



CENTER FOR ADVANCING
HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS
Promoting Health. Preventing Disease.

Active People, Healthy NationSM Walkability Action Institute

Request for Funding Assistance (RFA) Application

APPLICATION DUE DATE: November 13, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET via electronic submission through the [Application Link](#).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: The Application can be viewed in RFA Appendix A and accessed on the [WAI webpage](#) in Word format. Complete the application and submit electronically (Word or PDF format) via the [Application Link](#).

A. PURPOSE

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO), Physical Activity and Health Branch, seeks applications from state health departments and/or additional entities who are currently receiving funding through the CDC's State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) program or the High Obesity Program (HOP) for participation in the Active People, Healthy NationSM Walkability Action Institute (WAI). Herein referred to as Interested State Entities, states will apply to receive NACDD funding and programmatic assistance in the implementation of the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI in one prospective state location for up to eight local/regional interdisciplinary teams.

The purpose of the WAI is to prepare interdisciplinary teams from Interested State Entities to pursue physical activity policies, plans, and community design changes for walkable and movable built environments through improved community and transportation design. The action institute will provide interdisciplinary teams with the most up-to-date academic and applied learning methods and will reinforce and support implementation of significant national public health policy statements promoting walking and walkability, such as the [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd edition](#); [Step It Up! The Surgeon General's Call to Action \(SG CTA\) to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities](#); and [The Community Preventive Services Task Force's Built Environment Recommendation to Increase Physical Activity](#). NACDD and CDC are interested in applicant states who can support 100% participation of local/regional teams in all virtual/in-person WAI course dates, the achievement of all project deliverables outlined in the

RFA, and the pursuance of measurable community design outcomes after attending the action institute.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Regular physical activity can lead to reductions in chronic disease risk and prevalence. Walking is a cost-efficient and common form of physical activity that can help many people meet the [recommended guidelines](#) for increased health benefits. Communities that are more walkable and accessible for people with disabilities are inherently more conducive to physical activity, movement, and active travel to and from community destinations. Improved walkability can make communities safer, support social connection, improve air quality, and benefit local economies. To promote walkability throughout the country, NACDD and CDC will partner with one Interested State Entity and up to eight respective locations/regions within that state to achieve community design changes that create safe opportunities for physical activity.

NACDD seeks applications from Interested State Entities within any of the states currently receiving funding through CDC's SPAN and HOP programs to participate in the WAI project. View eligible [SPAN](#) and [HOP](#) participants.

State Entity and Local/Regional Teams:

The selected State Entity and the respective local/regional teams will commit to participating in each of the following WAI project activities (reference Section E for full list of project deliverables):

- Identify and recruit up to eight local/regional interdisciplinary teams (selected State Entity).
- Identify and recruit one state-level team comprised of interdisciplinary state partners (selected State Entity).
- Attend to-be-decided (TBD) virtual WAI Kick-Off to learn about course expectations and deliverables, learn about photovoice as one example of community assessment, and discuss upcoming photovoice assignments and team photovoice presentation expectations (selected State Entity and local/regional Team Leads required; additional team members highly encouraged).
- Attend 100% of the pre-in-person TBD virtual photovoice sessions (estimated at 2-3 sessions depending upon course model selected), TBD in-person action institute sessions (estimated 2-4 days depending upon course model selected), and follow-up TBD virtual training sessions (estimated at 4-5 sessions depending upon course model selected) (selected State Entities and all local/regional team members).
- Develop Team Action Plan to support community design changes to improve physical activity (all local/regional teams to develop their own plan).

- Begin implementation of action plan strategies (all local/regional teams to implement their respective plan).

Each local/regional team must include at least four, but no more than six, team members. Either the required Public Health representative or the required Planning representative for each local/regional team will assume the role of Team Lead and serve as the primary point-of-contact for NACDD throughout the project. Refer to Section C for more details on the “required” and “additional” team make-up. In addition to overseeing team participation in project-related activities, Team Leads will also:

- Participate in a potential TBD project orientation call with NACDD.
- Complete a Team Contact Chart.
- Assist NACDD with annual progress reporting activities.

