how a program operates and its impact, is an important part of program management. An effective evaluation enables the Grantee to monitor program implementation, demonstrate the success of programmatic activity in achieving outcomes, and identify areas for improvement.
- 7. Provide a social services / social determinants of health needs assessment to all NC

WISEWOMAN participants for the identification of structural during their enrollment, follow-up, and annual rescreening visits. Participants with an identified need are required to have a documented social services referral. Tracking and monitoring social services referrals are required and should include:

- a. The type of referral (e.g., transportation, housing).
- b. Resource or organization referred to.
- c. Date the referral was utilized by the participant.
- d. Referral status (e.g., in-progress, refused, or complete).

#### F. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Grantee shall adhere to the following:

- 1. Provide services either at its own site, at satellite sites, or through subcontract agreements with other providers. All subcontracts must follow the same contract requirements (including terms and conditions), guidance for deliverables, quality of service, and follow-up as the Grantee follows.
- 2. Use evidence-based resources and program guidance to meet contract requirements. The Grantee shall be held to a standard percentage of performance indicators met and number contracted to serve or be subject to loss of NC WISEWOMAN Program funds. The performance indicators to be met are included in this contract to ensure that the minimum goals to be attained for the year are clearly understood.
- 3. NC WISEWOMAN Program participants shall sign a consent form to be maintained within the patient medical record.
- 4. Include the following data gathering requirements when providing CVD screening services at baseline, rescreening, and follow up:

Service	Enrollment (baseline)	Annual (rescreening)	Follow up
Demographic profile	✓	✓	✓
Personal medical history	✓	✓	✓
Needs assessment	✓	✓	✓
Social services needs referral, if applicable	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Behavior risk factor profile	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
Two blood pressure measurements at least two minutes apart	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>

Fasting or non-fasting serum cholesterol/HDL	✓	✓	
Fasting glucose and/or hemoglobin A1c	✓	✓	
Height and weight	✓	✓	✓
Diagnostic medical follow-up, if needed	✓	✓	<b>√</b> *
Patient-centered risk reduction counseling	✓	✓	✓
Initiation of one mandatory HBSS session	✓	✓	
Scheduling of or referral to at least two additional HBSS sessions	✓	✓	

<sup>\*</sup>Diagnostic medical follow up required any time an alert blood pressure reading is documented but is only reimbursable once per screening cycle.

- 5. All NC WISEWOMAN participants shall receive additional Patient Centered Risk Reduction Counseling and appropriate HBSS according to their behavioral risk factors and readiness to change.
  - a. A limited amount of educational materials will be provided by the NC WISEWOMAN Program. A system for tracking education and follow-up will be the responsibility of the Grantee. All participants must receive Patient-Centered Risk Reduction Counseling and Health Coaching during the clinical screening visit.
  - b. NC HeartWise Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure Program (SMBP) will be available to participants who are pre-hypertensive and/or hypertensive. SMBP includes the provision of an at-home blood pressure monitoring device. The Grantee shall utilize the NC WISEWOMAN Program-provided tracking log/system and provide follow-up to participants.
  - c. Participants who have agreed to participate in the Program in its entirety through a signed consent form shall receive referrals for additional healthy behavior support programs which can include continued Health Coaching/Goal Setting, NC HeartWise, or Community-Based Referrals such as the Diabetes Prevention Program or Walk with Ease. Referred participants are motivated to adopt at least one of three HBSS Options.
  - d. Scheduled rescreening visits should occur 11-18 months after the baseline screening.
  - e. NC WISEWOMAN funds can be used to pay for approved Lifestyle Programs.

Grantees shall refer NC WISEWOMAN Program enrolled women for participation in HBSS through approved Lifestyle Programs including but not limited to:

- i. Diabetes Prevention Program.
- ii. NC HeartWise.
- iii. Walk with Ease.
- f. Participants enrolled in Health Coaching and/or Lifestyle Programs shall receive a follow-up assessment within four to six weeks after completion to assess progress and reinforce goals. The follow-up assessment must be conducted via an inperson visit.
- g. All participants who self-report as a smoker shall be provided information about smoking cessation services and a referral to a smoking cessation service must be attempted. All participants who smoke and desire to quit within the next 30 days should be referred to QuitlineNC.
- 6. Grantees can provide participants with an identified, structured barrier to attending HBSS or continued participation in the program with a patient navigation aid gift card or voucher. Only one type of aid per participant per screening cycle should be provided.
- 7. Referral, tracking, and follow-up services shall be provided for all participants with abnormal and alert screening results. The current recommendations by the following national programs will be followed as guidelines for screening, referral, and follow-up:
  - a. 2018 AHA/ACC/AACVPR/AAPA/ABC/ACPM/ADA/AGS/APhA/ASPC/ NLA/PCNA Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol: A report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines.
  - b. American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association Cholesterol Clinical Guidelines 2018.
  - c. American Heart Association Clinical Guidelines for Glucose.
  - d. 2024 American Diabetes Association: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes
- 8. All medical referrals, recalls for rechecks, and annual re-screenings shall be initiated and tracked by the Grantee.
- 9. NC WISEWOMAN Program participants should be rescreened 11-18 months following the initial or a previous NC WISEWOMAN Program screening.
- 10. All participants with abnormal screening results shall receive appropriate medical followup in accordance with national and program guidelines.
  - a. Participants with abnormal screening results requiring medical evaluation will be allowed one reimbursable diagnostic visit to a healthcare provider per screening cycle for follow-up.
  - b. All participants with alert values shall receive Patient Navigation to assist with accessing indicated medical care and a referral for medical evaluation and treatment immediately or within seven days of the alert measurement.
    - i. Systolic blood pressure ≥ 180 mm/hg.
    - ii. Diastolic blood pressure  $\geq 120$  mm/hg.
  - c. For all participants requiring a medical referral, the following information must be documented in the patient chart and the NC WISEWOMAN Program mandated data system within one week of the date of screening:

- i. Date and source of medical referral.
- ii. Follow-up documentation (date the patient was seen by a physician and the results of the visit, e.g., status of medications or changes in medications).
- iii. Sufficient documentation must be provided for all participants who did not receive a follow-up within seven days, including dates and number of attempts made to contact the participant, and placed in the patient chart and the NCWISEWOMAN Program mandated data system.
- d. Grantees shall ensure access linking available resources to all participants requiring follow-up of alert values and medication therapy.
- 11. Insurance Status: The Grantee shall assess all women seeking to be enrolled in NC WISEWOMAN for insurance status at each visit. Uninsured women must be referred to available insurance options.

