
***American Rescue Plan Act* Community and Public Health Workforce Programs**

How to Navigate the Funding Process

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**Note: This document will be continuously updated as information becomes available*

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Introduction

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed severe deficiencies in our collective community health and public health infrastructure. Notably, we saw the urgent need for investments in our public health workforce, not only in the near-term but to set the foundation for the next generation of public health workers. Accordingly, at the apex of the pandemic's initial outbreak, I authored and fought to pass legislation to make historic investments in the future of our public health workforce through the creation of a "Health Force" and related provisions to train and recruit the next generation of community health workers.

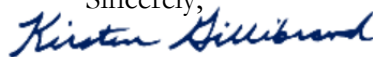
The *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* included \$8 billion in funding to bolster our nation's public health workforce, including \$3 billion to be used for a new national Health Force. This funding will be used for a range of grant programs and crucial initiatives, including the training of unemployed individuals to work in the public health field as contact tracers, COVID testers, and similar activities. Many of these grant programs are still under development through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This guidebook is designed to provide you with information about existing federal funding opportunities to support community health workforce development. It will be continuously updated as the relevant agencies develop future *American Rescue Plan Act* grant programs to support similar initiatives. Most notably, this guidebook will detail the CDC's "Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems" Grant Program and "Public Health AmeriCorps" Grant Program—the two major existent public health workforce grant programs funded under the *American Rescue Plan Act*.

Please note that this guidebook is not a comprehensive list of all federal funding opportunities which may support community health workforce development—community health is a complex and varied issue involving a multitude of stakeholders for which these funding opportunities may or may not be the best fit. Should you be interested in additional funding opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact my staff.

My Senate website (www.gillibrand.senate.gov) is also continually updated with critical information about various funding opportunities that are available to you, how to access them, and where to apply. You can also request hard copies of this guidebook, and other thematic funding guidebooks, by filling out the order form at the end of this guidebook and mailing it back to my New York City office or by emailing an electronic copy to grants@gillibrand.senate.gov. Furthermore, if you need assistance from a federal agency or with an immigration case, please refer to the casework form at the end of the guidebook or visit <http://gillibrand.senate.gov/services/casework/form/>.

As you move forward with any grant opportunities please contact my economic development team, for letters of support, when applicable. You can reach them in my Washington, D.C. office at grants@gillibrand.senate.gov, or (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

Section I

Health Force – Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems

Background and Purpose: Supported by the *American Rescue Plan Act*, this program will help to address the historic underinvestment in communities that are economically or socially marginalized, rural communities, and communities with people from racial and ethnic minority groups. The program will provide cross-cutting support to public health agencies for critical infrastructure needs related to workforce, foundational capabilities, and modernizing public health data systems. It will also provide funding to national public health partners to support this work. Investment in these areas will have lasting effects on public health capacity and systems across the country and will help public health agencies transform to meet the evolving and complex needs of the U.S. population.

Sample Pilot Project – New York City Public Health Corps: In September 2021, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that New York City would establish the NYC Public Health Corps (PHC), a new, innovative effort to expand the public health workforce, strengthen community health infrastructure, and promote health equity for the communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Department and NYC Health + Hospitals lead the initiative.

- This is NYC’s local chapter of the “Health Force” – the NYC Public Health Corps.
- The NYC Public Health Corps uses City funding (\$200 million) as well as the allocated federal CDC Health Force funding (\$35 million over two years)
- The NYC Public Health Corps has been operating since approximately September 2021 and as of January 2022 consists of over 500 hired and trained community health workers. It originally began as a pilot program back in 2019 that grew into this full city program that is now the first program in the nation to leverage federal Health Force funding.

This workforce is already doing important Health Force work in NYC, including by connecting NYC H+H patients with more health and social services. Examples include follow-ups for new parents regarding pediatric specialists, housing services, legal services, and more.

Eligible Applicants:

- States,
- Local governments (including counties, cities, and townships)
- Nonprofit private entities
- Public health agencies and organizations

More Information and Contact: Further information about this program, including past Notice of Funding Opportunities, can be found [here](#). Program administrators can be contacted at PHInfrastructure@cdc.gov.

