

Health Disparities Performance Measures

Grant Subrecipient Resource

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health (BPH) received funding through the National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities, a grant provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS). Through this grant, BPH awarded funding to subrecipients in West Virginia through two Announcements of Funding Availability (AFAs):

- 2021 Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in West Virginia
- 2021 Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities in Rural Areas of West Virginia

The goals of these announcements include:

- Reducing COVID-19 related health disparities
- Improving and increasing testing and contact tracing
- Building community capacity to prevent and control COVID-19
- Building community capacity to prevent severe COVID-19 among high-risk populations

CDC requires BPH to submit quarterly reports for specific performance measures associated with the grant. These performance measures are intended to be used by CDC and BPH to:

- Monitor implementation and progress toward achieving intended outcomes
- Demonstrate accountability to interested parties (e.g., funders, public) by showing how funds are being spent
- Maximize learning opportunities associated with the implementation and impacts of this grant

BPH has aligned the strategies and activities for the AFAs with the goals of the Health Disparities grant. To demonstrate how AFA recipients contribute to the larger objectives of the grant, the tables in this resource map each AFA activity to performance measures reported to CDC. CDC continues to release additional guidance for performance measures and reporting, and therefore this resource may evolve over time.

Strategy 1: Expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources and services to reduce COVID-19 related disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.

AFA Activity	CDC Performance Measure
Activity 1: Expand opportunities for testing (including home test kits and organizing mobile testing sites).	Number of vaccination and vaccine support resources/services Number of testing resources/services
Activity 2: Expand access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	Number of PPE resources/services
Activity 3: Assist with COVID-19 quarantine and isolation housing options.	Number of quarantine and isolation resources/services
Activity 4: Organize or provide preventive care and disease management.	Number of preventive care and disease management resources/services
Activity 5: Connect community members to programs, healthcare providers, services, and resources (e.g., transportation, housing support, food assistance programs, mental health and substance use services, substance abuse).	Number of wrap-around COVID-19 services
Activity 6: Build community capacity to prevent or manage underlying conditions and reduce risk for severe COVID-19 (e.g., expand the use of community health workers to help community members prevent or manage underlying chronic conditions).	Number of navigation and support services to address COVID-19 risk factors and mitigation/prevention

Strategy 2: Increase/improve data collection and reporting for populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death to guide the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AFA Activity	CDC Performance Measure
Activity 1: Improve data collection and reporting for testing for populations at higher risk and that are underserved.	Number of improvements to data collection and reporting within recipient organization and across partner organizations
Activity 2: Develop strategies to educate providers, community partners, and programs on: 1) the importance of race and ethnicity data; 2) how to address mistrust/hesitancy about reporting personal information including race and ethnicity; and	Number of improvements to data quality for recipient and partners

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3) why this information is important to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.	
Activity 3: Disseminate COVID-19 information and related data in an accurate and culturally competent manner, location, and/or through trusted community messengers.	Number of communications resources/services

Strategy 3: Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved.

AFA Activity	CDC Performance Measure
Activity 1: Convene and facilitate community partners to plan and implement activities to improve COVID-19 prevention and control.	Number of improvements to infrastructure within recipient organization and across partner organizations Number of new partnerships mobilized Number of existing partnerships mobilized Number of expanded partnerships mobilized
Activity 2: Leverage, hire, or contract with people from the community (e.g., community health workers, social workers, other trusted community members) to assess and address the needs of community members.	Number of improvements to infrastructure within recipient organization and across partner organizations
Activity 3: Expand community infrastructure and capacity to prevent or manage underlying risk factors for severe COVID-19 (e.g., expand transportation networks to allow persons with underlying conditions to receive routine care).	Number of improvements to infrastructure within recipient organization and across partner organizations

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<p>Activity 4: Expand community capacity to address barriers to access to care and other services necessary to prevent severe COVID-19 (e.g., translation services).</p>	<p>Number of improvements to infrastructure within recipient organization and across partner organizations</p>

Strategy 4: Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and reduce COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.

AFA Activity	CDC Performance Measure
<p>Activity 1: Build and implement cross-sectoral partnerships to align interventions that decrease risk for COVID-19 (e.g., transportation, healthcare, major employers, social service providers).</p>	<p>Number of new partnerships mobilized Number of existing partnerships mobilized Number of expanded partnerships mobilized</p>
<p>Activity 2: Build community capacity for health equity interventions by providing training and technical assistance.</p>	<p>Number of new partnerships mobilized Number of existing partnerships mobilized Number of expanded partnerships mobilized Number of improvements to infrastructure within recipient organization and across partner organizations</p>