Grants Governance Board: Reducing Burden on Grant Recipients

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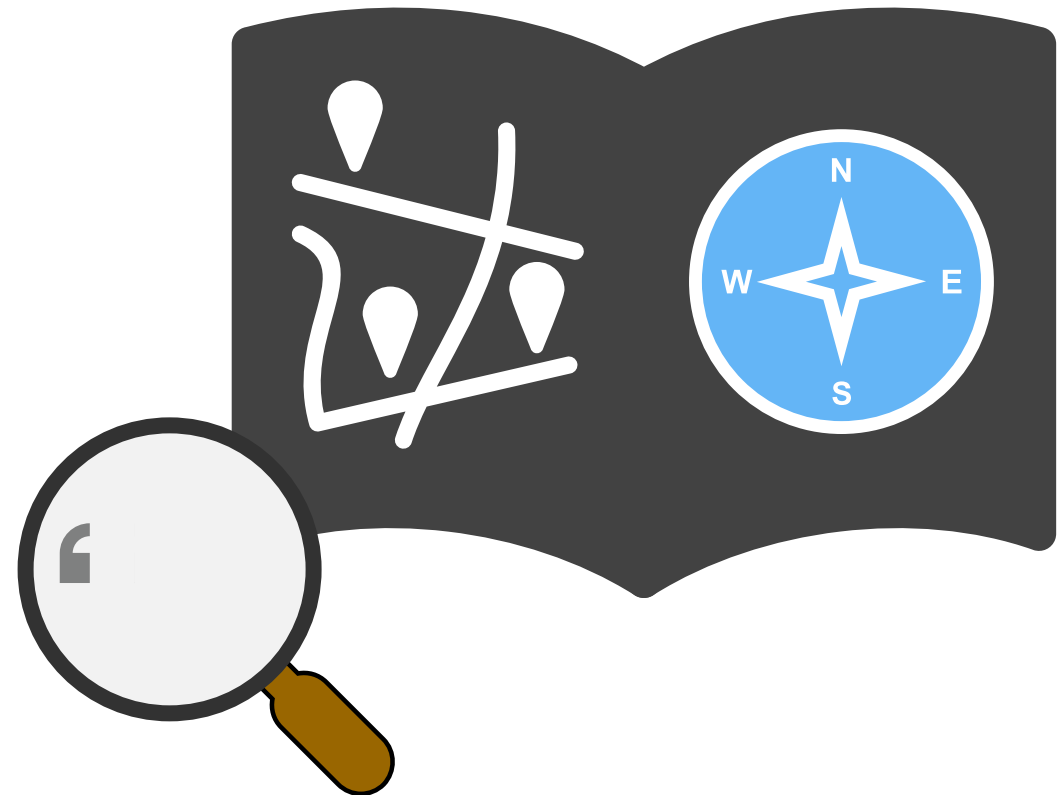Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)*

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my name is

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History of CDC Grants Governance Board

Ongoing Work

Tribal Funding Models Workgroup

Board History:
Where Have We Been?

Board Background

Represents a partnership between the **Office of Grants Services (OGS)** and the **Public Health Infrastructure Center (PHIC)**

Launched in **October 2023**

Consists of **19 CDC Board Members** and **13 CDC Technical Advisors** representing a wide variety of diverse grants expertise

Board is **Internal to CDC**
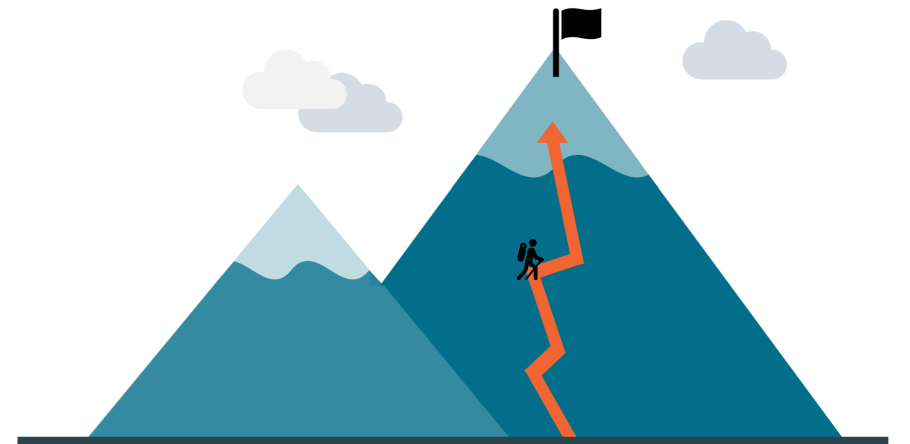
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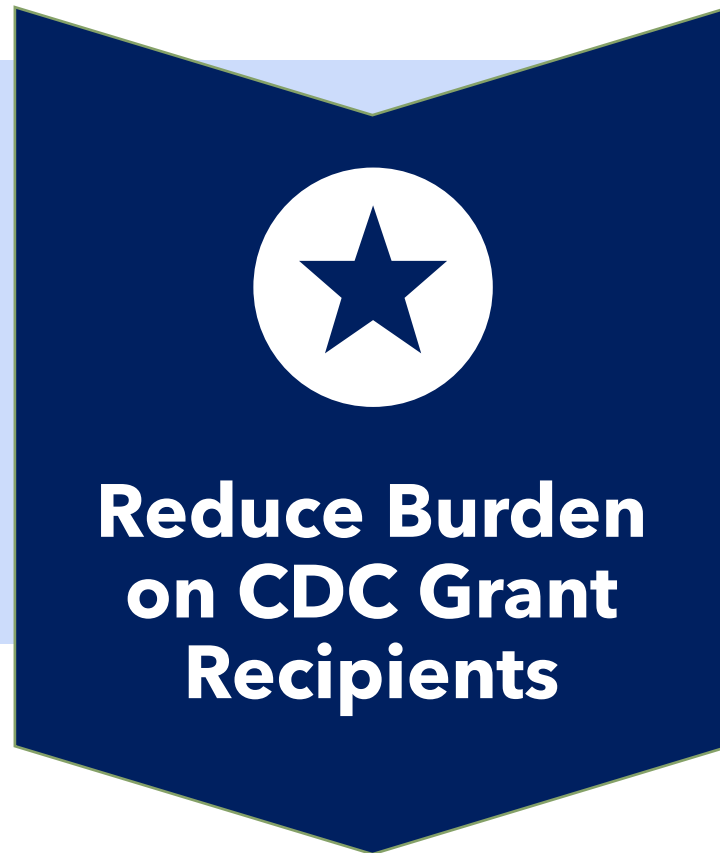
**The Board Addresses
CDC Moving Forward Priorities:**

