

2012 Call for Proposals

Proposal Deadline

March 27, 2012



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Public Health Services and Systems Research

Building Evidence for Decision-Making

Purpose

Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR) is a multidisciplinary field of study that examines the organization, financing, delivery and quality of public health services within communities and the resulting impact on population health. Significant changes are occurring in the delivery of public health services as a result of external forces and public health policies, creating opportunities to study the impact of these changes on population health. This solicitation seeks to expand the evidence base for effective decision-making in public health practice and policy through research that utilizes natural experiments to respond to the questions defined in the National Agenda for PHSSR: www.publichealthsystems.org/cphssr/Research/PHSSR_Research_Agenda.

Total Awards

- Approximately \$1.4 million is available through this solicitation.
- Up to seven grants will be awarded through this solicitation.
- Grantees will receive up to \$200,000 each in financial support to be used over a 24-month period.

Eligibility Criteria

Complete eligibility criteria can be found in the full call for proposals brochure or on the program's website.

- Applicants may be either public entities or nonprofit organizations or academic institutions that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Private foundations, as defined under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, are eligible to apply.
- Preference will be given to proposals submitted by governmental public health agencies, nonprofit organizations that work in concert with such agencies, and proposals that involve multidisciplinary teams.
- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories at the time of application.
- Practitioners, researchers and policy-makers may serve as principal investigators.
- This solicitation seeks to engage new researchers in the field of PHSSR. Junior investigators (fewer than seven years since doctorate) and first-time applicants to PHSSR are encouraged and will be given strong consideration.
- Proposals from applicants who have not previously received funding from RWJF are encouraged.

Selection Criteria

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **February 28, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)**
Optional applicant Web conference call. Registration is required. Please visit the program's website at www.nnphi.org/phssr/cfp/evidence for complete details and to register.
- **March 6, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of intent to apply (required).
- **March 27, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **Late July 2012**
Finalists notified.
- **September 1, 2012**
Start of grants.

Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process, please contact the national program office:

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www.nnphi.org/phssr/cfp/evidence

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at www.rwjf.org/cfp/phsne.

For information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grants at www.rwjf.org.

Sign up to receive email alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at <http://my.rwjf.org>.



Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds may be used for project staff salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, project-related travel, and other direct project expenses, including a limited amount of equipment essential to the project. In keeping with RWJF policy, grant funds may *not* be used to subsidize individuals for the cost of their health care, to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, for political activities, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities.

How to Apply

Proposals for this solicitation must be submitted via the RWJF online system. Visit www.rwjf.org/cfp/phsne and use the Apply Online link. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register at <http://my.rwjf.org> before you begin the application process.

Specific proposal requirements are outlined on the program website (www.nnphi.org/phssr/cfp/evidence) and in the online system. All applicants should log in to the system and familiarize themselves with online submission requirements well before the final submission deadline. Staff may not be able to assist all applicants in the final 24 hours before the submission deadline. In fairness to all applicants, the program will not accept late submissions.

The program will host a Web conference call on February 28, 2012 at 3 p.m. ET for potential applicants to ask questions about the solicitation and the proposal and selection processes. Participation in this conference call is strongly encouraged, but not required. Details and registration information are posted at www.nnphi.org/phssr/cfp/evidence. Pre-registration is required to participate in the Web conference call. Potential applicants will have an opportunity to ask questions during the call.

For more information on the program and proposal requirements, please see the program website, www.nnphi.org/phssr/cfp/evidence.

Or contact:

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