Information Session: TB Elimination Alliance & 2023-2024 TEA Mini-Grant Program Opportunity

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About AAPCHO

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) was formed to create a national voice to advocate for the unique and diverse health needs of AA and NHPI communities and the community health providers that serve their needs.
AAPCHO is dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of AAs and NH/PIs within the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Freely Associated States.
2020: 7,173 Cases
2021: 7,860 Cases
2022: 8,300 Cases

U.S. TB incidence increased during 2022, compared with that during 2020 and 2021, but remained lower than incidence during the prepandemic years; after a substantial 20.2% decline in 2020 and partial rebound (9.8% increase) in 2021 (1), incidence appears to be returning to prepandemic levels among U.S.-born and non-U.S.-born populations.

Source: Tuberculosis — United States, 2021 | MMWR (cdc.gov)
Tuberculosis — United States, 2022 | MMWR (cdc.gov)
Our Mission

The TB Elimination Alliance is a national partnership of community leaders dedicated to eliminating TB and LTBI inequities among Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations through education, raising awareness, and innovation.

Our Vision

Healthy communities free of tuberculosis.
Local Partners

Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese (AR)
Asian American Health Coalition - HOPE Clinic (TX)
Asian Services in Action (OH)
California Department of Public Health - TB Free California (CA)
Center for Pan Asian Community Services Inc. (GA)

Community Clinic NWA (AR)
EMU: Center for Health Disparities Innovation and Studies (MI)
Florida Asian Services (FL)
Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (DC)
Hep Free Hawaii (HI)

Loma Linda University, School of Nursing (CA)
Ministry of Health and Human Services (RMI)
NJ Hepatitis B Coalition (NJ)
North East Medical Services (CA)
SF Hep B Free – Bay Area (CA)

Legend:
- Local/State Coalition
- Community Health Center
- Academic Institution
- State/City/County Health Agency
- Community Based Organization
### About the TB Elimination Alliance

- Share resources and best practices among providers
- Develop partnerships to scale existing initiatives
- Conduct outreach to underserved AA and NH/PI communities with the highest TB burden
- Increase awareness and understanding of culturally and linguistically appropriate LTBI/TB testing and treatment strategies
Strategic Plan Pillars

- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Access to Testing & Treatment
- Provider Education
- Research & Data
Mini-Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) Overview
Eligibility

From or working directly with organization in the U.S. and U.S. Territories that serve A/AA and NH/PI communities

Community-based organizations and community health centers will receive higher priority

Meet project site requirements
Eligibility


Applicants should incorporate CDC’s Think. Test. Treat TB campaign materials into your activities.

Applicants must submit a project narrative, budget, and work plan that will be evaluated by a grants committee.
## Application Timeline and Process

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Purpose

Enhance LTBI and/or TB community engagement and education, provider education and quality improvement

Population of focus is A/AA and NH/PI communities and

Support activities at the local level to advance the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) LTBI and TB campaign
Communications Campaign: Think. Test. Treat TB

- Raise awareness about latent TB infection, risk, and the link between latent TB infection and TB disease by encouraging patients and healthcare providers to:
  - Think about the risk factors and talk about TB
  - Test for TB infection
  - Treat latent TB infection to prevent the development of TB disease

www.cdc.gov/thinktesttreattb
Think. Test. Treat TB Campaign at a Glance

▪ **Priority Populations:**
  - People born in the Philippines and Vietnam
  - Healthcare providers

▪ **Markets:**
  - Seattle, WA and Los Angeles, CA
  - All materials available on CDC website (in multiple languages) for use nationwide

▪ **Channels and Partners:**
  - Web, social media, television, and print
  - Shopping centers, supermarkets, and clinics
  - Community-based organizations
  - Professional medical associations
Priority Areas

● Raise awareness about the link between LTBI and TB disease, address misperceptions, decrease stigma, and encourage and facilitate testing and treatment for LTBI and TB
● Increase awareness of the recommended shorter treatment regimen for LTBI
● Encourage providers to test and treat LTBI among at-risk populations
● And create a culturally and linguistically appropriate LTBI and TB education, training and community engagement resources and activities that resonate with high priority AA and NHPI communities
● Develop and implement a comprehensive outreach and education campaign focused on reducing the rates of TB disease among non-U.S born Latino American and U.S born African American communities
Request for Funding Proposal

Address one or more of the five TB Community Engagement Network priority areas

Develop related activities to support community engagement and education, provider education and/or quality improvement
### Example Activities