#### G. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Public and Professional Education
  - a. The Grantee shall provide education on the NC WISEWOMAN Program to the target population as appropriate. The NC WISEWOMAN Program will provide educational materials to each Grantee.
  - b. Mandatory attendance, at least annually, at one of the NC WISEWOMAN Program Orientation trainings offered twice per funding year by NC WISEWOMAN Program staff.
  - c. New Coordinators are required to attend the first NC WISEWOMAN Program Orientation session following their date of hire. This session will incorporate: Program Orientation, Data Entry, and HBSS.
  - d. The Grantee must complete Blood Pressure Measurement education.

#### H. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Frequency and Due Dates
  - All data including initial screening, referrals, follow-up results, and intervention data will be recorded in the NC WISEWOMAN Program mandated data system as follows:
    - a. The Grantee must submit data to the NC WISEWOMAN Program mandated data system from the NC WISEWOMAN Program Enrollment Forms 4049 A-E, Follow-up Forms DHHS 4051 A-E, and HBSS form 4050 A-B, no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for the previous month.
    - b. No Grantee shall withhold data input on any patient pending the completion of follow-up or HBSS. Even if there are abnormal findings requiring follow-up, the screening data should be entered by the 10th of the month as noted above.
    - c. NC WISEWOMAN Program patient data are to be reported for NC WISEWOMAN Program use to assure quality services and continued Program funding.

#### 2. Format

a. NC WISEWOMAN data screens should be completed and submitted for every woman who receives screening and follow-up services, using the NC WISEWOMAN Program mandated data system.

b. Data received by the NC Division of Public Health/NC WISEWOMAN Program shall determine whether the Grantee is meeting contract targets and performance measures.

## 3. Data Source

- a. Minimum Data Elements (MDEs) are inclusive in the data entered into NC WISEWOMAN Mandated data system.
- b. NC WISEWOMAN Audit reports, Follow-Up reports, and NC WISEWOMAN Performance Measures and other Counts reports can be pulled from the NC WISEWOMAN mandated data system or provided to each Grantee if needed to report performance and identify individual cases requiring follow-up or correction by the Grantee. All patients with data errors remaining will maintain a data error alert in the NC WISEWOMAN mandated data system until the errors are fixed.

## I. SERVICE QUALITY

All Grantees of the NC WISEWOMAN Program shall use evidence-based program guidance to meet contract requirements and be held to standards for accomplishment of performance indicators and number of women contracted to be served. Inability to meet program performance targets or adherence to procedures/protocols could result in loss of NC WISEWOMAN Program funds. The performance indicators to be met for the NC WISEWOMAN Program are outlined in PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND BENCHMARKS section. The target number is the minimum number of screenings required. Exceeding this number is encouraged based on funding resources.

#### J. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND BENCHMARKS

Funding for NC WISEWOMAN Program is based on the Grantee's performance in all areas listed in the table below. Individual program performance indicators are assigned a weighted value.

Minimum Standard	Program Performance Indicator
100%	Percentage of screening target number met or exceeded.
100%	Percentage of allocated NC WISEWOMAN Program funds expended for each woman screened.
100%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants who receive risk reduction counseling.
100%	Percentage of women with abnormal blood pressure values who receive follow- up as defined by NC WISEWOMAN Program policy.
100%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants attend at least one session of health coaching or another lifestyle program as part of their enrollment visit.
≥80%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants who are actively enrolled in health coaching or another lifestyle program receive a second session.

≥60%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants enrolled in a lifestyle program or health coaching complete the lifestyle program or health coaching as defined by NC WISEWOMAN Program policy.
≥30%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants actively enrolled in the program complete a screening cycle.
100%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants with an alert screening value who are seen by a healthcare provider within one week of screening or documentation reflects why this did not occur.
100%	Percentage of NC WISEWOMAN Program participants assessed for social support and structured barrier needs.

## IV. GENERAL INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

## 1. Award or Rejection

All qualified applications will be evaluated, and award made to that agency or organization whose combination of budget and service capabilities are deemed to be in the best interest of the funding agency. The funding agency reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all offers if determined to be in its best interest. Successful applicants will be notified by 08/06/2025.

## 2. Cost of Application Preparation

Any cost incurred by an agency or organization in preparing or submitting an application is the agency's or organization's sole responsibility; the funding agency will not reimburse any agency or organization for any pre-award costs incurred.

## 3. Elaborate Applications

Elaborate applications in the form of brochures or other presentations beyond that necessary to present a complete and effective application are not desired.

## 4. Oral Explanations

The funding agency will not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during the competitive process or after awarding the grant.

## 5. Reference to Other Data

Only information that is received in response to this RFA will be evaluated; reference to information previously submitted will not suffice.

#### 6. Titles

Titles and headings in this RFA and any subsequent RFA are for convenience only and shall have no binding force or effect.

## 7. Form of Application

Each application must be submitted on the form provided by the funding agency and will be incorporated into the funding agency's Performance Agreement (contract).

## 8. Exceptions

All applications are subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein. All responses will be controlled by such terms and conditions. The attachment of other terms and conditions by any agency or organization may be grounds for rejection of that agency or organization's application. Funded agencies and organizations specifically agree to the conditions set forth in the Performance Agreement (contract).

## 9. Advertising

In submitting its application, agencies and organizations agree not to use the results therefrom or as part of any news release or commercial advertising without prior written approval of the funding agency.

#### 10. Right to Submitted Material

All responses, inquiries, or correspondence relating to or in reference to the RFA, and all other reports, charts, displays, schedules, exhibits, and other documentation submitted by the agency or organization will become the property of the funding agency when received.

## 11. Competitive Offer

Pursuant to the provision of G.S. 143-54, and under penalty of perjury, the signer of any application submitted in response to this RFA thereby certifies that this application has not been arrived at collusively or otherwise in violation of either Federal or North Carolina antitrust laws.

## 12. Agency and Organization's Representative

Each agency or organization shall submit with its application the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) with authority to bind the agency or organization and answer questions or provide clarification concerning the application.

## 13. Subcontracting

Agencies and organizations may propose to subcontract portions of work provided that their applications clearly indicate the scope of the work to be subcontracted, and to whom. All requirements, terms, and conditions of a contract shall be passed through to all organizations performing programmatic work on behalf of the agency as the agency's subgrantee. Documentation of each proposed subgrantee or subgrantee shall be submitted as part of the application.

