



CMS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH MINORITY RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for the MRGP?

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is announced each year for researchers at minority-serving institutions to apply. Applications can be submitted online at grants.gov. The next NOFO is planned for 2024.

Where can I get help with grants.gov?

Grants 101 on grants.gov details an overview of the grant process, a checklist for applying, and definitions for the terminology. For additional help, visit grants.gov/support.

How can I ask questions about the program?

Contact OMHGrants@cms.hhs.gov with any program or application questions.

How can I be notified when the next MRGP NOFO launches?

To remain informed about announcements and upcoming funding opportunities, please sign up for the MRGP listserv at go.cms.gov/minorityresearch.

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Where can I find more information about the MRGP?

For more information, please visit go.cms.gov/minorityresearch, contact the CMS Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) at OMHGrants@cms.hhs.gov, or watch this [video](#) to learn about the MRGP.

What institutions are eligible for the MRGP?

Eligible institutions include Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). If you are not an eligible institution, you would need to partner with one and the MSI would need to be the one to submit an application. Universities partnering with community organizations and non-profits to expand research are highly encouraged.

How many grantees are selected? When are the selections announced?

CMS will award up to 5 grants in 2024, totaling \$255,000 each in funding. Grantees are announced in the months following the application deadline.

How are applications reviewed? Where can I find guidance on topics that may be considered?

All applications are reviewed by a technical expert panel that makes a determination, not by the CMS Office of Minority Health. Proposals that are likely to be considered by the MRGP Technical Expert Panel should:

- Align with the topics listed in the NOFO;
- Focus on CMS OMH's priority populations; and
- Target issues around health equity and disparities.

What are the CMS OMH's priority populations?

Racial and ethnic communities, people with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, individuals with limited English proficiency, rural populations, and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

