Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Surveillance of Congenital Heart Defects Across the Lifespan

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**FOA #:** CDC-RFA-DD15-1506

The purpose of this program is to support development of population-based surveillance systems for persons with congenital heart disease (CHDs), using non-research CDC cooperative agreements. An estimated 2 million persons in the US are living with a CHD, yet little is known about their long-term outcomes. High-quality data will improve understanding the epidemiology and public health significance of CHDs. Surveillance data will also allow monitoring of special sub-populations with CHDs, and potentially identify risk factors and prognostic factors for identifying opportunities and developing effective secondary prevention strategies directed at reducing the personal and public health impact of congenital heart defects.

This FOA seeks to fund collaborative projects to:

1. Category A: Build on existing infrastructure for population-based CHDs surveillance to (i) link additional years of surveillance data for both adolescents and adults identified having a CHD, (ii) identify factors associated with optimal healthcare and improved outcomes, (iii) evaluate factors that impede appropriate transition from pediatric to adult care, (iv) expand surveillance activities to include the lifespan, if possible, and (v) develop pilot projects to translate public health best practices into action; and
2. Category B: Develop and implement innovative approaches for conducting population-based surveillance of CHDs in adolescents and adults, and if possible, across the lifespan, by linking existing data sources. Surveillance data will be used for descriptive epidemiology, to identify comorbidities, and examine healthcare utilization and referral to timely and appropriate services.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**

Only 1 application per organization will be accepted.

**KEY DATES**

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by April 10, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is June 1, 2015.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating
collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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