Public Health Equity Grant

Updates & Application Reviewer Discussion

Agenda

- Updates
 - Process
 - RFGA Project Plan Questions
 - FAQ
- Previous Review Reflection
- Application Projections
- LPHA Participation Discussion

UPDATES

Response to RFGA Language & Process Concerns

1 Better CBO and LPHA modernization alignment

Revised scopes of work to be more program-specific with explicit ties to modernization accountability metrics

Created opportunities for LPHA participation in RFGA process

Round 2 included opportunities for LPHAs to participate in review and selection process

Working to address gaps in CBO funding, especially in rural areas



Executive leadership continues to work on contingency plans to help reduce gaps.

Updates to the 2025 RFGA Language

Eligibility language updates:

Applicants applying to perform activities in more than one county must provide specific details about each of the activities applying for and in <u>each county</u>, including:

- 1. How their specific population(s) of focus in each county will benefit from those activities and
- 2. The existing relationships the Applicant has with the population(s) of focus in each county.
- 3. If the Applicant does <u>not</u> have existing relationships in the county, Applicant must describe <u>how they intend to build those relationships</u>. Please apply for activities that meet the needs of your organization's structure and service area.
- All funded activities must be conducted in cooperation and collaboration with community
 <u>members and partners</u>, which can include <u>schools</u>, <u>school districts</u>, <u>clinics</u>, <u>faith-based entities</u>,
 <u>and other community-based organizations or LPHAs</u> based on the OHA approved workplans.
- Development of or collaboration with existing community networks, i.e. community coalitions, collaboratives, collectives etc. is strongly encouraged by OHA.

Snapshot: Activities by Program

EPH Eligible Activity

 Developing or participating in local community health planning activities that focus on the health impacts of environmental hazards and climate change. Examples may include Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) led community health assessments, health equity plans, or climate adaptation plans

LUBGWMA Eligible Activity

- Collaborating with OHA and its partners (e.g., ODHS, LPHA staff, and other local CBOs)
- Coordinating with OHA, ODHS, the LPHA, and partners to address barriers accessing safe water services

Community Resilience Eligible Activity

Align community efforts
 with local or regional
 community health
 improvement plans
 (CHIPS) to ensure
 coordination

Health Security Preparedness & Response Eligible Activity

 Build emergency response services offered by the CBO to partners and the community & align these services with LPHA or other agencies.

Activities (cont.)

Communicable Disease STI-Eligible Activities

 Building partnerships with local, state, and Tribal agencies

Communicable Disease Immunization- Eligible Activities

- Disclaimer: Proposals for the Immunization workstream do not have to include vaccination events...Education and promotion activities that support and build vaccine confidence will be sufficient...
- Engage the community to promote vaccination efforts and support Communicable Disease prevention...This should Include first connecting with local public health to understand the landscape of immunization services in the community
- Partner with local public health and/or community clinics to promote vaccine confidence and immunization opportunities.

Updates to Project Plan Questions

Disclaimer:

 Applicants are encouraged to connect with Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) when developing their project plan to discuss priorities and opportunities for collaboration.

Project Demographics

- Where is the project located?
 - Of the counties where this project will be based, in which will your organization have local staff or on-the ground staff to support implementation?

Updates to Project Plan Questions (cont.)

Objectives & Activities:

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Objective 1:

Activity & Timeline 1:

County/Counties:

Activity & Timeline 2:

County/Counties:

Activity & Timeline 3:

County/Counties:

Partnerships

- How will you work with Local Public Health Authorities in the counties where your project will take place?
- Please provide examples of possible activities or partnership strategies. If you're not collaborating with them, would you like help connecting with a Local Public Health Authority?

RFGA FAQ document

Building robust FAQ document for CBO's-including FAQ pertaining to LPHAS

Q: How do you envision CBOs partnering with Local Public Health Authorities on these applications and in this work?