"Adopt a partnership approach in grants and cooperative agreement management…**reducing administrative/prescriptive implementation procedures and requirements**."

Vision

Transforming *how we do grants management at CDC*

Our North Star

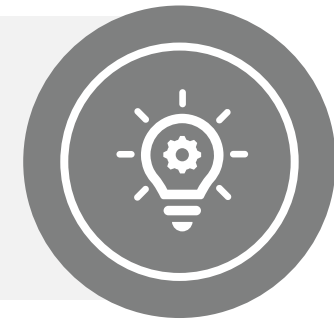Reduce Burden on CDC Grant Recipients

Board Focus

Identify Opportunities for **Improvement**

Develop Practical, Feasible **Solutions** to Scale Up CDC-wide

Promote **Innovation** and **Quality**

Decision-Making at CDC

☑ **Board recommends CDC-wide action to relevant decision makers throughout CDC:**
- Immediate Office of the Director (IOD)
- Division Director, Management & Operations, Communication, and Policy Board

☑ **Board supports implementation and evaluates impact**

☒ **Board does not usurp existing authorities**

Board Leadership

Board Composition

LEADERSHIP

Executive Sponsors

Robin Bailey

CDC Chief Operating Officer

Immediate Office of the Director

Leslie Ann Dauphin

Director

National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (PHIC)

Co-Chairs

Sara Patterson

Senior Advisor for Strategy and Programs

PHIC

Jamie Legier

Director (Acting)

Office of Grants Services (OGS)

STRUCTURE

Board Membership		
Executive Sponsors	Co-Chairs	Members

Board Support	
Executive Secretariat	Technical Advisors

Our Commitment to Ongoing Dialogue

- Public health is a team sport

- Board will engage recipients before finalizing recommendations

- Future discussion with tribes (e.g., hosted discussions, TAC meetings)

Input from Recipients & CDC Staff on Board's Priorities

Fall 2023 Discussions

Hosted virtual partner discussions:

- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

- Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)

- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

- HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

- Tribal Listening Session

Tribal Discussion: December 6th, 2023

Discussion Topics:

- Areas of burden
- Quick wins
- Opportunities for innovation

94 <u>tribal representatives</u> attended the discussion

What We Heard

Explore different **funding models** (e.g., block grant model)

Eliminate burdensome **application requirements** for grants
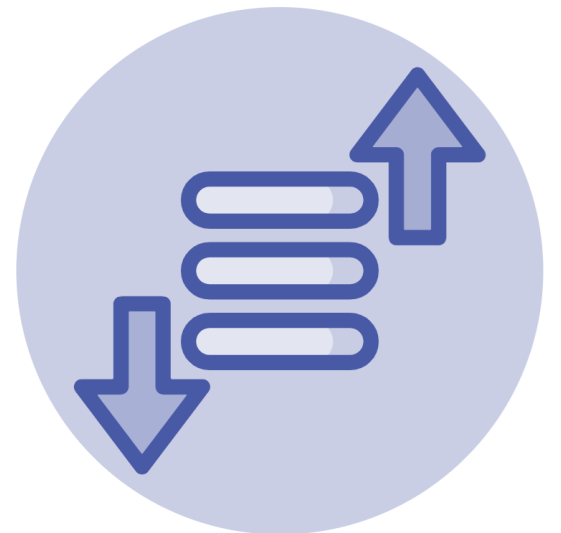
Maximize funding **flexibility**

Ensure **reporting templates** are functional prior to release

Streamline **reporting requirements**

Require project officers and technical monitors to take **trainings** on working with tribes

Non-tribal audiences identified similar areas of burden, opportunities for innovation, and potential quick wins.