The selected State Entity will commit to identifying and inviting four to six representatives to participate in a state team. The purpose of the state team is to provide state-specific subject matter expertise and/or technical assistance to the community teams participating in the WAI. Representatives should be from various agencies or departments at the state-level (e.g., state Department of Transportation) with a role in the policies and systems that shape how communities are designed to create opportunities for all people to walk, roll, or take transit to places in their communities (e.g., grocery stores, medical visits, jobs, school). State team representatives may also be from other organizations that can provide technical support to local/regional teams.

Training Format:

The WAI will provide applied learning and skill-building instruction to support achievement of related community design strategies for increasing walkability and access to places to be active including design and infrastructure improvements as supported by the [CDC’s Active People, Healthy Nation](#) initiative and other well-known public health policy guidance documents referenced in Section A. The institute will be facilitated by a nationally renowned Faculty within a structured, team-based, and practical learning atmosphere. The action institute will occur on TBD dates, jointly decided by NACDD and the selected State Entity.

With this RFA opportunity, Interested State Entities will apply for WAI participation by choosing between one of two WAI course models: (1) the four-day In-Person WAI model or (2) the Hybrid WAI model.

The four-day In-Person WAI model includes a multi-day approach that leverages traditional learning methods with experiential learning and skill-building. The likely course scenario for the four-day In-Person WAI model includes:

- WAI Kick-Off orientation session (virtual)
- Introduction to Photovoice session (virtual)

- Completion of Team Photovoice Homework Assignment (performed by local/regional teams in advance of arriving in person)
- Four-Day In-Person WAI

The Hybrid WAI model also includes a multi-day approach that leverages traditional learning methods with experiential learning and skill-building. The likely course scenario for the Hybrid WAI model includes:

- WAI Kick-Off orientation session (virtual)
- Introduction to Photovoice session (virtual)
- Completion of Team Photovoice Homework Assignment (performed by local/regional teams)
- Team Photovoice Presentations (virtual)
- Two-Day In-Person WAI
- Walkability Virtual Academy (WVA) (4-5 virtual sessions to be customized according to need and preference over weeks or months)

In addition, **both WAI course models** will involve applicable team homework assignments and the required development and submission of a **post-course Team Action Plan** from **each participating local/regional team**. Please refer to Appendix B for a side-by-side comparison of the two WAI course model options.

The RFA provides for a shared budget agreement between NACDD and the selected State Entity, whereby NACDD commits to funding most WAI project costs including, but not limited to:

- Faculty payment and travel reimbursement
- WAI course supplies
- NACDD staff travel reimbursement
- Related project management costs.

The selected State Entity is expected to support costs associated with:

- Travel reimbursement of the attending local/regional teams, to include travel to the TBD course location, lodging, meals/per diem, etc.
- Meeting space/audio-visual equipment rental costs.

In addition, the selected State Entity is encouraged, although not required, to provide mini grants to attending local/regional teams following course participation to support implementation of their respective action plans. There is no registration cost for institute attendance.

C. ELIGIBILITY and TEAM MAKE-UP

Any state that is currently receiving funding through CDC's SPAN or HOP is eligible to apply for the state-based Active People, Healthy Nation WAI project opportunity.

While any eligible Interested State Entities may apply, priority in scoring and selection will be given to applicants who have not participated in a CDC/DNPAO-supported state-based WAI in the last three years.