Agencies and organizations shall also ensure that subgrantees are not on the state's Suspension of Funding List available at: <a href="https://www.osbm.nc.gov/stewardship-services/grants/suspension-funding-memos">https://www.osbm.nc.gov/stewardship-services/grants/suspension-funding-memos</a>.

## 14. Proprietary Information

Trade secrets or similar proprietary data which the agency or organization does not wish disclosed to other than personnel involved in the evaluation will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by NCAC TO1: 05B.1501 and G.S. 132-1.3 if identified as follows: Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as "CONFIDENTIAL." Any section of the application that is to remain confidential shall also be so marked in boldface on the title page of that section.

#### 15. Participation Encouraged

Pursuant to Article 3 and 3C, Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Executive Order No. 77, the funding agency invites and encourages participation in this RFA by businesses owned by minorities, women and the disabled, including utilization as subgrantee(s) to perform functions under this Request for Applications.

#### 16. Contract

The Division will issue a contract to the recipient of the RFA funding ("Grantee"). Expenditures can begin immediately upon receipt of a completely signed contract.

## V. APPLICATION PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND APPLICATION REVIEW

The following is a general description of the process by which applicants will be selected for funding for this Program.

## 1. Announcement of the Request for Applications (RFA)

The announcement of the RFA and instructions for receiving the RFA will be posted at the following DHHS website on 06/23/2025:

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/public-health-grant-opportunities and may be sent to prospective agencies and organizations via direct mail, email, and/or the Program's website.

#### 2. Distribution of the RFA

RFAs will be posted on the Program's website <a href="https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm">https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm</a> and may be sent via email to interested agencies and organizations beginning 06/23/2025.

## 3. Bidder's Conference / Teleconference / Question & Answer Period

All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a Bidder's Conference on Friday, 06/27/2025 at 10:00am by calling +1 984-204-1487, access code: 859934393#. As an addendum to this RFA, a summary of all questions and answers will be mailed, by 07/14/2025, to agencies and organizations sent a copy of this Request for Applications or will be placed on <a href="https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm">https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm</a> website.

#### **AND**

Written questions concerning the specifications in this Request for Applications will be received until 07/09/2025. As an addendum to this RFA, a summary of all questions and answers will be mailed, by 07/14/2025 to all agencies and organizations sent a copy of this Request for Applications or will be placed on <a href="https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm">https://bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov/wisewoman.htm</a> website.

#### 4. Notice of Intent

Any agency that plans to submit an application is encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent no later than 5pm on 07/02/2025 to <a href="mailto:erin.brown@dhhs.nc.gov">erin.brown@dhhs.nc.gov</a>. Please include the following information in the Notice of Intent:

- The legal name of the agency.
- The name, title, phone number, mailing address, and email address of the person who will coordinate the application submission.

## 5. Applications

Applicants shall email a PDF version of the full application to the email address listed on the cover sheet of this RFA.

#### 6. Format

The application must be typed, single-side on 8.5" x 11" paper with margins of 1". Line spacing should be single-spaced. The font should be easy to read and no smaller than an 11-point font.

#### 7. Space Allowance

Page limits are clearly marked in each section of the application. Refer to VIII.3 Applicant's Response for specifics.

#### 8. Application Deadline

All applications must be received by the date and time on the cover sheet of this RFA. Faxed applications *will not* be accepted in lieu of the emailed PDF version.

## 9. Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee of public and private health and human services providers who are familiar with the subject matter. Staff from applicant agencies may not participate as reviewers. to the committee will review each application for completeness, content, experience with similar projects, ability of the agency's or organization's staff, benefit to the State, etc. The State reserves the right to conduct site visits as part of the application review and award process. The award of a grant to one agency and organization does not mean that the other applications lacked merit, but that, all facts considered, the selected application was deemed to provide the best service to the State. Agencies and organizations are cautioned that this is a request for applications, and the funding agency reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all applications when such rejections are deemed to be in the best interest of the funding agency.

## 10. Request for Additional Information

At their option, the application reviewers may request additional information from any or all applicants for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the application. However, agencies and organizations are cautioned that the reviewers are not required to request clarification. Therefore, all applications should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the agency or organization.

#### 11. Audit

Please be advised that successful applicants may be required to have an audit in accordance with <u>09 NCAC 03M .0205</u>. Per 09 NCAC 03M .0205 (amended effective retroactive to July 1, 2024), there are two reporting levels established for recipients and subrecipients receiving grants. Reporting levels are based on the allocated funds from all grants disbursed through the State of North Carolina during the entity's fiscal year. The reporting levels are:

- 1) Level I A recipient or subrecipient that receives, holds, uses, or expends grants in an amount less than the dollar amount requiring audit as listed in the Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR 200.501(a) within its fiscal year.
- 2) Level II A recipient or subrecipient that receives, holds, uses, or expends grants in an amount of equal to or greater than the dollar amount requiring audit as listed in 2 CFR 200.501(a) within its fiscal year.

The dollar amount requiring audit listed in 2 CFR 200.501(a) is herein incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, and can be accessed free of charge at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a>.

Level II grantees shall have a single or program-specific audit prepared and completed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, also known as the Yellow Book G.S. 143C-6-22 and G.S. 143C-6-23 as applicable to the agency's status.

#### 12. Assurances

The contract may include assurances that the successful applicant would be required to execute prior to receiving a contract as well as when signing the contract.

## 13. Additional Documentation to Include with Application

All applicants are required to include documentation of their tax identification number.

Those applicants which are private non-profit agencies are to include a copy of an IRS determination letter regarding the agency's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. (This letter normally includes the agency's tax identification number, so it would also satisfy that documentation requirement.)

In addition, those private non-profit agencies are to provide a completed and signed page verifying continued existence of the agency's 501(c)(3) status. (An example of this page is provided in section *VIII.8 Verification of* 501(c)(3) *Status*.)

## 14. Federal Certifications

Agencies or organizations receiving Federal funds shall be required to execute Federal Certifications regarding Non-discrimination, Drug-Free Workplace, Environmental Tobacco Smoke, Debarment, Lobbying, and Lobbying Activities. A copy of the Federal Certifications is included in this RFA for your reference (see Appendix A). Federal Certifications should NOT be signed or returned with application.

## 15. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

All grantees receiving federal funds must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which is issued by the federal government in <a href="www.SAM.gov">www.SAM.gov</a>. If your agency does not have a UEI, please use the online registration at <a href="www.SAM.gov">www.SAM.gov</a> to receive one free of charge.

