

California Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Facility Infrastructure and Preparedness Project
Request for Applications (RFA)

Questions & Answers
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RFA 22-10924, California Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Infrastructure and Preparedness,” was publicly released on December 23, 2022. Questions submitted in writing by the deadline January 13, 2023, are answered below. For additional questions, please refer to the information in the [posted RFA](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/LTC_InfrastructureProject_RFA.aspx) (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/LTC_InfrastructureProject_RFA.aspx). We encourage you to submit your application for consideration. All applications must be received by February 24, 2023.

Additional clarifying questions and answers have been added to the end of this document.

1. Is there a specific format for submitting applications?

Yes. Please refer to the section of the RFA titled “Application Format.” Applications should specifically address one or more “Allowable Activities” and include only “Allowable Costs” as written in the RFA. Activities must support long-term care facilities in their response to SARS-CoV-2 infections (and other related infectious diseases and conditions) and build and maintain facility infection prevention infrastructure.

Specifically, applicants should submit all information required by completing Attachments A, B, and C (Sections 1 and 2), and submitting a budget (Attachment D). Links to the “Attachments” can be found at the end of the RFA posted on the [CDPH HAI Program website](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/LTC_InfrastructureProject_RFA.aspx) (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/LTC_InfrastructureProject_RFA.aspx).

2. Is there a salary cap for personnel who would be supported by these funds?

Yes. Personnel supported with this funding should not duplicate efforts across other federal grants; exceed 1.0 FTE across all funding sources; and salary must be kept below \$203,700 as required by the funder.

3. Can an individual skilled nursing facility (SNF) apply for this funding?

Yes. Health systems, which include health centers and hospitals, are eligible to apply. Note that one of the eight “Scoring Criteria” is an evaluation of the “Numbers and geographic distribution of facilities.”

4. Can a SNF corporation apply for this funding?

Yes. Health systems, which include health centers and hospitals, are eligible to apply.

5. Can assisted living facilities licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) apply for this funding?

Yes. Skilled nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities are the primary target for these funds. This includes long term care facilities licensed by CDSS.

6. Can entities that would support SNF or other long term care facilities (LTCF) in Pasadena and Long Beach apply for this funding?

No. Because Los Angeles County Department of Public Health received separate 'Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project' funding from CDC, proposed activities may not involve facilities located in Los Angeles County.

7. Is the Long Beach Health Department eligible to apply for this funding?

No. Because Los Angeles County Department of Public Health received separate 'Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project' funding from CDC, proposed activities may not involve facilities located in Los Angeles County.

8. Are State run facilities such as CalVet eligible to apply for this funding?

Yes. State run long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and nursing homes are eligible to apply.

9. If we want to apply for more than one of the Allowable Activities, should we submit separate applications for each activity?

No. Only one application is needed from each organization/entity. Each activity for which your organization/entity is applying should be described in the Application Narrative (Attachment B) and indicated by check marks and described in detail in the Workplan (Attachment C Sections 1 & 2).

Clarification of Allowable Costs:

10. Can applications include funding for reimbursement of activities already completed?

No. Funding described in this RFA are not being awarded for reimbursement of prior activities. Funds will be awarded to organizations/entities for proposing one or more of the allowable activities as described in the RFA. Each applicant's Narrative and Workplan should describe the detailed intervention planned and a timeline.

Clarification of applications from LTCF organizations and individual facilities:

11. Can an organization with multiple skilled nursing homes apply as a group or should each facility apply individually?

Health systems/organizations comprised of multiple skilled nursing or other long term care facilities may apply for one or more Allowable Activities as stated in the RFA. The Application Narrative and proposed Workplan should describe in detail the multiple facilities that will be included in the intervention. Please refer to question 1 of the Q&A regarding the application format.

Clarification of applications from local health departments/jurisdictions (other than LA County):

12. Is it allowable for a local health jurisdiction to request funding under this RFA to facilitate local agreements or contracts for COVID-19 on-site clinics at LTCFs? Could a local health department apply for funding to set up contracts or agreements with local community clinics to provide vaccine services in LTCFs?

Local health jurisdiction applications must include a Narrative and Workplan that describe the specific strategy (Allowable Activity) and include details of the proposed intervention and timeline. Proposed contracts and agreements with other specific entities (such as clinics) should be included in the details of the Application Narrative and Workplan.

Clarification of applications from business entities:

13. Can a private business apply for funding to provide vaccine services in long term care facilities?

A business may apply for one or more Allowable Activities as described in the RFA. Activities must support skilled nursing or long-term care facilities (excluding those in LA County) and should be described in detail in the Application Narrative and Workplan.