Priorities

Board Priorities

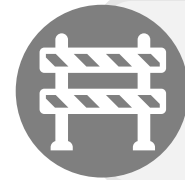|		
Customer Service	Grants Management System	Pre- and Post-Award Funding Strategies
Reporting Requirements	Scaling HHS SimplerNOFOs Initiative	Tribal Funding Models

Workgroups

- **One workgroup** per priority

- **Two workgroup leads** per workgroup

- **12-20 workgroup members** (from across CDC)

- Workgroups will **develop recommendations**

Recommendation Considerations

Resource Requirements (monetary and personnel)

Barriers/Challenges

Operational Requirements

Feasibility

Coordination with Relevant Parties

Timeline

Accountability

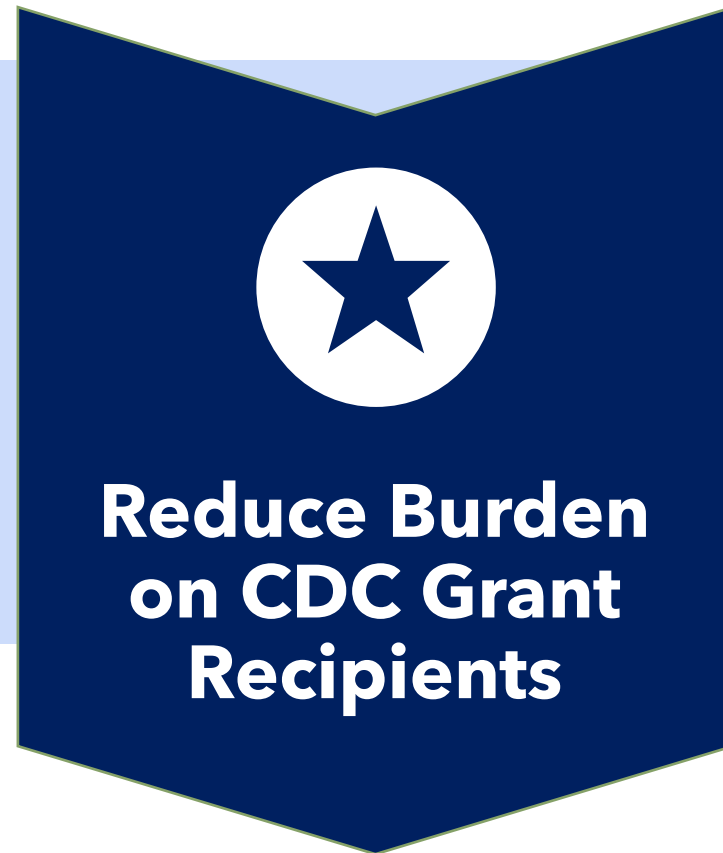Change Management Strategy

Modernizing Grants Management

Making it work

Reimagine the status quo

*Workgroups will develop recommendations to make the grants management lifecycle **more efficient** and provide a **better experience** for partners and recipients.*

Remember Our North Star

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Tribal Funding Models Workgroup

Tribal Funding Models Background

PURPOSE	MEMBERSHIP

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Identify and Recommend flexible funding and program models to:

- Support improved accessibility for federally recognized tribes seeking funding

- Address communities' public health priority needs

MEMBERSHIP

- **Craig Thomas (Workgroup Lead)** – National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

- **Rachel Kossover-Smith (Workgroup Lead)** – Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST)

- **Alana Laanui** – Public Health Infrastructure Center (PHIC) - Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances (OTASA)

- **Andrea Young** – PHIC

- **Brandy Vaughn** – Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

- **Damion Killsback** – PHIC – OTASA

- **Deborah Tress** – OGC

- **Joanne Odenkirchen** – PHIC

- **Kelly Bishop** – NCCDPHP

- **Rita Noonan** – NCCDPHP

- **Zoe Kaplan** – National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)

2023 Presidential Executive Order

Reforming Tribal Federal Funding

$ Federal funding for tribes must be **accessible**, **flexible**, and **equitable**.

Creates a **one stop shop** for federal funding available to tribes.

Better **embraces trust responsibilities** by assessing unmet federal obligations to support tribal nations.

Executive Order 14112 December 2023

Objectives and Status

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct internal agency benchmarking for funding tribes

- Conduct analysis of existing agency authorities and models for funding tribes

    o Legislative, statutory authorities; agency policy

    o Funding mechanisms: program set-asides, block grants, direct vs. indirect funding

PROGRESS

- Currently standing up workgroup activities

- Workgroup kicked off on 4/22

Tribal Funding Models has CDC representation from OTASA

What's Next?

Next Steps

Workgroups **develop recommendations** based on workplan objectives and timeline

Board will **maintain open dialogue** with partners/recipients on draft recommendation

Tribal Funding Models anticipates to **complete objectives** by early 2025

Other workgroup recommendations will likely be of interest to tribes

Tribal engagement is critical

Reach out to GrantsGovernance@CDC.Gov