

**Guidance from CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion to  
State and Territorial Chronic Disease Directors  
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Dear NACDD colleagues,

COVID-19 presents many challenges to the public in general and to us as the public health workforce. It is of particular importance as we work to prevent and control chronic diseases in our populations, many of whom are at higher risk of complications from this virus. I'm aware that many of our chronic disease staff are being called up to work on COVID-19 related efforts and are concerned about meeting expectations on performance for NCCDPHP cooperative agreements. I wanted to update you with the information that we've received that pertains to grants flexibilities, and hope that this resource will provide an answer to your high priority questions.

The information below is new, and is current as of today's date. However, the information continues to be updated on an irregular basis, so I encourage all of us to check back for critical updates as schedules permit. As always, please rely upon your project officer or program consultant for any questions that you may have; our intention is to help, however we can, and keep our efforts to prevent and control chronic disease robust and moving forward.

In an effort to provide grant recipients with easy access to financial resources information related to COVID-19, the Office of Financial Resources created a new webpage on its external Grants site. The new webpage includes links to CDC resources, HHS resources, and key federal laws, regulations and policies related to COVID-19.

- **Temporary Reassignment of Personnel.** CDC created a new [webpage](#) for grant recipients with Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) guidance for the temporary reassignment of state, tribal, and local personnel during a declared federal public health emergency. The webpage includes links to the ASPR website (including the [ASPR temporary reassignment request form](#)), so that a state governor, tribal leader, or designee can request the reassignment of personnel.
- **Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently provided administrative relief for recipients and applicants of federal financial assistance impacted by COVID-19. The CDC [webpage](#) on this topic provides information about the time-limited administrative flexibilities to help recipients and applicants manage administrative, financial management, and audit requirements.
- **General Funding and Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).** CDC is receiving funding and grants questions from its recipient community related to COVID-19. The new [webpage](#) provides a list of Frequently Asked Questions. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and CDC will continue to update the FAQs as we respond to additional questions which are helpful to the grant recipient community.

Let me express my appreciation, and the appreciation from all of us here in NCCDPHP for the work that you're doing in chronic disease prevention, particularly as we continue to address the immediate needs to address COVID-19.

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