



CMS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH MINORITY RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I apply for the MRGP?**

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is announced each year for researchers at minority-serving institutions to apply. Applications can be submitted online at [grants.gov](https://grants.gov). The next NOFO is planned for 2024.

## **Where can I get help with grants.gov?**

Grants 101 on [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) details an overview of the grant process, a checklist for applying, and definitions for the terminology. For additional help, visit [grants.gov/support](https://grants.gov/support).

## **How can I ask questions about the program?**

Contact [OMHGrants@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:OMHGrants@cms.hhs.gov) with any program or application questions.

## **How can I be notified when the next MRGP NOFO launches?**

To remain informed about announcements and upcoming funding opportunities, please sign up for the MRGP listserv at [go.cms.gov/minorityresearch](https://go.cms.gov/minorityresearch).

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## Where can I find more information about the MRGP?

For more information, please visit [go.cms.gov/minorityresearch](https://go.cms.gov/minorityresearch) or watch this [video](#). For more application information, watch the recordings of the Application Assistance webinars from [June 26](#) and [June 28](#), 2023.

## What institutions are eligible for the MRGP?

Eligible institutions include American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs) . If you are not an eligible institution, you would need to partner with one and the MSI would need to be the one to submit an application. Universities partnering with community organizations and non-profits to expand research are highly encouraged.

## How many grantees are selected? When are the selections announced?

On average, 3 grantees are awarded annually. Grantees are announced in the months following the application deadline.

## How are applications reviewed? Where can I find guidance on topics that may be considered?

All applications are reviewed by a technical expert panel that makes a determination, not by the CMS Office of Minority Health. Proposals that are likely to be considered by the MRGP Technical Expert Panel should:

- Align with the topics listed in the NOFO;
- Focus on CMS OMH's priority populations; and
- Target issues around health equity and disparities.

## What are the CMS OMH's priority populations?

Racial and ethnic communities, people with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, individuals with limited English proficiency, rural populations, and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