#### 16. Additional Documentation Prior to Contract Execution

Contracts require more documentation <u>prior to</u> contract execution. After the award announcement, <u>agencies will be contacted</u> about providing the following documentation:

a. Documentation of the agency's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

If your agency does not have a UEI, please use the online registration at <a href="www.SAM.gov">www.SAM.gov</a> to receive one free of charge.

Contracts with private non-profit agencies require additional documentation <u>prior to</u> contract execution. After the award announcement, private non-profit <u>agencies will be contacted</u> about providing the following documentation:

- b. A completed and signed statement which includes the agency's Conflict of Interest Policy. (A reference version appears in Appendix A.)
- c. A completed, signed, and notarized page certifying that the agency has no overdue tax debts. (A reference version appears in Appendix A)

All grantees receiving funds through the State of North Carolina are required to execute Grantee Certifications Required by North Carolina Law. A copy of the certifications is included in this RFA for your reference (see Appendix A). Grantee Certifications should NOT be signed or returned with application.

Note: At the start of each calendar year, all agencies with current DPH contracts are required to update their contract documentation. These agencies will be contacted a few weeks prior to the due date and will be provided the necessary forms and instructions.

## 17. Registration with NC Secretary of State

Private non-profit applicants must also be registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State to do business in North Carolina or be willing to complete the registration process in conjunction with the execution of the contract documents. (Refer to: https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/business\_registration)

#### 18. Registration in NC e-Procurement via NC Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP)

Successful applicants (excepting Local Health Departments, which are exempt from this requirement) must be registered in NC eProcurement via the Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) in order to receive reimbursement payments. This registration does not change your organization's grantee status or how the organization will be treated by DPH. If this is the agency's first award as an NCDHHS grantee, email <a href="mailto:dph.contractdocs@dhhs.nc.gov">dph.contractdocs@dhhs.nc.gov</a> for instructions on how to register.

# 19. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Data Reporting Requirement

The Grantee shall complete and submit to the Division, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Data Reporting Requirement form within 10 State Business Days upon request by the Division when awarded \$25,000 or more in federal funds. A reference version appears in Appendix A.

#### 20. Sudan Divestment Act

The Sudan (Darfur) Divestment Act of 2007, as amended, requires State agencies to divest from investments in companies that are engaged in certain activities in Sudan. Any organization identified engaging in investment activities in Sudan (Darfur), as determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the NC Department of the State Treasurer, is ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. Refer to NC General Statutes Chapter 147 Article 6D.

#### 21. Iran Divestment Act

The Iran Divestment Act of 2015, as amended, prohibits State agencies from investing in or contracting with individuals and companies engaged in certain investment activities in Iran. Any organization identified engaging in investment activities in Iran, as determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the NC Department of the State Treasurer, is ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. Refer to NC General Statutes Chapter 147 Article 6E.

#### 22. Boycott Israel Divestment Policy

The Divestments from Companies Boycotting Israel Act of 2017, as amended, prohibits State agencies from making investments in, and contracts with, companies that are engaged in a boycott of Israel, as defined by this Act. Any organization that boycotts Israel, as determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the NC Department of the State Treasurer, is ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. Refer to NC General Statutes Chapter 147 Article 6G.

### 23. Application Process Summary Dates

06/23/2025: Request for Applications released to eligible applicants.

06/27/2025: Optional Bidder's Conference / Teleconference.

07/02/2025: Optional Notice of Intent due.

07/09/2025: End of Q&A period. All questions due in writing by 5pm.

07/14/2025: Answers to Questions released to all applicants, as an addendum to the RFA.

07/25/2025: Applications due by 5pm.

08/06/2025: Successful applicants will be notified.

10/01/2025: Tentative contract start date (pending receipt of federal funding).

## VI. PROJECT BUDGET

## **Budget and Justification**

Applicants must submit an itemized budget using the format included in Section VIII.4., Application Project Budget.

#### **Audits**

Per 09 NCAC 03M .0205 (amended effective retroactive to July 1, 2024), there are two reporting levels established for recipients and subrecipients receiving grants. Reporting levels are based on the allocated funds from all grants disbursed through the State of North Carolina during the entity's fiscal year. The reporting levels are:

- 1) Level I A recipient or subrecipient that receives, holds, uses, or expends grants in an amount less than the dollar amount requiring audit as listed in the Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR 200.501(a) within its fiscal year.
- 2) Level II A recipient or subrecipient that receives, holds, uses, or expends grants in an amount of equal to or greater than the dollar amount requiring audit as listed in 2 CFR 200.501(a) within its fiscal year.

The dollar amount requiring audit listed in 2 CFR 200.501(a) is herein incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, and can be accessed free of charge at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a>.

Level II Grantees are required to submit a "Yellow Book" audit. Only Level II Grantees may include audit expenses in the budget. Audit expenses shall be prorated based on the ratio of the grant to the total grant funds received by the entity. The chart below details the Level II audit threshold amounts from all grants disbursed through the State of North Carolina during the entity's fiscal year:

If the Grantee's Fiscal Year End (FYE)	The following audit thresholds apply for that fiscal year end:			
Date is:	Federal	State Local Government	State Non-Government (nonprofits)	
Any 2024 FYEs through May 31, 2025	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	
June 30, 2025 through August 31, 2025	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	
September 30, 2025 and after	\$1,000,000	\$750,000 or \$1,000,000*	\$1,000,000	

<sup>\*</sup>Local government remains \$500,000 but is expected to change for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1.

Amount to be determined.

### **Indirect Cost**

Indirect cost is the cost incurred for common or joint objectives which cannot be readily identified but are necessary to the operations of the organization, e.g., the cost of operating and maintaining facilities, depreciation, and administrative salaries. Regulations restricting the allocation of indirect cost vary based on the funding source.

This RFA is funded by the CDC's Well Integrated and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) Program. Per <u>2 CFR 200.1 "Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)</u>", MTCD excludes charges for patient care; therefore, indirect cost is not allowed on services sought through this RFA.

## VII. EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### SCORING OF APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be scored based on the responses to the four application content areas. Each content area shall be scored on a scale of 1 to 4 based on the scale below:

- 1 **POOR** Applicant only marginally addressed the application area.
- 2 AVERAGE Applicant adequately addressed the application area.
- 3 GOOD Applicant did a thorough job of addressing the application area.
- 4 EXCELLENT Applicant provided a superior response to the application area.

