



**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

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**APPLICATIONS DUE 21 MARCH 2023**

**OVERVIEW**

The Hawai'i State Fusion Center (HSFC) works to prevent targeted violence and terrorism through a public health model of violence prevention. HSFC has received grant funding via the Hawai'i State Office of Homeland Security (HIOHS) from the federal Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) to advance knowledge and tools for violence prevention through research.

For this research, HSFC is partnering with Kaiser Permanente (KP) in Hawai'i to check for the presence or absence of the social determinants of health in two populations. One population consists of individuals who come to the attention of KP's Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management program. The other population consists of ambulatory patients who visit KP's outpatient services. KP healthcare professionals will administer a survey to collect data on the social determinants of health for each population. KP will de-identify the data, code it, and provide it to the selected research partner/primary investigator (PI).

The PI will compare the presence or absence of the social determinants of health as recorded in the KP surveys. The results will help targeted violence and terrorism prevention stakeholders manage threats by focusing on specific gaps in the social determinants of health that may create stressors in individuals. The results may also offer insight for government and non-government leaders who make decisions on how to allocate resources for social services, mental wellness, and other social supports that create resilience in communities.

Applicants are asked to review the 2022 Hawai'i Targeted Violence Prevention Strategy as presented by the State of Hawai'i Office of Homeland Security at [https://dod.hawaii.gov/ohs/files/2022-HAWAII-TARGETED-VIOLENCE-PREVENTION-STRATEGY\\_FINAL.pdf](https://dod.hawaii.gov/ohs/files/2022-HAWAII-TARGETED-VIOLENCE-PREVENTION-STRATEGY_FINAL.pdf).

### EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

HSFC and KP personnel will review applications based on the following criteria:

- Research qualifications of the PI
- Demonstrated knowledge of how results support TVTP
- Proposed method of reporting results
- Budget

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. **Deadlines:** The Online Application Form will be posted to the HSFC website on 27 February 2023 by 4:30 p.m. HST. The deadline for proposals is 21 March 2023 by 5:00 p.m. HST. Late submissions may or may not be accepted, at HSFC'S discretion.
2. **Eligibility:** This is an intergovernmental budgeting process, not a request for bids from private contractors. Eligible entities include state and county agencies, including the UH system. While private contractors are not directly eligible for HIOHS funds, applicants can request funds for contractual services as part of their proposed budget. If funds are awarded, it will be the responsibility of the applicant to then establish a request for bids and follow appropriate procurement rules.
3. **Available Funding:** HSFC, via HIOHS, has \$25,000 in federal grant funding from CP3 for the research portion of HIOHS's FY2022 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant.
4. **Relationship to regular departmental funding:** Proposed projects should be for novel research or interagency collaborations, not for regular departmental functions. Projects specific to a single agency/sector or providing funds for civil service salaries are generally not eligible and should be instead submitted as part of that agency's biennium budget request to the Legislature.
5. **Online application components:** The online form has the following sections:
  - Applicant information, including qualifications of the PI
  - Project narrative in which the applicant demonstrates an understanding of how this project may help prevent targeted violence and terrorism
  - Explanation of how the applicant will report results
  - Budget
  - Leveraged funds or other resources, if any

(Note about submitting applications: HSFC will use Survey Monkey for applications. Responses are saved and submitted when a respondent clicks the Next or Done button on each page of the survey. Responses do not automatically save as each question is answered.)

6. **Funding duration:** Funding is based on the CP3 grant for FY2022, which has a two-year period of performance. In order to finish the project before the CP3 grant period of performance ends, HSFC requests that the research report be completed by 1 May 2024.
7. **Cost-reimbursement:** In general, HIOHS funds are made available on a cost-reimbursement basis, rather than advance payments. Applicants should expect to invoice HIOHS for reimbursement of project expenses per details provided in the final funding agreement.
8. **Interagency collaboration:** Collaborative, interagency support for your project should be evident from the project narrative.
9. **Reporting obligations:** Successful applicants will be required to report on project outcomes. This will include a final written report due on 1 May 2024. The final report must include findings on differences in the presence or absence of the social determinants of health of the two populations described. Full reporting guidelines will be provided at the beginning of the project period.
10. **Data privacy and outcome reporting:** KP will code and de-identify protected health information from the surveys before providing data to the PI. HSFC will not seek personally identifiable information from KP's survey. However, the PI must make the final written report available to HSFC, who may in turn use the written report for outreach materials, briefings, presentations, products, and CP3 grant reporting purposes. Funded projects should anticipate giving at least one presentation summarizing their work.
11. **Evaluation Process:** HSFC and KP personnel will evaluate the applications. As needed, evaluators may request additional input from other experts on subject matter relevant to applications.

Please contact [HSFC@hawaii.gov](mailto:HSFC@hawaii.gov) with any questions.