

EPH Tracking Mentoring Fellowship Application

Guidelines for Participation

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is pleased to announce a call for applications for the **2020 Environmental Public Health Tracking: Tracking Mentoring Fellowship Program**. This fellowship is an opportunity for unfunded local health departments to work on an environmental health project that utilizes tracking data under the mentorship of their state tracking program. This fellowship will increase capacity of local public health agencies that are not funded through CDC Tracking Program and will provide an opportunity to:

1. Participate in a one-on-one mentorship with a current Tracking Program grantee
2. Devise and implement an environmental health project that uses tracking data to address an environmental health issue, under the guidance of the grantee tracking program within the same state as the local health department
3. Learn key data utilization techniques to identify and characterize health effects, exposures, and hazards
4. Develop a programmatic understanding of the tracking techniques and IT infrastructure that can be modeled around the needs and challenges of the region

Fellowship Requirements

- Implement an environmental health project based on the needs of the region that uses tracking data from the grantee tracking program with which the LHD was matched
- Complete a written white paper or health impact assessment which uses tracking data and has an impact on the community's health or policies which impact population health. This report will be due by July 31, 2020.

The health department that receives the fellowship will be awarded a **stipend of \$2500** for travel and supplies. The mentee is encouraged to visit the mentor's health department to gain knowledge about the tracking program and develop the pilot the project implementation plan.

Eligibility

This program is only open to local health agencies in the following states - Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin. The mentee awarded the fellowship will work with their state's Tracking Program to execute the project.

To be eligible for this fellowship, the applicant must be a public health or environmental health professional, epidemiologist, or other related program manager from a local public health agency (city, county, and tribal) that is *NOT currently funded* as part of CDC's National Tracking Program. In addition, the applicant must -

- Demonstrate an inclination towards environmental epidemiology, tracking/monitoring, environmental public health tracking, or related activities
- Propose a small project that is reasonable in scope for the time period, complements current activities at the said local health department, and furthers the goals of the National Tracking Program
- Be willing to share resources and lessons learned with NEHA, CDC, and other public health agencies across the country through publication of the report, participating in webinars and other reasonable activities as determined

How to Apply:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Include a project narrative.
 - i. Introduction/background
 - ii. Project description
 - iii. Plans for collaboration, including identifying the state or local tracking grantee with whom the applicant will collaborate
 - iv. Project timeline, along with milestones
 - v. Expected outcomes
 - vi. Future plans to sustain the project beyond its duration

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and will be evaluated for:

- Applicant's interest in environmental public health tracking, or related activities
- The scope and quality of the pilot project proposal and its relevance to regional challenges
- Applicant's ability to complete the project in conjunction with a mentor

Fellows are supported through a NEHA cooperative agreement with the CDC. Only one application will be accepted from each local public health agency. Project implementation is expected to begin in March 2020.

If you have any questions about the 2020 Environmental Health Tracking: Tracking-Mentoring Program or the application process, please contact Madelyn Gustafson at mgustafson@neha.org

Deadline:

Proposal Due Date & Time: Friday, February 28, 2020, 11:00 pm PST

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