Each content area will be weighted and the score of 1 to 4 will be multiplied by the assigned weight of the content area. (If the content area has a weight = 10 and it is rated 4 (excellent) the total will be 40 points.) The highest total score is 100 points. The scoring procedure is described below:

## 1. Determination of Need and Local/County/Regional Services:

Weight = 5, Total maximum points = 20Score distribution: 1 = poor; 2 = average; 3 = good; 4 = excellent.

## 2. Capacity Statement/Sustainability:

Weight = 10, Total maximum points = 40 Score distribution is: 1 = poor; 2 = average; 3 = good; 4 = excellent.

## 3. Strategic Plan/Budgetary Efficiency:

Weight = 5, Total maximum points = 20 Score distribution is: 1 = poor; 2 = average; 3 = good; 4 = excellent.

## 4. Program Management

Weight = 5, Total maximum points = 20Score distribution: 1 = poor; 2 = average; 3 = good; 4 = excellent.

Each of the content areas will be scored according to the numerical values stated above.

# VIII. APPLICATION

# **Application Checklist**

The following items must be included in the application. Please use a binder clip at the top left corner on each copy of the application and assemble the application in the following order:

l.	Cover Letter
2.	Application Face Sheet
3.	Applicant's Response/Form
4.	Project Budget Include a budget in the format provided. Indirect cost is not allowed.
5.	SubGrantee/SubGrantee Information (if applicable)
6.	Letters of Commitment or Statements of Support (optional)
7.	<ul> <li>IRS Documentation:</li> <li>IRS Letter Documenting Your Organization's Tax Identification</li> <li>Number (public agencies)</li> </ul>
	or
	IRS Determination Letter Regarding Your Organization's 501(c)(3) Tax-exempt Status (private non-profits)
	and
8.	Verification of 501(c)(3) Status Form (private non-profits)

## 1. Cover Letter

The application must include a cover letter, on agency letterhead, signed and dated by an individual authorized to legally bind the Applicant.

Include in the cover letter:

- the legal name of the Applicant agency
- the RFA number
- the Applicant agency's federal tax identification number
- the Applicant agency's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- the closing date for applications.

## 2. Application Face Sheet

This form provides basic information about the applicant and the proposed project with *The North Carolina WISEWOMAN Program*, including the signature of the individual authorized to sign "official documents" for the agency. This form is the application's cover page. Signature affirms that the facts contained in the applicant's response to RFA # A422 are truthful, and that the applicant is in compliance with the assurances and certifications that follow this form and acknowledges that continued compliance is a condition for the award of a contract. Please follow the instructions below.

1.	Legal Name of Agency:				
2.	Name of individual with Signature Authority:				
3.	Mailing Address (include zip code+4):				
4.	Address to which checks will be mailed:				
5.	Street Address:				
6.	Contract Administrator:	Teleph	hone Number:		
Na		Fax Nu	mber:		
Titl	de:	Email 1	Address		
7.	Agency Status (check all that apply):				
	Public Non-Profit ☐ Private Non-Profit				
8.	Agency Federal Tax ID Number:		9. Agency UEI:		
10.	Agency's URL (website):				
11.	Agency's Financial Reporting Year:				
12.	Current Service Delivery Areas (county(ies) and	commun	ities):		
13.	Proposed Area(s) To Be Served with Funding (c	ounty(ies	) and communities):		
14.	14. Amount of Funding Requested:				
15.	Projected Expenditures: Does applicant's state a	nd/or fee	deral expenditures exceed \$500,000 for applicant's current		
	fiscal year (excluding amount requested in #14) Yes □ No □				
The facts affirmed by me in this application are truthful and I warrant that the applicant is in compliance with the assurances and certifications contained in NC DHHS/DPH Assurances Certifications. I understand that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed herein and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award of a contract. The governing body of the applicant has duly authorized this document, and I am authorized to represent the applicant. "I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812."					
16.	16. Signature of Authorized Representative: 17. Date				

## 3. Applicant's Response

## **Determination of Need and Local/County Services (20% of Score)**

You may use up to four (4) pages for this section (not including attachments). Applicants should completely address the items in each subsection below; subsections that are not addressed or are only partially addressed will receive fewer or no points. These instructions and subsections may be deleted to maximize space.

- 1. Provide a description of why your agency/organization is a good candidate for funding to implement the NC WISEWOMAN Program. Include the following required items: description of the agency and its purpose, brief history (how, when, and why the agency was established), mission statement, and an organizational chart.
- 2. Describe the county or area you will be serving. Include information about the populations who live there, the size and geographic diversity of the area, poverty level in the county, and any other factors that may impact your activities (e.g., urban/rural, transportation, industry and economic conditions, recent events, etc.).
- 3. Describe the need for cardiovascular services in your community. Include data on cardiovascular issues for women ages 35-64 (if applicable). Include limitations on access to resources and lack of physical activity. Indicate a need for creating cardiovascular services and lifestyle behavior support options.

## **Capacity Statement/Sustainability (40% of Score)**

You may use up to six (6) pages for this section (not including attachments). Applicants should completely address the items in each subsection below; subsections that are not addressed or are only partially addressed will receive fewer or no points. These instructions and subsections may be deleted to maximize space.

- 1. Describe the current activities, services, and experience of your agency that are applicable to implementation of the NC WISEWOMAN. Explain how your staff will meet the demands of required program activities.
- 2. Describe your plans to use subgrantees (if applicable) and provide information on the capacity of organizations to successfully implement the tasks assigned to them.
- 3. Describe your screening and service delivery capacity for this program. Include evaluation of your ability to:
  - a. Screen women successfully to the full extent of the contract
  - b. Utilize non-traditional venues as well as extended hours of operation cardiovascular screenings and healthy behavior support options
  - c. Demonstrate collaborations and partnerships with other community-based organizations that focus on the same or similar issues of cardiovascular screening and outreach to Special Populations in the state.

4. Describe the collaborative efforts with any other agency with which you have regarding cardiovascular screenings efforts. Describe community-based resources, recruitment of priority populations, and outreach capacity for referral and follow-up. Letters of support are encouraged but not required.

## Strategic Plan (20% of Score)

You may use up to two (2) pages for this section (not including budget sheet). Applicants should completely address the items in each subsection below; subsections that are not addressed or are only partially addressed will receive fewer or no points. These instructions and subsections may be deleted to maximize space.

Applicants must complete a program budget that lists proposed women screened at a per person rate of \$250 for women receiving clinical services and enrollment.

- 1. Are there value-added services available at no additional cost to participants (i.e., transportation services, nutrition counseling, and access to physical activity programs)?
- 2. Are funds from community resources and grants used to supplement funding?