Answer:

- We encourage CBOs to consider Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) as valuable partners
 in advancing public health equity. While we recognize that the capacity, roles, and
 relationships between CBOs and LPHAs may vary across regions, collaboration can strengthen
 efforts and improve community outcomes. There's no one-size-fits-all model—partnerships
 can take many forms. Some examples include:
- Reaching out to your LPHA to inform them about your proposed project
- Keeping them updated on your events, activities, or findings
- Identifying shared goals or opportunities to align efforts
- Collaborating on data collection, outreach, or evaluation
- Requesting a letter of support or endorsement, if appropriate
- If you're interested in connecting with your LPHA, a contact list is available on the funding application website.

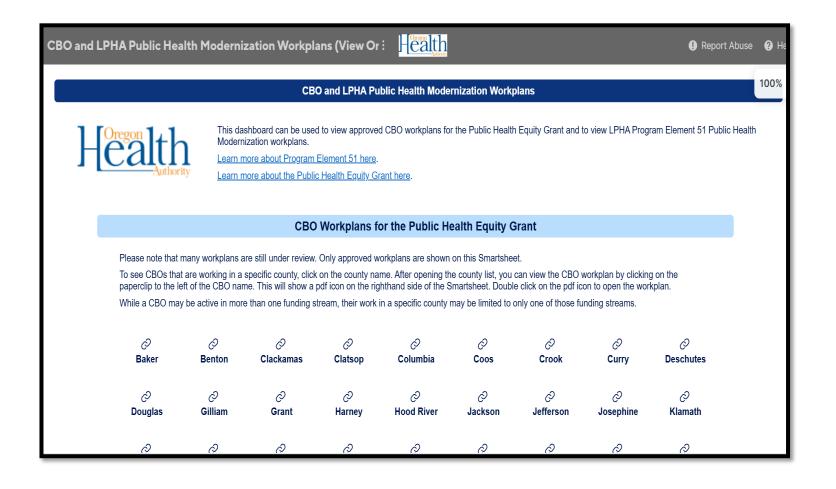
Processes that will continue with Cohort 3:

Letters of recommendation

Shared LPHA -CBO Dashboard

Open Informational Sessions

LPHA -CBO Dashboard



Created Smartsheet platform for workplan sharing

Includes contact information & workplans for CBOs

Funding areas + amounts available

Includes LPHA workplans for CBOs to view

LPHA RFGA
Application
Review Process:
Cohort 2

Cohort 2 Application Reviews Reflection

Process

- We requested 2 LPHA reviewers per application (1 local, 1 similar in size)
- LPHA reviewer capacity
- **53** LPHA staff reviewers agreed to participate

Limitations

- Only 27 LPHA staff reviewers completed their full review assignments.
- Number of applications reviewed by LPHA staff increased.
- Gaps in communication re: Review assignment
- Timeline changes could impact reviews

Application Projections & Review Process

Cohort 3 Application Projections

Cohort	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 5
Applications	300 applications	Over 140 applications	Estimating 400+ applications ~250 projected for MOD projects
Number of Program Areas	8 program areas	2 program areas (Modernization + Well water)	10 program areas;

- Modernization is the work shared by CBOs and LPHAs. With Cohort 2, LPHAs staff were invited to review MOD applications. Final CBO workplans were shared on the LPHA CBO dashboard.
- Modernization includes these areas:
 - Environmental Public Health
 - Health Security & Emergency Preparedness
 - Communicable Disease (Immunizations & HIV, STI, & TB programs)

What to expect as reviewers: TIMELINE



What to expect as reviewers

Identify staff for a representative pool of statewide LPHA reviewers

Attend reviewer orientation

Attend Reviewer training + Application website training

Goal is to assign no more than 8 applications per reviewer (number decreases or increases if more/less reviewers participate)

Reviewers may or may not review applications from their own county

What to expect as reviewers: PROCESS

Approx. **400** applications expected (w/ approx. 250 applications projected to be for Modernization projects)

Reviewer workload:

