

Request for Letters of Intent for Farmworker Health Services (New Applicants)

North Carolina Farmworker Health Program

Office of Rural Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services

Funding Focus:

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is anticipating the receipt of federal funds to increase access to quality health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in North Carolina. NCFHP seeks applicants who will increase the number of farmworkers who have access to health care services through the provision of enabling services. **Enabling services** facilitate patient access to medical, dental and/or behavioral health care. They include, but are not limited to: outreach, case management and health education. Outreach is generally conducted at labor camps, in patient homes, in the fields, and other locations where farmworkers congregate with the intent of identifying new patients and sharing information. Enabling services are often provided by outreach workers, community health workers, and health promoters. For the 2019-2020 grant period, limited funds are available to support **enabling staff time**.

Funding Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Demonstrate a need for increased access to health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in their community
- Demonstrate the availability of primary care services that are accessible to farmworkers and their families (taking into consideration common barriers to care including language, cost and hours of operation)

Program Overview:

Housed within the Office of Rural Health, NCFHP is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a non-traditional migrant health center. NCFHP's mission is to improve the health of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families by providing funding, training and technical assistance to a [statewide network](#) of outreach and health care providers.

NCFHP partners with local agencies to provide enabling, primary care, dental, and behavioral health services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers in geographical regions where there are limited services for farmworkers. Because of the numerous barriers to care that farmworkers face, current farmworker health grantees utilize an outreach case management approach, which is coordinated by bilingual individuals with health education and/or case management experience.

Grant Period:

Grant awards are for one year, either from April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 or July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

Application Process:

New applicants must submit a completed Letter of Intent form for 2019-2020 funding. Select applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Deadlines:

Letter of Intent form due by **December 5th, 2018**

Invitations to submit a full application will be extended by **December 14th, 2018**

Full application due by **January 18th, 2019**

Please submit the **Letter of Intent Form** (template on next page) to **Elizabeth Freeman Lambar**, Program Director, at elizabeth.freeman@dhhs.nc.gov.

For additional information or questions please contact **Ann Watson**, Farmworker Health Operations Specialist, at ann.watson@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-527-6470.

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Letter of Intent Form for 2019-2020 Funding**

Name of agency:

Type of agency:

Health Department	Community Health Center
Rural Health Center	Free clinic
Community Based Org.	Other (please describe)

Contact person:

Phone:

Email:

List the counties in your proposed service area:

1. Briefly describe your agency and the services that you provide.

2. Describe the primary care services that will be available to farmworkers and their families.

3. Describe the barriers that limit farmworkers' access to health services in your region.

4. How does your agency propose to respond to these identified barriers if funded?

5. List potential partners in your region that could help you address these and other needs such as behavioral health and dental services.