

## **Funding for a Coordinating Center to Help Build Maternal Health Disparity Research Capacity**

### **BACKGROUND**

HRSA is currently accepting applications for the **2023 Maternal Health Research Collaborative** for MSIs [also known as *the Collaborative*]. *The Collaborative* consists of 2 separate awards, the Research Centers (RCs) (Category 1) and a **Coordinating Center (CC) (Category 2)**.

This flyer summarizes the funding opportunity for the **Coordinating Center (CC) (Category 2)**.

### **WHAT IT DOES**

The goal of this award is to build the capacity of the RCs funded in Category 1, and other MSIs to conduct maternal health disparity research.

**This CC** will provide technical assistance to increase RCs' productivity, efficiency, and public health impact.

The following objectives should be accomplished by the end of the project period:

- Develop training materials, tools, and toolkits to enhance the capacity of the RCs to conduct maternal health disparity research
- Convene and support a virtual learning community of MSIs to conduct maternal health disparity research
- Establish a data infrastructure to collect and share data across the RCs
- Increase the number of diverse, early-stage investigators from MSIs trained in maternal health disparity research
- Disseminate research findings from RCs to stakeholders
- Help translate the research into practice
- Evaluate the impact of the *Collaborative*

### **WHO DOES IT SERVE**

MSIs are uniquely positioned to **engage minority populations in the communities they serve** in research and in the translation of research into **culturally competent, measurable, and sustained improvements in communities' health outcomes**.

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

- Approximately \$2,230,000 to be available annually to fund one (1) recipient
- Five-year period of performance (September 30, 2023-September 29, 2028)

### **WHO CAN APPLY**

- Public or non-profit institutions of higher learning
- Public or private non-profit agencies engaged in research/programs relating to maternal and child health and/or services for children with special health care needs
- Faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations

**MSIs are especially encouraged to apply to this opportunity; non-MSI applicants are expected to partner with an MSI.**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346217>

Applications are due by **June 12, 2023**. HRSA suggests you submit your application to Grants.gov at least **3 calendar days before the deadline** to allow for any unforeseen circumstances. Additional questions? Contact [MH-RC-MSI@hrsa.gov](mailto:MH-RC-MSI@hrsa.gov)