Each reviewer assigned approx. 8 applications

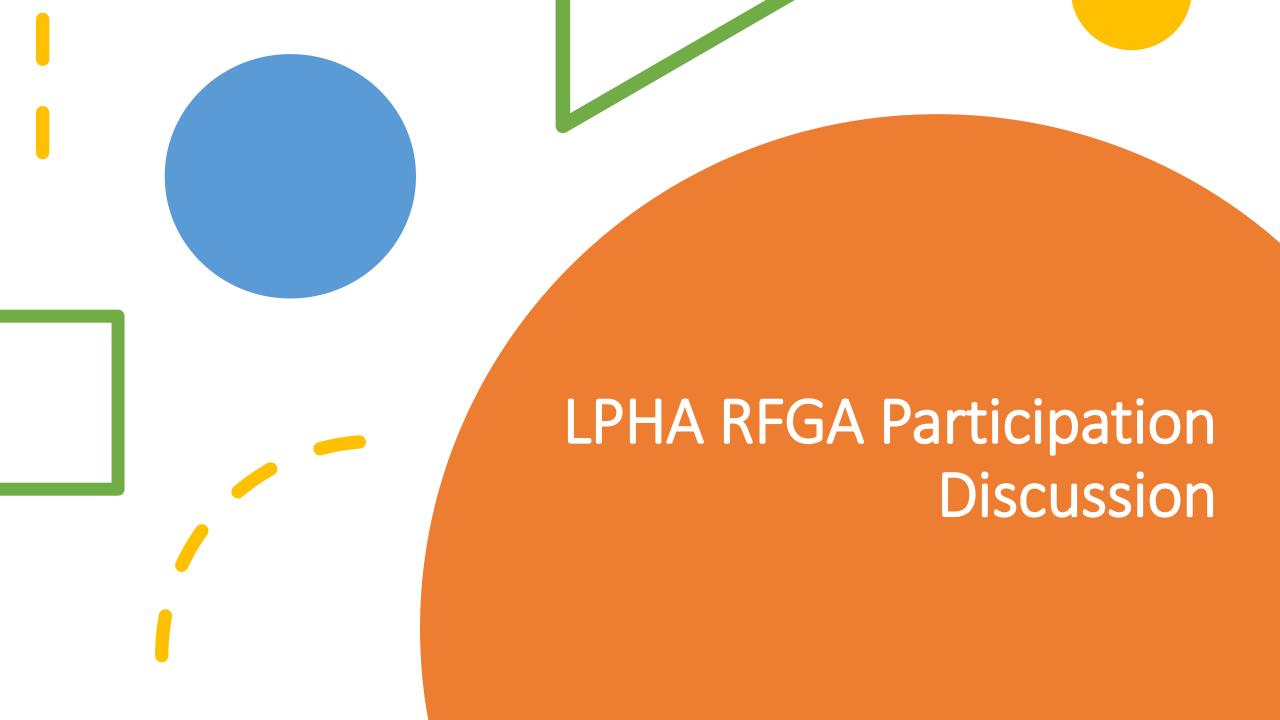
Reviewer Participation:

Requesting 30 - 40 LPHA staff reviewers + 3 Backups from each county

LPHAs in larger counties encouraged to provide a higher number of staff reviewers (based on capacity).

Specific need for Spanish-speaking reviewers to support equitable review of applications submitted in Spanish

Timeline: Reviewers should plan to dedicate approx. **20 hours total** (including orientation and review activities)



LPHA Participation Discussion

Discussion Prompts

- How do these opportunities for participation sound to you?
 - Letters of Support
 - Updates to RFGA language about specific LPHA partnerships
 - Attending Informational Sessions
 - Sharing workplans via dashboard
- Do LPHAs have a preference in participating in this process? If so, how?
- If no, are there other ways would you like to be involved?

Next steps

1. Please send a name and email contact from your agency for CBOs to reach out to for Letters of Support requests.

2. Decision points or ideas from LPHAs

If participating in RFGA review process: We would need a list of LPHA staff reviewers (name, email, program area) by May 30th

- Reminder that we encourage larger counties to send recommend more staff to participate.
- Reviewer orientation will begin September
- Applications reviewed through October/early November