

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)
HEALTH DISPARITIES REDUCTION AND MINORITY HEALTH (HDRMHS)
MINORITY HEALTH-CAPACITY BUILDING- DATA PROJECT (MHDP-2019)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

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- 1. Question:** Can this funding be utilized to support or as a conduit for a data visualization platform?

Answer: The funding purpose for this opportunity is to identify a area in which we can look at data deeper. For example, you in collaboration with community partners may utilize this funding opportunity to conduct a deeper analysis of data for a specified area of focus within your community.

- 2. Question:** Can funding through this RFP (or a portion thereof) be used towards software that will enhance the availability of health data for racial and ethnic minority populations?

Answer: A portion of the funding may be used towards software that will enhance the availability of data for r/e populations. If the funding will be used for this, there will need to be a plan for how r/e minorities are going to be educated on accessing the data and the information will need to be in a form that the populations can understand (follow CLAS standards).

- 3. Question:** Is this funding only for new data efforts or can the funding support the dissemination of existing data analyzed more specifically to address racial and ethnic minority populations?

Answer: The goal of this funding is to increase the data availability for r/e populations. This does not need to be in the form of new data collection but there does need to at least be a new analysis component. The analysis should be based on what is being observed in the population served. I.e. - If you are seeing higher rates of a outcome for a r/e group and would like to look at a social determinant indicator that you had not previously looked at by r/e that would be fitting.

4. **Question:** The geographic area (p.9) says the applicant shall provide services Statewide – is the intent of the funding to support statewide data capacity efforts or can a local health department focus on its specific county?

Answer: A local health department can focus on its specific county.

5. **Question:** Under Expected Performance Outcomes (p. 11) there is mention of a plan for dissemination and implementation of the program – does dissemination solely refer to sharing data/report or is other engagement expected? In addition, does implementation of the program refer to the data capacity project itself?

Answer: The dissemination plan can vary, at the least the final report/data needs to be made publicly accessible. Ideally, there will be collaboration with CBOs or other entities that can disseminate the data to the population served. The implementation plan refers to next steps based on the findings, it does not need to be completed with this grant. Although, if the grant funding is being used primarily on dissemination of data (therefore that is the implementation step) that would need to be completed this cycle.

6. **Question:** In the RFP, it refers to the Geographical Area as Statewide. Does this mean that the applicant chooses the area of analysis if it is in Michigan? I assume most awardees would analyze data in their county/city/region.

Answer: The applicant would base the area of analysis on where they are located/the population they serve. The statewide portion refers to the RFP being open to any local health departments or tribal entities in the state that wish to apply.