



Grants Governance Board: Reducing Burden on Grant Recipients

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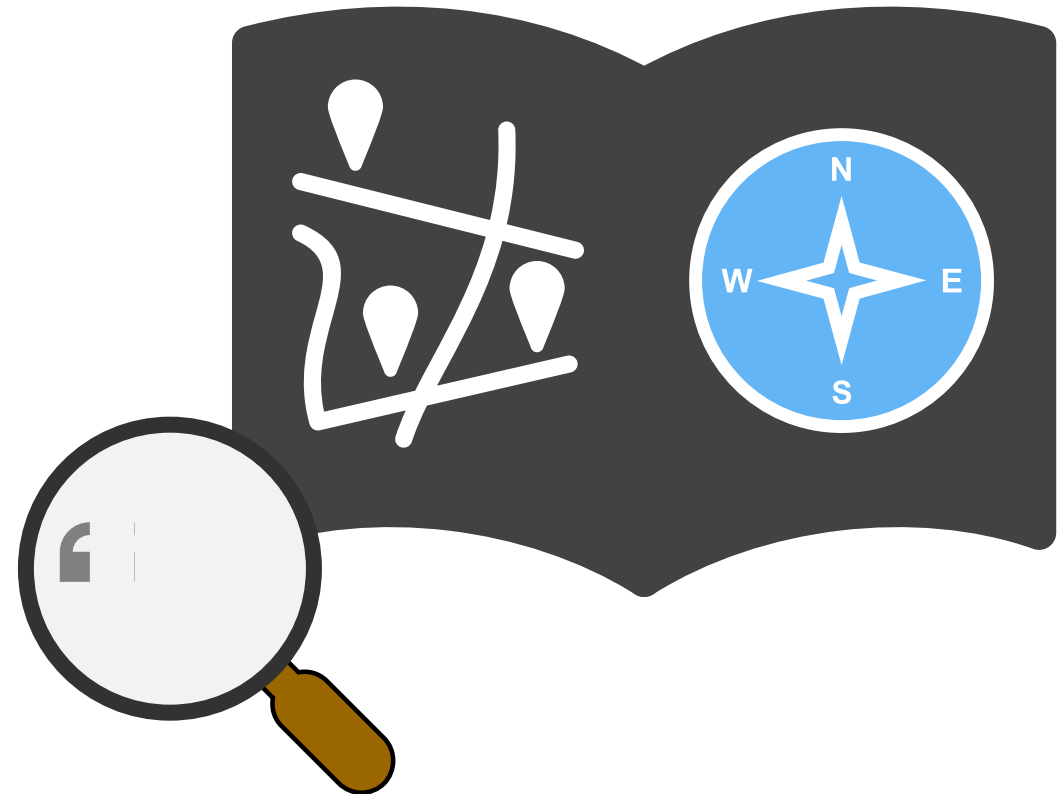
**History of CDC Grants
Governance Board**

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**

Alignment to Agency Transformation



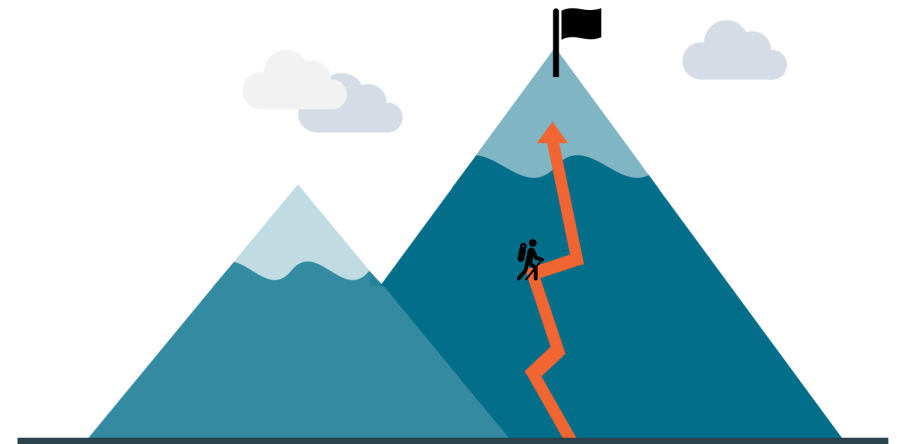
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CDC Moving Forward Priorities:

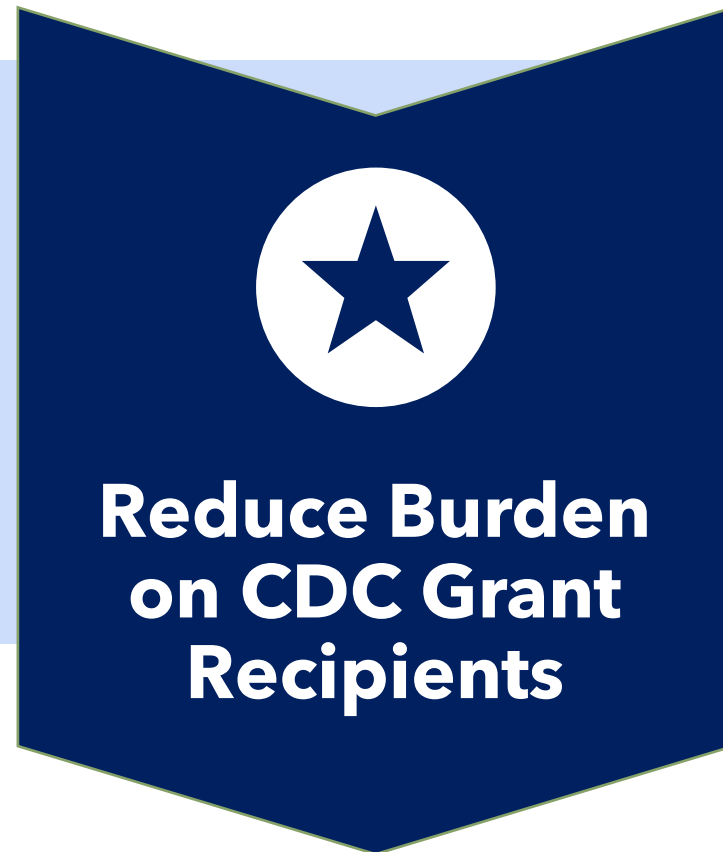
“Adopt a partnership approach in grants and cooperative agreement management...**reducing administrative/prescriptive implementation procedures and requirements.**”

Vision

*Transforming how we do
grants management at CDC*



Our North Star



Board Focus

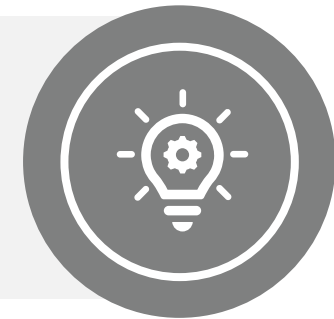
Identify Opportunities for **Improvement**



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



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 Director (Acting)
Office of Grants Services (OGS)

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Board Membership

Executive Sponsors	Co-Chairs	Members
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Board Support

Executive Secretariat	Technical Advisors
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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 tribal representatives attended the discussion

What We Heard



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

Eliminate burdensome **application requirements** for grants

Maximize funding **flexibility**

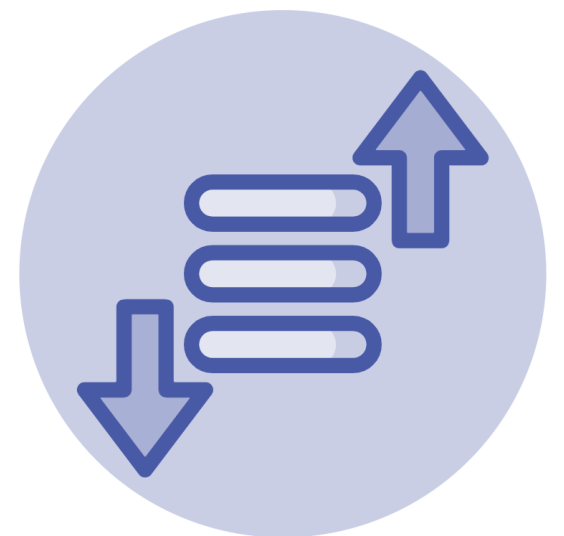
Ensure **reporting templates** are functional prior to release

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.