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| • Conducting culturally and linguistically appropriate public education/outreach on LTBI/TB risk, testing and treatment (e.g. traditional and non-traditional outreach methods)  
• Developing local partnerships to increase visibility and dissemination of messages regarding stigma related to LTBI/TB in the community | • Training clinical and/or non-clinical staff on testing and treating of LTBI and the shorter courses of LTBI treatment  
• Addressing misconception of TB blood test versus TB skin test  
• Raising awareness of local populations at increased risk for LTBI/TB | • For community health centers: Developing or modifying Electronic Health Record system templates to identify high risk patients that require LTBI/TB screening  
• For community health centers and/or community-based organizations; Standardizing data collection for LTBI/TB testing and treatment  
• For community-based organizations: Developing databases, policies, and procedures for outreach |
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| Asian Pacific Health Foundation (San Diego)                                | • Direct Outreach through Train-the-Trainers Strategy (D.O.T.S.)  
• Create LTBI/TB videos and handouts in English and Vietnamese  
• Offer online seminar on LTBI/TB for health professionals |
| The Regents of the University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco) | • Generate monthly LTBI Care Cascade Reports  
• Lead dissemination meetings to share data from EMR to AA/NHPI community partners |
| San Diego County Medical Society Foundation, dba Champions for Health (San Diego) | • Conduct TB risk assessments  
• Distribute and provide TB prevention education materials  
• Conduct demonstration project on TB testing, follow up with results, offer exam and treatment, and coordinate treatment transition |
| Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation (Fountain Valley)                    | • Conduct educational radio shows  
• Offer educational workshops  
• Organize free TB screening events and individualized testing service |
Project Narrative

Section 1
- Capacity

Section 2
- Project Goals, SMART Objectives, and Project Activities
  - Timeline of Activities

Section 3
- Project Evaluation

Section 4
- Budget Narrative and Budget Justification
  - Budget Proposal
Project Site Requirements

- Designate a lead point of contact to provide ongoing communication with AAPCHO, including quarterly briefing calls (schedule will be determined at a mutually convenient, regular date) with all grantees.
- Participate in the Mini-Grants training webinar.
  - Training Webinar will cover: TB Elimination Alliance, Program Grantees and Expectations, and Important Dates
- Participate in a spotlight/feature on the TB Elimination Alliance website.
- Participate in monthly TB Elimination Alliance calls (if applicable) and training webinars.
- Participate in the 2024 World TB Day activities and TEA Summit in-person in Washington, D.C.
- Establish and maintain a [system for tracking activities](#), reach, and project outcomes and submit regular progress reports to TEA and AAPCHO throughout the grant period at both the midpoint and end of the grant period.
- Provide a “lessons learned” presentation on a TB Elimination Alliance members call. Monthly calls take place the fourth Wednesday of every month at 11am PT / 2pm ET.
- Ensure availability and willingness to attend in-person conferences, summits, and other national advocacy campaigns hosted or sponsored by TEA, if invited or if such events are scheduled during the grant period.
- Engage local/state TB program officials on activities for awareness and support as needed.
How to Submit Your RFP

**Attachments to include**
- Budget Proposal (please use the provided [Budget Template](#))
- 1-page detailed Timeline of Project Activities
- Letter(s) of Support (required for “Community Engagement and Education” proposals, optional for “Provider Education and “Quality Improvement” proposals)

**Submit**

**Deadline**
- Friday, June 16, 2023, by 5:00 pm local time
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1. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of TB Elimination**
   a. Check out the CDC’s [Think.Test.Treat campaign](#) aiming to raise LTBI awareness and guide conversations between providers and patients
   b. [Core Curriculum on Tuberculosis: What the Clinician Should Know](#)

2. **TB Centers of Excellences (COEs)**
   a. Provides LTBI/TB Training, Education, and Medical consultation for all 50 states and U.S. territories

3. **TB Elimination Alliance (TEA) Resource Page**
   a. Resources on LTBI/TB screening, testing, and treatment, enabling services, and provider education available

4. Check out local Public Health Departments’ and TB Control Programs’ websites
Thank you!

Become a partner today! Visit us at http://tbelliminationalliance.org/

Contact us at tea@aapcho.org
Questions?
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How many grants are available, and how competitive is the application/selection process?

Could funds be used to incentivize individuals to complete LTBI treatment or purchase medications for underinsured or uninsured?

Can funding be distributed as a stipend to participants to encourage testing? If a community-based outreach program will be hosting our educators and assisting with recruitment, can they be compensated?

As a county health department, we serve all demographics residing within our county. However, per 2020 US Census data only a modest number of residents fall under the target populations to be addressed for this grant. For perspective, We have a population of ~140,000 residents of which 85% are Caucasian/White. Therefore I question our eligibility.

Metro public health departments eligible?

Is there a different criteria for activities from the 2022 TEA mini-grant?

Can the mini-grant funds be used to fund (or partially fund) salaries of staff working on the grant projects?

Can a state-level program coordinate the application for community healthcare partners? That is, can a state-level program draft a mini-grant proposal that "contracts/subawards" to several community healthcare partners?

Is there a template of the application? How long can the narrative be?

We are a public health district and do not have 501c3 status, would we still be eligible to apply?

Is the grant program open to TB programs that are part of state departments of health?

Is this a grant I can apply for being a clinic within the local health department who receives some funding from DPH for TB clinic?

FQHC with large Latinx population, but does not significantly serve Asian or Native American or PI population - are we considered competitive for this grant?

How will funds be distributed? What items or ideas for incentives are eligible?