Section II

Public Health AmeriCorps Grant Program

Background and Purpose: Public Health AmeriCorps is a groundbreaking initiative made possible through partnership between CDC and AmeriCorps and is funded by the *American Rescue Plan Act*. The program supports efforts to build a strong and diverse workforce that is ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. As announced in September 2021, Public Health AmeriCorps provides a pathway to recruit, train, and develop the next generation of public health leaders. This program leverages the expertise of CDC and AmeriCorps, capitalizing on AmeriCorps' experience managing some of the most prominent public service and workforce development programs in the nation while benefitting from CDC's technical expertise as the country's leading public health agency. This 5-year grant program provides:

- **Grantee organizations** with needed workforce support to meet the public health needs of local communities and advance more equitable health outcomes.
- **Members** with pathways to public health careers through service to communities across the country.

Public Health AmeriCorps will invest \$400 million, over five years, from the *American Rescue Plan Act* workforce funding that will enable the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders who are ready to respond to the public health needs of the nation by providing public health service in communities.

Public Health AmeriCorps has two main goals:

- Help meet public health needs of local communities by providing needed capacity and support in state and local public health settings and advancing more equitable health outcomes for communities who are currently or historically underserved.
- Provide pathways to good, quality public health-related careers by providing exposure through onsite experience, training, and more, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they will serve.

Eligible Applicants:

Single-State Applicants: Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through the Governor-appointed State or Territory Commissions. Each state and territory administers its own selection process and submits the applications it selects to compete for funding directly to AmeriCorps. More information about New York's AmeriCorps Commission can be found [here](#).

More Information and Contact: Further information about this program can be found at the CDC's [website](#) and the AmeriCorps [website](#). Questions from organizations about the grant competition can be directed to AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov.

Section III

Letters of Support from Senator Gillibrand

While Senator Gillibrand does NOT decide which organizations are awarded grants, there are instances in which it is appropriate for Senator Gillibrand to write a letter of support for an application. If you wish to request a letter of support for your application, you must supply Senator Gillibrand with the following:

1. A description of your organization
2. Summary of the application
3. a description of what the money will be used for
4. a draft letter of support

