



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Award of a Sole Source Cooperative Agreement to Fund the Public Health Foundation

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the award of approximately \$1.5 million for Year 1 funding to the Public Health Foundation. The award will support the modernization and enhancement of CDC TRAIN and the TRAIN Learning Network overall; capacity building and training to improve the skills and competence of the public health workforce; performance management, quality improvement, and innovation in governmental public health; and expanded collaborations between health departments and academic institutions. Funding amounts for years 2–5 will be set at continuation.

DATES: The period for this award will be September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The sole source award will ensure that state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health and healthcare professionals have the knowledge and skills to serve their communities well. This will be achieved by the following: 1) enhancing and expanding the TRAIN Learning Network, an existing learning management system (LMS) focused

on upskilling the public health and healthcare workforce and 2) strengthening public health workforce services through support for advancing performance management and quality improvement, public health workforce competencies, academic health departments, and other cross-sector collaborations.

Public Health Foundation (PHF) is the only entity that can carry out this work, as it owns and manages the TRAIN Learning Network (Learning Management System, LMS). CDC has partnered with the TRAIN Learning Network (CDC TRAIN) since 2010. There are now more than two million CDC TRAIN learner accounts. PHF also manages the Council on Linkages Between Academic and Public Health Practice, which is the steward of the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals, the Academic Health Department (AHD) Learning Community, and the Retention and Recruitment Learning Community. Finally, PHF is a field-recognized lead in unique public health tools and training for performance management and quality improvement provided to state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments.

Summary of the Award:

Recipient: Public Health Foundation

Purpose of the award: The purpose of this award is to ensure that state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health and healthcare professionals have the knowledge and skills to best serve their communities. This will be achieved by the following: 1) enhancing and expanding the TRAIN Learning Network, an existing learning management system (LMS) focused on upskilling the public health and healthcare workforce and 2) strengthening public health workforce services through support for advancing performance management and quality improvement, public health workforce competencies, academic health departments, and other cross-sector collaborations.

Amount of award: The approximate year 1 funding amount will be \$1.5 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2026 funds, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2–5 will be set at continuation.

Authority: This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act: Section 1703 (a)(2) and (3) (42 USC 300u–2(a)(2) and (3)); Section 1704 (42 USC 300u–3); and Section 317(k)(2) (42 USC 247(b)(k)(2))

Period of performance: September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031.

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