This message is intended for faculty contemplating applying to the NIH/NIDA HEALing Communities Study: Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis (Data Coordinating Center) (UM1).

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is soliciting cooperative agreement applications with the intention of ultimately funding up to three research sites to participate in the 'HEALing Communities Study': Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis. The HEALing Communities Study will test the immediate impact of implementing an integrated set of evidence-based interventions across healthcare, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based settings to prevent and treat opioid misuse and Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) within highly affected communities. Highly affected communities of interest are counties or cities within states that are burdened with higher than average rates of overdose mortality and opioid-related morbidity, and other complications. Combined, all the communities participating in a single research site application must demonstrate having experienced at least 150 opioid related overdose fatalities (15% of these fatalities must be in rural communities) and a rate of 25 opioid related overdose fatalities per 100,000 persons or higher in the past year, based on the most recent complete year of data available. Communities within states ranking within the top third for age-adjusted drug overdose death rates in 2016, (per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) are of special interest. The integrated set of evidence-based prevention and treatment interventions should be designed to achieve the following goals: reduce overdose fatalities (by 40% in a 3-year period), and events; decrease the incidence of OUD; and increase the number of individuals receiving medication to treat OUD, retained in treatment beyond 6 months, and receiving recovery support services, and the distribution of naloxone compared to baseline. The Data Coordinating Center (DCC) will execute an array of scientific and support activities for the HEALing Communities Cooperative within three broad areas: coordination and communication, data, and health economics research.

Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization: An institution may submit only ONE application.

Letters of Intent Deadline (Not Required): November 11, 2018

Full Proposal Deadline (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time): December 11, 2018

Because of the above restrictions, Research and Sponsored Programs is requesting that all those interested in applying to this program submit an abstract for their project to Deborah Lundin by Monday, October 11. This will enable us to ensure that the University does not submit more than the allotted amount of proposals for our institution. If the number of abstracts we receive exceeds the number of proposals we are allowed to submit, we will advise the relevant faculty on how a selection will be determined and how to proceed with the submission of the proposal.
You may download the complete program description and application guidelines at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-19-017.html. If you have any questions about the program or the limited submission procedure, you may contact our office at ext. 2425.