Selection of the State Entity will be based on the successful combination of the following criteria:

- Demonstration of past, current, and/or future implementation efforts focusing on improved walkability and accessible movability through community design across the state:
 - Demonstrated capacity and level of readiness to stimulate macro-level community design changes.
 - Ability to focus on communities or groups with lower levels of physical activity.
 - Capacity to assist respective locations/regions with interdisciplinary team formation.
- Demonstration of past, current, and/or future interdisciplinary state- and local-level collaborations for improving walkability and accessible movability through community design:
 - Ability to form an interdisciplinary state-level team to participate in the WAI, comprised of Public Health, Planning, Transportation, and [additional related partners](#).
 - Ability to build state-level capacity for assisting locations/regions with short-, intermediate, and long-term community design implementation.
 - Although not required, State Entities are encouraged to provide additional funding in the form of mini grants to participating local/regional teams to support implementation of local team action plans.

Once the State Entity is selected, NACDD will work directly with the identified State Entity for formation of up to eight local/regional interdisciplinary participant teams. In the application process, Interested State Entities must acknowledge and agree to the following local/regional team make-up criteria:

- Preferred teams will include four-to-six individuals each, with four of the prospective team members representing the following required team positions:
 - Public Health representative (with demonstrated community design for physical activity knowledge and experience)
 - Planning representative (local or regional)
 - Transportation representative (preferably in engineering*)
 - Elected official with voting, programmatic, and/or policy decision-making capabilities pertaining to walkability, accessible movability, active living,

community development or redevelopment, healthy community design, and/or transportation design

- Teams may have one-to-two additional team members each, representing any of the following partner disciplines:
 - Business/Industry
 - Community/Economic Development
 - Education/Academia
 - Parks, Recreation, and Trails
 - Public Housing
 - Public Transit
 - Law enforcement
 - Volunteer/nonprofit walkability-related organizations or foundations
 - Others (Note that NACDD will work directly with selected State Entity for approving additional team member affiliations and disciplines)

*It is strongly recommended that the transportation professional, or one of the additional team members (for example, the "required" elected official or an "additional" team member), have an engineering background and/or infrastructure-focused responsibility, such as a Director of Public Works or related position. In the past, teams that have included engineering and/or public works expertise and perspective have benefitted greatly. See Appendix C for descriptions of the required and additional team members.

D. ANTICIPATED TIMELINE and DESCRIPTION

The anticipated WAI application and project timeline and description is detailed in Appendix D.

- **Monday, October 5, 2026:** NACDD/CDC will announce the state-based Active People, Healthy Nation WAI RFA opportunity.
- **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET:** NACDD/CDC will co-host an Informational Webinar. [REGISTER for the Informational Webinar.](#)
- **Friday, November 13, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET:** Interested State Entity applications due via electronic submission through the [Application Link](#). The Application can be viewed in RFA Appendix A and accessed on the [WAI webpage](#) in Word format. Complete the application and submit electronically (Word or PDF format) via the [Application Link](#).
- **November 23 – December 7, 2026 (anticipated):** Announcements will be made. NACDD will select one State Entity for a project period beginning on January 4, 2027 (anticipated) and ending no later than July 31, 2027. Upon selection and once WAI project planning commences in early 2027, NACDD and the selected State Entity will collaborate in the planning and development of the chosen WAI course.

NACDD has established a [National WAI Alumni Network Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#) to foster ongoing sharing, learning, networking, and mentoring. The selected State Entity and their respective local/regional teams will be invited to join the virtual group following successful WAI course completion.

NACDD will also establish a progress reporting mechanism for local/regional Team Leads to report on team action plan outcomes to NACDD beyond the current project year.

E. PROJECT DELIVERABLES

The required deliverables for the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI are outlined below.

Deliverables to be achieved during application process:

- Commitment to work collaboratively with NACDD and CDC between January 4 – July 31, 2027, in the planning and implementation of the chosen state-based WAI course.
- Commitment to fund the travel reimbursement of local/regional participant teams.
- Commitment to fund the meeting space rental and audio-visual equipment rental for the WAI course.
- Commitment to recruit at least four, but no more than eight, local/regional interdisciplinary participant teams for the WAI course and satisfy the required team positions of public health, planning, transportation, and elected official representatives.
- Commitment to recruit at least four representatives to participate on the state team for the WAI course.
- Commitment to provide technical assistance and support to participant teams in the development and submission of team action plans.