## **Program Management (20% of Score)**

You may use up to three (3) pages for this section (not including attachments). Applicants should completely address the items in each subsection below; subsections that are not addressed or are only partially addressed will receive fewer or no points. These instructions and subsections may be deleted to maximize space.

- 1. Provide a description of the evaluation plan you will use to measure and monitor progress toward meeting program goals and objectives. Include your self-monitoring process for program, data reporting and medical records.
- 2. Describe how your program will be managed, including information on the skills and experiences of program staff. Provide a complete staffing plan describing each existing or proposed position by title, percentage of time/effort on the Program, and a brief job description for the position. In all cases it should be clear whom each staff member will supervise as well as who will supervise him or her.
- 3. Describe how NC WISEWOMAN data requirements are managed and complied and how surveillance protocols are followed (refer to Section III.H., Reporting Requirements for data requirements details).
- 4. Describe plan to attend required training.

## 4. Project Budget

## NC WISEWOMAN Program Contract Budget October 1, 2025 through September 29, 2027

Complete the following budget. NC WISEWOMAN has capitated rates per woman served. The NC WISEWOMAN rates are \$250 per woman for initial screening which includes the first health coaching and \$15 for each of the second and third. Refer to Section III.B., Funding Guidelines and Restrictions for rate details.

Year One: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

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	Amount per	Number of	
Service	Service (\$)	Women (#)	Extended Total (\$)
NC WISEWOMAN Program Services \$250 x number of women served (includes first health coaching session)	\$250		
Health Coaching Session 2 \$15 x per session per woman served	\$15		
Health Coaching Session 3 \$15 x per session per woman served	\$15		
Total Budget for Year 1:			

Year Two: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

Service	Amount per Service (\$)	Number of Women (#)	Extended Total (\$)
NC WISEWOMAN Program Services \$250 x number of women served (includes first health coaching session)	\$250		
Health Coaching Session 2 \$15 x per session per woman served	\$15		
Health Coaching Session 3 \$15 x per session per woman served	\$15		
	Total Budge	t for Year 2:	

#### 5. SubGrantee/SubGrantee Information

In accordance with 09 N.C. Administrative Code 03M.0703, Required Contract Provisions, the Applicant must provide the required information for every subgrantee and subgrantee included in the Project Budget. If the Applicant has no subgrantee and subgrantee, indicate that in the first line under "Name." If the Applicant plans to have subgrantees or subgrantees but they are unknown at this time, that must be indicated in the first line under "Name" for as many as are planned. When they are known, this information shall be submitted to the Division for review prior to the Applicant contracting with the entity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

NOTE: If awarded federal pass-through funds, subgrantees must certify to the Applicant whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports:

"I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812."

**SubGrantee/SubGrantee Name:** 

**Position Title (if applicable):** 

EIN or Tax ID:

**Street Address or PO Box:** 

City, State and ZIP Code:

**Contact Name:** 

**Contact Email:** 

**Contact Telephone:** 

**Fiscal Year End Date (for organizations):** 

Is this organization functioning as a pass-through entity "SubGrantee" of the Applicant? Is this organization functioning as a vendor "SubGrantee" of the Applicant?

SubGrantee/SubGrantee Name:

Position Title (if applicable):

EIN or Tax ID:

**Street Address or PO Box:** 

City, State and ZIP Code:

**Contact Name:** 

**Contact Email:** 

**Contact Telephone:** 

Fiscal Year End Date (for organizations):

Is this organization functioning as a pass-through entity "SubGrantee" of the Applicant?

Is this organization functioning as a vendor "SubGrantee" of the Applicant?

# 6. Letters of Commitment (optional)

Letters of commitment may be included from any agency or community organization integral to the success or implementation of the proposed activities. These are encouraged but not required and do not count in the page number limit.

#### 7. IRS Letter

## Public Agencies:

Provide a copy of a letter from the IRS which documents your organization's tax identification number. The organization's name and address on the letter must match your current organization's name and address.

## Private Non-profits:

Provide a copy of an IRS determination letter which states that your organization has been granted exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization's name and address on the letter must match your current organization's name and address.

This IRS determination letter can also satisfy the documentation requirement of your organization's tax identification number.

# **IRS Tax Exemption Verification Form (Annual)**

I,	hereby state that I am	of
(Printed Name)	(Tit ("Organization"), an	<sub>tle)</sub> nd by that authority duly given
designated as 501(c)(3) pursuant	Organization, state that the Organization	anization's status continues to be d the documentation on file with the
§ 14-209, and that other state law	, ,	Carolina pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. C-10-1, and federal laws may also ons.
I declare under penalty of perjury of	that the foregoing is true and corre	ct. Executed on this the day
(Signature)		

# **Appendix A Forms for Reference**

Do **NOT** complete these documents at this time **nor return them** with the RFA response.

They are for reference only.

## **FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

The word "Grantee" in the following Federal Certifications includes Grantees.

## The undersigned states that:

- 1. He or she is the duly authorized representative of the Grantee named below;
- 2. He or she is authorized to make, and does hereby make, the following certifications on behalf of the Grantee, as set out herein:
  - a. The Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination;
  - b. The Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements;
  - c. The Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke;
  - d. The Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions; and
  - e. The Certification Regarding Lobbying;
- - of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action;
     OR
     He or she has not completed the attached Disclosure of Lobbying Activities because the Grantee has not made, and has no agreement to make, any payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any agency, any Member of Congress, any officer or employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action.
- 5. The Grantee shall require its subGrantees, if any, to make the same certifications and disclosure.

Signature	Title
Grantee Legal Name	Date

[This Certification must be signed by a representative of the Grantee who is authorized to sign contracts.]

## I. Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination

The Grantee certifies that it will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (h) the Food Stamp Act and USDA policy, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion and political beliefs; and (i) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statutes which may apply to this Agreement.

## II. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

- 1. **The Grantee certifies** that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
    - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - (2) The Grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - c. Making it a requirement that each employee be engaged in the performance of the agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the agreement, the employee will:
    - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - (2) Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;

- e. Notifying the Department within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
  - (1) taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
  - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- 2. The sites for the performance of work done in connection with the specific agreement are listed below (list all sites; add additional pages if necessary):

Street Address No.1:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Street Address No.2:	
City, State, Zip Code:	

- 3. Grantee will inform the Department of any additional sites for performance of work under this agreement.
- 4. False certification or violation of the certification may be grounds for suspension of payment, suspension or termination of grants, or government-wide Federal suspension or debarment. 45 C.F.R. 82.510.

