LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TO: BUMC Faculty
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SUBJECT: CDC - Natural Experiments of the Impact of Population-targeted Policies to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes and Diabetes Complications

OBJECTIVES: The Center of Disease Control (CDC), Natural Experiments of the Impact of Population-targeted Policies to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes and Diabetes Complications program:

Component A: Natural Experiment Research Centers to support a 5-year multicenter network of independent research centers to evaluate innovative, health system and non-health system-based natural experimental approaches that alter the diabetogenic characteristics of US communities. The estimated funding per award in the first budget year is $450,000 (direct and indirect).

Applicants must select only one of the following two tracks:

1. Track 1 Evaluation on of population-level programs or policies that affect population-level risk factors for type 2 diabetes (such as diet or physical activity, as well as other health behaviors; glucose; prediabetes), or
2. Track 2 Evaluation of programs or policies aimed at improving care and management of diabetes, and the risk for diabetes complications.

Component B: Coordinating Center to provide organizational, logistic and communication support to enhance the efficiency, productivity, and public health impact of the Natural Experiments research centers that are funded as part of Component A. the estimated funding per award in the first budget year is $250,000 (direct and indirect).

If an applicant organization intends to apply to more than one component in this funding opportunity, the applicant must submit separate applications for each component. To be funded for Component B, applicants must apply for and be funded for Component A. The PI for Component A may be different from the PI for Component B.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: BU Medical Campus interested faculty should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by Tuesday, Jan 3. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application
- A letter of recommendation from the appropriate department chair or dean
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project including a clear statement of which component/track is being proposed, a list of key personnel, and a clear overview of the research plan (if applicable)
- A brief budget outline for the proposed research
• Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**

- **Internal Materials Due:** Tuesday, Jan. 3
- **Sponsor Deadlines:**
  - LOI: Monday, Jan. 6
  - Application: Tuesday, Feb. 4.

*In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](mailto:adrbumc@bu.edu).*