TO: BUMC Faculty

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SUBJECT: HRSA - Organizations of State and Local Officials (NOSLO) Program

OBJECTIVES: The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Organizations of State and Local Officials (NOSLO) program is to assist states and local authorities in a) preserving and improving public health, b) building capacity to address other public health matters and support and enforce health regulations, and c) preventing and suppressing communicable diseases.

To fulfill the program’s purpose, NOSLO: Health Care Payment and Financing has the following objectives: 1) facilitate bidirectional communication and data/information sharing between HRSA and state and/or local officials, 2) strengthen HRSA-funded programs by better understanding state and/or local stakeholder needs, priorities, and perspectives, and 3) support capacity-building activities at the state and/or local levels that strengthen the health care safety net and advance shared public health goals with HRSA.

The term “capacity-building” includes actions that build, strengthen, and maintain the necessary competencies and resources needed to sustain or improve health services delivery to vulnerable and underserved populations. Capacity-building activities supported through NOSLO: Health Care Payment and Financing include technical assistance and training; data collection, sharing, and analysis; materials development; or other agreed-to actions that enable state and/or local organizations to operate in a comprehensive, responsive, coordinated, and effective manner.

Through NOSLO: Health Care Payment and Financing, HRSA will provide support to an organization with a local, state, and national perspective on health care-related payment and financing for services delivered to vulnerable and underserved populations. This track will increase the amount of high quality, impartial, policy analysis and policy-relevant research on care coordination, health care financing, health care quality initiatives, innovative care/payment models, and payment reform as it relates to the needs of the uninsured, underserved, vulnerable, and special populations of HRSA interest in states and local areas.

Through NOSLO: Health Legislation and Governance, HRSA will provide assistance to an organization that can build the capacity of the nation’s state legislators and legislative officials to learn from one another about public health- and health care safety net-related best practices.

Through NOSLO: Public Health Capacity, HRSA will provide support to an organization that can represent the nation’s state and/or local public health officials and organizations at a national level to
promote integrated systems of care, foster community partnerships, and strengthen the health care workforce.

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** up to $1,065,416 per year for 3 years

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** BU Medical Campus interested faculty should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by **Friday, Feb. 21**. 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 brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project including a clear confirmation/indication of the track being applied for and brief descriptions pertaining to each of the core activities
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project
- Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**
- **Internal Deadline:** Friday, Feb. 21
- **Sponsor Deadline:** Friday, April 10

*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.*