## III. Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103-227, Part C-Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000.00 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

The Grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act. The Grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards that contain provisions for children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

## IV. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

### Instructions

[The phrase "prospective lower tier participant" means the Grantee [Grantee].]

- 1. By signing and submitting this document, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originate may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant will provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549, 45 CFR Part 76. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, determined ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this document that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized in paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension, and/or debarment.

#### Certification

- a. **The prospective lower tier participant certifies,** by submission of this document, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

## V. Certification Regarding Lobbying

The Grantee certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federally funded contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) who receive federal funds of \$100,000.00 or more and that all subrecipients [grantees] shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- 4. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

## VI. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

### **Instructions**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of

any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or sub-award recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 5. If the organization filing the report in Item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (Item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8. Enter the most appropriate Federal Identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number, Invitation for Bid (IFB) number, grant announcement number, the contract grant, or loan award number, the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.
- 10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in Item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
  - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (Item 4) to the lobbying entity (Item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.

- 12. Check the appropriate boxes. Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
- 13. Check the appropriate boxes. Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
- 14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.
- 15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.
- 16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

# Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Approved by OMB 0348-0046)

## Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

1.	Type of Federal Action:	2. Status of Federal A	Action:	3. Report Type:
	<ul> <li>a. contract</li> <li>b. grant</li> <li>c. cooperative agreement</li> <li>d. loan</li> <li>e. loan guarantee</li> <li>f. loan insurance</li> </ul>	□ a. Bid/offer/application □ b. Initial Award □ c. Post-Award		a. initial filing b. material change  For Material Change Only:  Year Quarter  Date of Last Report:
	Name and Address of Reporting Entity: Prime Subawardee Tier, (if known)	Address of Prime		
	gressional District (if known)		Congressional District	
6.	Federal Department/Agency:		7. Federal Program Name/Description:  CFDA Number (if applicable)	
8.	Federal Action Number (if known)		9. Award Amount (if	f known):
10.	a. Name and Address of Lobbying Regis (if individual, last name, first name, M  (attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A,	T):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a.) (last name, first name, MI):  (attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary)	
11.	Amount of Payment (check all that apply)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
12.	Form of Payment (check all that apply):  a. cash	_ actual □ planned	b. one-time fee	
14.	Brief Description of Services Performed o contacted, for Payment Indicated in Item 1			
15.	Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A attached	l:	☐ Yes	☐ No

16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U. S. C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U. S. C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature:  Print Name:  Title:  Telephone No:	Date:
Federal Use Only		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, D. C. 20503

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND POLICY

State of	
County	
County	hereby state that I am the
(Printed Name)	(Title)
of(Legal Name of Organization)	("Organization"), and by that authority
duly given and as the act and deed	of the Organization, state that the following Conflict of
Interest Policy was adopted by the I	Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body in a
(Day of Month	ay of,, I understand that the penalty (Month)
	orth Carolina pursuant to N.Ć. Gen. Stat. § 14-209, and that
	n. Stat. § 143C-10-1, and federal laws may also apply for
making perjured and/or false statem	
i declare under penalty of perjury th	at the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this the
(Day of Month) day of (Month)	, 20
(Day of Month) (Month)	(Year)
(Signature)	
Instruction for Organization:	
	voc often adented by the Board of Directors/Tructors on
	ges after adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees or
• • • • • •	the following with the current adopted conflict of
interest policy.	
Name of Organization	
Name of Organization	
Reference only — Not for signature	
Reference only — Not for Signature	5
Signature of Organization O	fficial
SIGNATURE OF CHORULARION C	MCIAL

## **Conflict of Interest Policy Example**

The Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing persons, officers, employees or agents are to avoid any conflict of interest, even the appearance of a conflict of interest. The Organization's Board of Directors, Trustees, or other governing body, officers, staff and agents are obligated to always act in the best interest of the organization. This obligation requires that any Board member or other governing person, officer, employee or agent, in the performance of Organization duties, seek only the furtherance of the Organization mission. At all times, Board members or other governing persons, officers, employees or agents, are prohibited from using their job title, the Organization's name or property, for private profit or benefit.

A. The Board members or other governing persons, officers, employees, or agents of the Organization should neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from current or potential Grantees/vendors, persons receiving benefits from the Organization or persons who may benefit from the actions of any Board member or other governing person, officer, employee or agent. This is not intended to preclude bona-fide Organization fund raising-activities.

B. A Board or other governing body member may, with the approval of Board or other governing body, receive honoraria for lectures and other such activities while not acting in any official capacity for the Organization. Officers may, with the approval of the Board or other governing body, receive honoraria for lectures and other such activities while on personal days, compensatory time, annual leave, or leave without pay. Employees may, with the prior written approval of their supervisor, receive honoraria for lectures and other such activities while on personal days, compensatory time, annual leave, or leave without pay. If a Board or other governing body member, officer, employee or agent is acting in any official capacity, honoraria received in connection with activities relating to the Organization are to be paid to the Organization.

C. No Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent of the Organization shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a purchase or contract with a vendor where, to his knowledge, any of the following has a financial interest in that purchase or contract:

- 1. The Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent;
- 2. Any member of their family by whole or half blood, step or personal relationship or relative-in-law;
- 3. An organization in which any of the above is an officer, director, or employee;
- 4. A person or organization with whom any of the above individuals is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment or contracts.

D. **Duty to Disclosure** -- Any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest is to be reported to the Board or other governing body or one's supervisor immediately.

E. **Board Action** -- When a conflict of interest is relevant to a matter requiring action by the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body, the Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent (person(s)) must disclose the existence of the conflict of interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the possible conflict of interest. After

disclosure of all material facts, and after any discussion with the person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

In addition, the person(s) shall not participate in the final deliberation or decision regarding the matter under consideration and shall leave the meeting during the discussion of and vote of the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body.