Priority Workgroups



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.*



Priority Workgroups

Customer Service

**Grants Management
System**

**Pre- and Post-Award
Funding Strategies**

Reporting Requirements

**Scaling HHS SimplerNOFOs
Initiative**

Tribal Funding Models



Priority Workgroups

- **One workgroup per priority**
- **Two workgroup leads per workgroup**
- **12-20 workgroup members** (from across CDC)
- Workgroups will **develop recommendations**



Recommended Areas of Focus



**Resource Requirements
(monetary and personnel)**



Barriers/Challenges



Operational Requirements



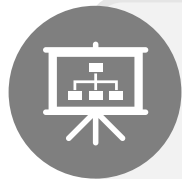
Feasibility



**Coordination with Relevant
Parties**



Timeline

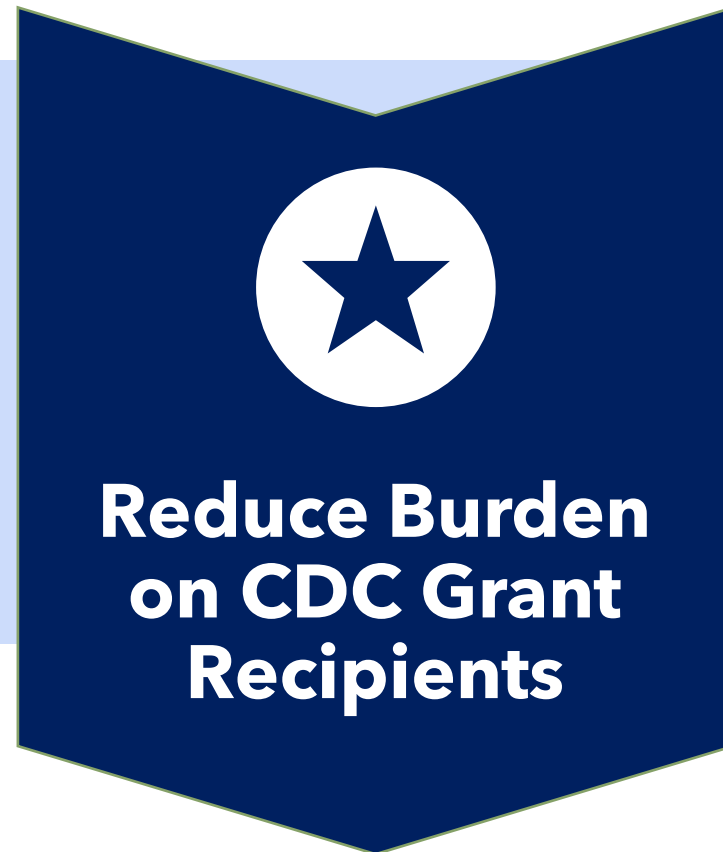


Accountability



Change Management Strategy

Remember Our North Star



Tribal Funding Models Workgroup



Tribal Funding Models Workgroup

PURPOSES

- Identify opportunities to improve the access, equity, and flexibility of CDC funding for Tribes and Tribal Organizations.
- Recommend flexible funding models to address the public health needs and priorities of tribal communities.

WORKGROUP MEMBERS

- **Craig Thomas (Co-Lead)** NCCDPHP / DPH
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- **Damion Killsback** PHIC / OTASA
- **Alana Laanui** PHIC / OTASA
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- **Zoe Kaplan** NCEZID
- **Brandy Vaughn** OGC
- **Deborah Tress** OGC
- **Shirley Byrd** OGS
- **Brittany Fain** OGS
- **Laura Gravesen** PHIC
- **Joanne Odenkirchen** PHIC
- **Andrea Young** PHIC
- **Kelly Bishop** PHIC
- **Henry Roberto** PHIC
- **Gregory Smith** – ORR / DSLR
- **Anne Venner** PHIC / GGB



Tribal Funding Models Workgroup

Aligns with and supports Presidential Executive Order 14112:
Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations



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](#)

Workgroup Objectives and Status Update



OBJECTIVES

1. **Establish an internal workgroup** with representatives from OGS, OGC, tribal programs, PHIC, OTASA, and others CDC CIOs
2. **Conduct a scan** of CDC's tribal programs and funding models to serve as a baseline
3. **Conduct analysis of CDC's statutory authorities** for programs that fund tribes
4. **Continue to engage tribes and tribal leaders** to gather additional feedback and to provide input on the draft recommendations



STATUS UPDATE

1. **Completed**
2. **In Process**
3. **In Process**
4. **Not Started**

Tribal Funding Models has CDC representation from OTASA

Next Steps



The Workgroup will **develop draft recommendations** based on results from the scan, listening sessions, and analysis of authorizing legislation and other funding policies.



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



Anticipated **date of completion**: Spring 2025

Other workgroup recommendations will likely be of interest to tribes

Tribal engagement is critical

Reach out to GrantsGovernance@CDC.Gov

For more information, contact CDC
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