Deliverables to be achieved upon selection of State Entity:

- Establish routine bimonthly meeting correspondence with NACDD for the duration of the project period (January 4 – July 31, 2027).
- Provide technical assistance and capacity-building support to at least four, but no more than eight, local communities/regions in the formation of an interdisciplinary participant team.
- Attend TBD virtual WAI Kick-Off to learn about chosen WAI course expectations and deliverables (selected State Entity and local/regional Team Leads required; additional team members encouraged).
- Attend 100% of the TBD pre-in-person virtual sessions (2-4 sessions), specific to the chosen WAI course model (see Section B, sub-section Format).
- As needed or requested, provide support and assistance to NACDD and local/regional teams in the completion of the team photovoice homework assignment and corresponding team photovoice presentations prior to in-person course sessions.

- Attend 100% of the TBD in-person sessions (2-4 days), specific to the chosen WAI course model (see Section B, sub-section Format).
- Specific to the Hybrid WAI course model option, attend 100% of TBD WVA (virtual) sessions following in-person attendance (4-5 sessions).
- Provide technical assistance, guidance, and support to NACDD and local/regional teams in the development of Team Action Plans, inclusive of community design strategies to improve walkability and accessible movability; **please note that this may require the selected State Entity/State Team to convene virtual calls with local/regional teams for Team Action Plan development.**
- Provide technical assistance and support to local/regional teams in the initial and ongoing implementation of Team Action Plan strategies.
- Voluntarily participate in NACDD's National WAI Alumni Network CoP following successful completion of the chosen WAI course to foster ongoing peer engagement, sharing, mentoring, and learning.
- Assist NACDD with local/regional teams' participation in the annual/bi-annual reporting of related walkability related outcomes.

F. APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Interested State Entities can view the Application in RFA Appendix A and access it on the [WAI webpage](#) in Word format. **Complete the Application and submit** it electronically (Word or PDF format) via the [Application Link](#) **by or before 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, November 13, 2026.** Applications submitted after this deadline will not be reviewed.

- The formatting of the Application Form should remain unchanged.
- The Application **should not exceed seven (7) pages.**

The Application Form allows for Interested State Entities to demonstrate readiness and ability to host a state-based WAI course model; demonstrate financial need for this opportunity; describe how WAI participation will augment statewide physical activity goals; and overall, describe how they will satisfy the project deliverables within the project timeline (January 4 - July 31, 2027).

G. SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee will select one State Entity. The selection committee will consist of representatives of NACDD, CDC, and members of the WAI Faculty team. The selection committee reserves the right to select a State Entity who demonstrates increased readiness for statewide hosting and implementation. Priority in scoring and selection will be given to Interested State Entity applicants who have not participated in a CDC/DNPAO-supported WAI course within the last three years.

H. NACDD COMMITMENT

NACDD commits to providing regular and consistent communication, consultation, project assistance, and support to the selected State Entity via email, one-on-one virtual calls, group webinars, in-person at the action institute, and linkages to national expertise in accordance with the deliverables described in Section E and per the request of local/regional teams.

I. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE RFA

- Visit the NACDD [WAI webpage](#) to download the RFA (inclusive of Appendix A, Application Form; Appendix B, WAI Course Model Comparison; Appendix C, Description of Local/Regional Required and Additional Team Representatives; and Appendix D, WAI Project Timeline) and the Application Form. The project webpage will also contain the [Application Submission Link](#) and host a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ). The FAQ will be updated throughout the application process.
 - Learn more about [NACDD](#).
- For questions about the RFA application process, first access the [FAQ](#) document.
 - If you do not see your question and answer on the FAQs, email Karma Edwards, NACDD's Walkability Subject Matter Expert, at kedwards_ic@chronicdisease.org. All submitted questions will be compiled and answered within two business days on the FAQ list, as well as emailed directly in response to the question sender.
- For more information on CDC DNPAO state and local programs and efforts, visit:
 - [Active People, Healthy Nation](#)
 - Active People, Healthy Nation [Tools for Action](#)
 - [CDC Strategies for Physical Activity Through Community Design](#)
 - [CDC DNPAO State and Local Programs](#)
 - [CDC DNPAO Physical Activity](#)
- For more information on NACDD's Walkability Action Institute efforts, visit: <http://www.chronicdisease.org/page/WAI>.
- For more information on national guidelines and policy statements related to physical activity and community design, visit:
 - [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd Edition](#)
 - [Guide to Community Preventive Services](#)
 - [Community Preventive Services Task Force](#)
 - Community Preventive Services Task Force's [Built Environment Recommendations](#)
 - Community Preventive Services Task Force's [Findings and Rationale Statement](#), with attention to Tables 1 and 2 on page 3.
 - The [Step It Up! US SG CTA to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities](#)



CENTER FOR ADVANCING
HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS
Promoting Health. Preventing Disease.

Active People, Healthy Nation SM Walkability Action Institute

Request for Funding Assistance (RFA) Application Appendix A

Interested State Entity Application for State-Based WAI

APPLICATION DUE DATE: November 13, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. ET via electronic submission through the [Application Link](#).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: The Application can be viewed below and accessed on the [WAI webpage](#) in a fillable, Word format. Complete the application and submit electronically (Word or PDF format) via the [Application Link](#).

- The formatting of the Application Form should remain unchanged.
- The Application should **not** exceed seven (7) pages (single spaced, Calibri, size 12 font)

Application Questions

- 1) Provide a brief statement indicating **why** your state wants to host the Active People, Healthy Nation Walkability Action Institute (WAI) (10 points) and describe **how** hosting the WAI will augment your state's current efforts to improve physical activity through community design (10 points). **(20 points)**
- 2) Which WAI course model does your state wish to select? **(Required, but unscored)**
 - ☐ Four-Day In-Person WAI Model
 - ☐ Hybrid WAI/Walkability Virtual Academy (WVA) Model
- 3) Since Interested State Entities will be providing capacity building assistance to at least four, but no more than eight, local/regional interdisciplinary teams, it is expected that the selected State Entity form an interdisciplinary state-level team to attend and participate in the WAI. Does your state currently have a state-level interdisciplinary partner team in place (check one box)? **(Required, but unscored)**
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- 4) If 'Yes' to question #3, describe the current relationships and skill sets of the interdisciplinary partners and how this team's attendance at the WAI will contribute to the state's ability to scale

local/regional policy, system, and environmental (PSE) changes for physically active travel to community destinations. **(10 points)**

If **'No'** to question #3 and the interdisciplinary state-level team is being assembled for the first time, describe your plan for forming this team in advance of the WAI and how this new team could contribute right away to local/regional PSE success for physically active travel to community destinations. **(10 points)**

- 5) Whether as an existing interdisciplinary team or as individual partners or agencies, describe any **past or current cross-collaborative efforts** to improve walkability, movability, and/or active transportation in your state. Share outcomes data, as appropriate. **(10 points)**
- 6) Describe your state's **short-term** (7 points) and **long-term** (7 points) plans for working collaboratively across disciplines to improve physically active travel to community destinations using community design for physical activity approaches. **(14 points)**
- 7) Describe your anticipated **process for recruiting** at least four, but no more than eight, local/regional interdisciplinary teams from within your state (4 points). Include **how you plan to consider, engage, and reflect** communities or groups with lower levels of physical activity as part of your state-based WAI cohort of communities (4 points) and any **previous experience engaging communities or groups with lower levels of physical activity** in support of community design for physical activity efforts (3 points). **(11 points)**
- 8) Share any **evidence of the need and/or demand** for improved walkability, movability, and/or active transportation in your state that could be improved through the achievement of future PSE changes. This could include mode share data, crash data, anticipated infrastructure projects, community health assessment data, community feedback, visioning, planning documents, and/or assessment processes (e.g., including walk/move audits, photovoice, listening sessions, and windshield tours). You may use state level data, local/regional data from your prospective participant locations, or a combination of both. Please be concise and evidence-based. **(15 points)**
- 9) Share how your state's **past, current, and/or recognized future efforts** will positively impact communities or groups with lower levels of physical activity as it relates to improving walkability, movability, and active transportation. **(10 points)**
- 10) Describe **how your state's participation** in the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI will **augment** your future physical activity efforts? (Note that this is an opportunity to provide any information not explicitly requested in the previous application questions and make clear the value of your state's participation in the WAI). **(10 points)**
- 11) From the lists below, select the locations/places that you aim to impact through your participation in the state-based WAI. **(Required, but unscored)**

