

SBE COVID Coordinating Center Pilot Grant Program

Request for Pilot Grant Proposals

Deadline: December 2, 2022

The Social, Behavioral, & Economic COVID Coordinating Center (SBE CCC) solicits applications for pilot projects for innovative measurement of social, behavioral, and economic indicators that are important correlates and consequences of the COVID pandemic. SBE CCC is funded by the National Institute of Health. It is led by ICPSR in collaboration with the Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA), Survey Research Center (SRC) and the Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT) at the University of Michigan.

Scope:

Examples of relevant social, behavioral, and economic research include, but are not limited to quality of life, stress and coping, caregiving, social support, family life, cognition, mental disorders, morbidity and mortality, health care utilization, employment, and income.

Especially encouraged are proposals related to:

- Better addressing **COVID's impact on health disparities** and vulnerable populations
- Assessing **trust in the health system and implications** for vaccination, disease prevention, service utilization, health literacy, and health outcomes
- Fostering **new collaborations** across research teams
- **Engaging researchers from underrepresented groups** in the consortium
- Developing/incorporating **common data elements (CDEs) for social, behavioral, and economic measures** associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

Award information:

SBE CCC anticipates funding up to 6 projects through a competitive process. Two award sizes are available: 1) Larger projects over \$30,000 and up to \$60,000 in total costs (direct + indirect), 2) Smaller projects up to \$30,000 in total costs (direct + indirect). Applicants should clearly specify which size award they are applying for. Studies involving the use of human subjects must be approved by an institutional review board prior to release of funds.

Who may apply:

Principal Investigators (PIs) and co-PIs should be researchers who are eligible for federal grants, and have not previously acted as PI or co-PI on a previous SBE CCC pilot grant. Co-investigators and other personnel are not limited by these restrictions. While not required, preference will be given to proposals that involve [current SBE CCC members](#).

Important dates:

- 11:59pm (PST) November 2, 2022: Letters of intent due (optional)
- 11:59pm (PST) December 2, 2022: Full proposals due
- December 22, 2022: Awards announced
- March 1, 2023 : Projects start
- February 29, 2024: Projects end

How to apply:

Letters of intent:

Letters of intent are not required, but are welcome. Letters of intent should be submitted to SBECCC-help@umich.edu. The letter should consist of a single pdf file containing the following elements.

1. Tentative title of the proposal
2. Names and affiliations for key personnel
3. A **brief abstract** (no more than 300 words) describing the proposed research and how it fits within the scope of this call for proposals.

Full proposal:

The full proposal should be submitted as a single pdf file to SBECCC-help@umich.edu. It should contain the following elements using Arial 11-point font (incomplete submissions will not be reviewed).

1. Name and contact information of all key personnel
2. NIH Biographical Sketch of all key personnel
3. Description of proposed research (not exceeding 3 single-spaced pages), including:
 - a. Specific aims
 - b. Significance
 - c. Innovation
 - d. Approach
 - e. References (do not count towards page limit)
4. Description of how the application meets one or more of the priority areas outlined in the RFA.
5. Budget
6. Budget justification (not exceeding one page)

Award expectations:

Once awarded, grantees will be invited to attend regular SBE CCC consortium meetings and PIs will be expected to present at the annual meeting occurring during the project period.

All public presentations and products developed using this award should acknowledge the SBE CCC.