- **F. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy --** If the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body has reasonable cause to believe a member, officer, employee or agent has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the person of the basis for such belief and afford the person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If, after hearing the person's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body determines the member, officer, employee or agent has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.
- G. **Record of Conflict** -- The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:
  - The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have an actual or
    possible conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict of interest, any action taken to
    determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or
    committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
  - 2. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement that presents a possible conflict of interest, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Approved by:
Name of Organization
Signature of Organization Official
Date

## **NO OVERDUE TAX DEBTS CERTIFICATION**

State Grant Certification – N	To Overdue Tax Debts <sup>1</sup>	
To: State Agency Head and C	Chief Fiscal Officer	
243.1, at the federal, State, or loc	not have any overdue tax debts, as defined level. We further understand that any C.G.S. 143C-6-23(c) is guilty of a crime 01(b).	person who makes a
Sworn Statement.	[Name of Board Cl	nair] and
	<del></del>	Authorizing Official] being
duly sworn, say that we are the B		c . c
	[Title of Second Aut	horizing Official],
respectively, of		
[Agency/Organization's full legal name	[City] of	in the State of
[Stat	te]; and that the foregoing certification is	s true, accurate and
complete to the best of our know	ledge and was made and subscribed by	us. We also
acknowledge and understand that	t any misuse of State funds will be report	ted to the appropriate
authorities for further action.		
Reference only — Not for signature	Board Chair	Dete
Reference only — Not for signature	Title	Date
Signature	Title of Second Authorizing Official	Date
Sworn to and subscribed before r	ne this day of	, 20
Reference only $-$ Not for signat	ture	
Notary Signature and Seal		
Notary's commission expires	, 20	

<sup>1</sup> G.S. 105-243.1 defines: Overdue tax debt – Any part of a tax debt that remains unpaid 90 days or more after the notice of final assessment was mailed to the taxpayer. The term does not include a tax debt, however, if the taxpayer entered into an installment agreement for the tax debt under G.S. 105-237 within 90 days after the notice of final assessment was mailed and has not failed to make any payments due under the installment agreement."

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## **GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS**

### **State Certifications**

## Grantee Certifications Required by North Carolina Law

**Instructions:** The person who signs this document should read the text of the statutes and Executive Order listed below and consult with counsel and other knowledgeable persons before signing. The word "Grantee" includes Grantees. The text of each North Carolina General Statutes and of the Executive Order can be found online at:

- Article 2 of Chapter 64: <a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter-64/Article-2.pdf">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter-64/Article-2.pdf</a>
- G.S. 133-32: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=133-32
- Executive Order No. 24 (Perdue, Gov., Oct. 1, 2009): http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/library/pdfs/Laws/EO24.pdf
- G.S. 105-164.8(b): <a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\_105/GS\_105-164.8.pdf">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\_105/GS\_105-164.8.pdf</a>
- G.S. 143-48.5: <a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter\_143/GS\_143-48.5.html">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter\_143/GS\_143-48.5.html</a>
- G.S. 143-59.1: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter 143/GS 143-59.1.pdf
- G.S. 143-59.2: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter 143/GS 143-59.2.pdf
- G.S. 143-133.3: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter\_143/GS\_143-133.3.html
- G.S. 143B-139.6C: <a href="http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\_143B/GS\_143B-139.6C.pdf">http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\_143B/GS\_143B-139.6C.pdf</a>

#### Certifications

- (1) Pursuant to G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order No. 24 (Perdue, Gov., Oct. 1, 2009), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Grantee named below is in compliance with, and has not violated, the provisions of either said statute or Executive Order.
- (2) Pursuant to G.S. 143-48.5 and G.S. 143-133.3, the undersigned hereby certifies that the Grantee named below, and the Grantee's subGrantees, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system." E-Verify System Link: <a href="https://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>
- (3) **Pursuant to G.S. 143-59.1(b)**, the undersigned hereby certifies that the Grantee named below is not an "ineligible Grantee" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(a) because:
  - (a) Neither the Grantee nor any of its affiliates has refused to collect the use tax levied under Article 5 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes on its sales delivered to North Carolina when the sales met one or more of the conditions of G.S. 105-164.8(b); and
  - (b) [check **one** of the following boxes]
    - □ Neither the Grantee nor any of its affiliates has incorporated or reincorporated in a "tax haven country" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(c)(2) after December 31, 2001; or

- ☐ The Grantee or one of its affiliates has incorporated or reincorporated in a "tax haven country" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(c)(2) after December 31, 2001 but the United States is not the principal market for the public trading of the stock of the corporation incorporated in the tax haven country.
- (4) **Pursuant to G.S. 143-59.2(b)**, the undersigned hereby certifies that none of the Grantee's officers, directors, or owners (if the Grantee is an unincorporated business entity) has been convicted of any violation of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes or the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 within 10 years immediately prior to the date of the bid solicitation.
- (5) **Pursuant to G.S. 143B-139.6C**, the undersigned hereby certifies that the Grantee will not use a former employee, as defined by G.S. 143B-139.6C(d)(2), of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in the administration of a contract with the Department in violation of G.S. 143B-139.6C and that a violation of that statute shall void the Agreement.
- (6) The undersigned hereby certifies further that:
  - (a) He or she is a duly authorized representative of the Grantee named below;
  - (b) He or she is authorized to make, and does hereby make, the foregoing certifications on behalf of the Grantee; and
  - (c) He or she understands that any person who knowingly submits a false certification in

response to the requirements of G.S. 143-59.1 and -59.2 shall be guilty of a Class I felony.

Grantee's Name:			
Grantee's Authorized Agent:	Signature		Date
	Printed Name	Title	
Witness:	Signature		Date
	Printed Name	Title	

The witness should be present when the Grantee's Authorized Agent signs this certification and should sign and date this document immediately thereafter.

## **FFATA Form**

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Data Reporting Requirement NC DHHS, Division of Public Health Grantee Information

## A. Exemptions from Reporting

- 1. Entities are **exempted** from the entire FFATA reporting requirement if **any** of the following are true:
  - The entity has a gross income, from all sources, of less than \$300,000 in the previous tax year
  - The entity is an individual
  - If the required reporting would disclose classified information
- 2. Entities who are not exempted for the FFATA reporting requirement may be exempted from the requirement to provide executive compensation data. This executive compensation data is required only if **both** are true:
  - More than 80% of the entity's gross revenues are from the federal government **and** those revenues are more than \$25 million in the preceding fiscal year
  - Compensation information is <u>not</u> already available through reporting to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# <u>Confirmation of Registration and Login NC Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) and eProcurement</u>

Grantees and Grantees under contract with the NC DHHS Division of Public Health must be registered in the NC Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) to receive reimbursements and payments. When registering, grantees must choose NC eProcurement as their registration type. There is no fee to register.

Please note that grantees and Grantees <u>must login to NC eVP at least once a year</u> to keep your account active and out of inactive status.

In order to avoid payment delays, please provide your eVP Customer Number below and confirm that you have logged in to eVP to keep your account active. When you login to eVP, your Customer Number can be found on your Main Page and also under the Company Information Tab.

Confirmed by:
eVP Customer Number
Name of Organization
Signature of Organization Official

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