Locations/Places (check all boxes that apply):

☐ Urban City Areas

☐ Suburban Areas

☐ Rural Areas

☐ Frontier Areas



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS
Promoting Health. Preventing Disease.

Active People, Healthy NationSM Walkability Action Institute (WAI)

Request for Funding Assistance (RFA) Application Appendix B

Comparison of Four-Day In-Person WAI and Hybrid WAI/WVA Course Models

The following chart details a side-by-side comparison of the two available WAI course models that interested State Entities can select for this application.

Course Session and Description:	Four-Day In-Person WAI Model:	Hybrid WAI/WVA Model:
Project Kick-Off: - Virtual #1 session - TBD Date/Time 90 minutes - WAI Orientation	√	√
Introduction to Photovoice: - Virtual #2 session - TBD Date/Time 60 minutes - Introduction to photovoice as an example of community assessment - Team photovoice homework assignment details	√	√
Team Photovoice Homework Assignment: - Teams complete photovoice assignment within TBD period of time - Teams develop brief PowerPoint slides of photovoice assignment with guidance provided by WAI Faculty	√	√
Team Photovoice Homework Assignment Presentations: - Virtual #3 session - Possible Virtual #4 session - TBD Date/Time 90 - 120 minutes each	Team photovoice presentations will take place during the four-day in-person.	√

Course Session and Description:	Four-Day In-Person WAI Model:	Hybrid WAI/WVA Model:
Teams present developed PowerPoint slides of photovoice assignment to WAI Faculty and peer teams		
In-Person WAI: - In-Person - TBD Date/Time/Location	√ (4 days) - Day 1: Travel in, course opening - Day 2: Full day - Day 3: Full day - Day 4: 3/4 day, travel out	√ (2 days) - Day 1: Travel in - Day 2: Full day - Day 3: Full day, travel out
Walkability Virtual Academy: - Virtual; TBD Date/Time - Session #1 – Content Session - Session #2 – Content Session - Session #3 – Content Session - Session #4 – Team Action Plan Presentations - Possible Session #5 – Team Action Plan Presentations - Each session is 120 minutes or less	N/A	√
Team Action Plans Developed and Submitted 3-4 Weeks Post-Course	√	√



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS
Promoting Health. Preventing Disease.

Active People, Healthy NationSM Walkability Action Institute

Request for Funding Assistance (RFA) Application Appendix C

Description of Local/Regional Required and Additional Team Representatives

The following list provides additional guidance on the required and additional team members for local/regional participant team make-up. Team members must work in the location/region.

