The National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is accepting applications for these two funding opportunities:

1. **NIAID Childhood Asthma in Urban Settings Clinical Research Network Leadership Center (CAUSE-LC)**. The CAUSE-LC will provide the overall scientific strategy and organizational structure to the CAUSE Clinical Research Network and will interact closely with the CAUSE Clinical Research Centers (CAUSE-CRCs) to support the conduct of multi-site clinical studies and trials with the ultimate goal of developing effective interventions or asthma prevention approaches applicable to children residing in low-income urban settings. NIH: Childhood Asthma in Urban Settings Clinical Research Network - Leadership Center (UM1 Clinical Trial Required) Components of Participating Organizations.

   **FUNDING:** $4.3 million direct costs and need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed projects. This includes funding for 1) the CAUSE-LC functions, 2) the CAUSE network-wide clinical projects including protocol-specific funds for the CAUSE-CRCs and for the mechanistic studies incorporated in these projects, 3) the final 3 (possibly 4) years of the URECA birth cohort.

2. **NIAID Childhood Asthma in Urban Settings Clinical Research Network Clinical Research Centers (CAUSE-CRCs)**. The CAUSE-CRCs will conduct both network-wide and site-specific clinical studies and trials with the ultimate goal of developing effective asthma treatment or prevention approaches applicable to children residing in low-income urban settings. For network-wide clinical research projects and other network functions, the CAUSE-CRCs will work closely with the CAUSE Leadership Center (CAUSE-LC).

   **FUNDING:** $300,000 in direct costs and need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed projects. The proposed project period must be 7 years.

**ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:** Applicants may submit to both the CAUSE-LC (RFA-AI-19-074) and CAUSE-CRC (RFA-AI-19-073) funding opportunities. However, different clinical projects must be proposed in each of the two applications.

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** Interested BU Medical campus faculty should email the following materials listed below combined into a single PDF file to Diana Lehman at
dlehman@bu.edu by **Friday, March 27**. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply as the PI for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- A brief (two-page) statement by the candidates describing the proposed project that highlights the rational/need for a team based approach
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project
- Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A medical campus faculty committee will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**

**Internal Deadline:** Friday, March 27, 2020  
**NIH Deadline:** Friday, June 19, 2020.

*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.*