Local/Regional Team Members	Team Member Descriptions
Required Team Members	
Public Health	Local, regional, or state public health practitioner, coordinator, health promotion specialist, or health education specialist with demonstrated experience in policy, system, and environmental (PSE) changes (community design) for walkability/movability improvements through community and/or transportation design
Planning	- Technical community, urban, metropolitan, or transportation planning development professional/administrator - Can represent local (city/county)/regional level planning. - Can represent municipal government or private firm planning. - Example regional planning entities: - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) - Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - Regional Council of Government (RCOG) - Other similar regional planning entity
Transportation	- Local, regional, or state transportation representative - Strong preference for this member to have engineering responsibility such as with a Department of Transportation (first preference), Department of Public

Local/Regional Team Members	Team Member Descriptions
	Works, Transportation Management Agency, or a private firm
Elected Official	• A decision maker who is elected to office or a position and maintains voting privileges • Must have interests, voting, programmatic, fiscal, and/or policy decision-making capabilities pertaining to walkability, movability, active living, community development/redevelopment, economic development, smart growth, healthy community design, and/or transportation design • Examples include, but are not limited to: ○ City/county/municipal/township councilmembers ○ County commissioners ○ School board/district members ○ Mayors, etc.
Additional Regional Team Members	
Business/Industry	• Business/industry leader with local/regional reach and influence • Focus on community design approaches that promote physical activity for employees (e.g., comprehensive transportation demand management program or accomplishment of health insurer benefits for employees)
Community, Regional, or Urban Development	• Private sector participant in land development, realty lending, or related fields with reach and influence in this arena • Often works with planning professions but is not employed by the agency • Examples include, but are not limited to: ○ Leader or influencer in the state or regional chapter of Urban Land Institute, National Association of Realtors, National Association of Homebuilders, or equivalent group of private sector developers
Disability Expertise	• Individual with expertise and experience in community engagement and universal design • Ideally has worked extensively on community design approaches toward movable, accessible design
Economic/Community Development	• Engagement with local/regional community development including Main Street, downtown redevelopment, or comparable programs, funding, and policies • Examples include, but are not limited to:

Local/Regional Team Members	Team Member Descriptions
	○ Local/regional members of the Department of Commerce ○ Local/regional Chambers of Commerce ○ Philanthropic foundations, etc.
Education	• Education administrator, official, or educator • Influence with respect to school facilities, school health policies and practices, school siting, student transportation, and/or Safe Routes to School efforts
Parks, Recreation, and Trails	• Parks and recreation departments, trails groups, and/or open space planning and funding agencies, advocacy groups, etc.
Public Housing	• Agency or influential nonprofit organization or housing group that is involved intimately with the development and maintenance of affordable housing
Public Transit	• Transit agency with influence in local/regional community design efforts to increase walkability, movability, and improved community and transportation design
Volunteer/nonprofit walkability-related advocacy organizations or foundations	• Strong and influential groups working in pedestrian advocacy, community health coalition, smart growth, new urbanism, open space conservation, community development, or equivalent area
Other	• For any other discipline not represented in the above list, please justify the relevance of their work and influence on walkability, movability, and related policies



CENTER FOR ADVANCING
HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS
Promoting Health. Preventing Disease.

Active People, Healthy NationSM Walkability Action Institute (WAI)

Request for Funding Assistance (RFA) Application Appendix D

Project Timeline

The general, anticipated timeline for the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI is detailed below.

- **October 5, 2026:**
 - State-based Active People, Healthy Nation WAI opportunity is announced to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) and High Obesity Program (HOP) recipients
- **October 5 – November 13, 2026 (anticipated):**
 - WAI RFA application period for Interested State Entities
 - Informational Webinar on **October 13, 2026** from **1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET**. [REGISTER for the Informational Webinar](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document to be updated within 24 hours of questions submitted during application period
 - WAI RFA Application due via electronic submission through the [Application Link](#) by **11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, November 13, 2026**
- **November 14 – November 23, 2026 (anticipated):**
 - WAI RFA application review and selection period
 - NACDD to notify two selected State Entities of acceptance between **November 23 – December 7, 2026** (anticipated)
- **January 4 (anticipated) – July 31, 2027:**
 - Selected State Entity, NACDD, and CDC will collaboratively plan and implement the WAI for the project period of **January 4 (anticipated) – July 31, 2027**; all project activities and deliverables will be completed during this period