Please forward this information to the nearest regional office

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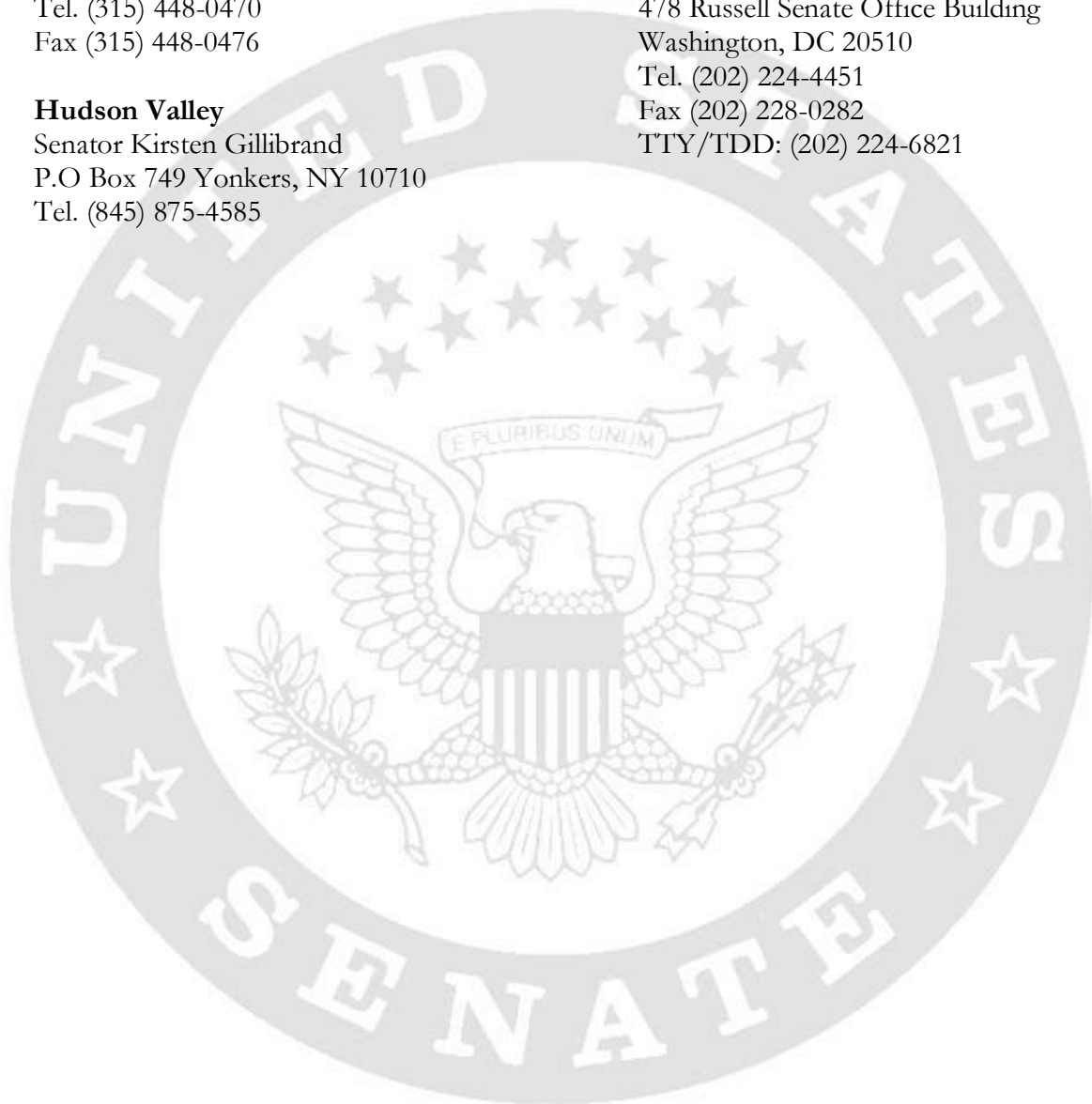
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Grant Guide Order Form

If you would like to order additional grant guides from our office, please indicate what guides you would like to have and complete the below address information. If you have any questions, please contact us at (212) 688-6262.

Guide

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ag/ Rural Development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At Risk Youth / Anti Gang</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Broadband</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brownfields/Superfund Site Cleanup</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City Infrastructure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based / Community Initiatives</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fire and Emergency Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General Grants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Green Energy and Clean Technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Green Schools</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation/Arts/Culture/Tourism</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Home Heating and Weatherization</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Innovation and Cluster Based Economic Development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Education and Libraries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lead Paint Remediation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Minority and Women Owned Business</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obesity Prevention / Nutritious Foods</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Business</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Services /Community Groups</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Water and Wastewater Funding</p> |
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Mail to: **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 780 Third Ave, 26th Floor, New York , New York 10017**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Casework Form

If you have encountered a problem involving a federal government agency or federally subsidized benefit that you have not been able to successfully resolve, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's staff of constituent liaisons may be able to assist you in the following areas:

Employment Issues: including assistance with disability benefits, employer-provided health care plans and COBRA, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits, pensions, unemployment benefits, Federal and State Workers Compensation claims, and retirement-related issues.

Consumer Affairs: including assistance obtaining a home loan modification under the Making Home Affordable Program, insurance claims, dissatisfaction with consumer products or services, environmental regulations, and concerns regarding air quality, water or land contamination.

Immigration Issues: including issues with visitor visas, family and employment based visas, lawful permanent resident status, naturalization, international adoptions, detention, passports, customs and border issues, and assistance to American Citizens in crisis abroad.

Veteran Issues: including issues with VA pension and disability benefits, education benefits, veteran burial or funeral issues, and issues regarding the VA medical centers.

IRS Issues: including connecting constituents with the Taxpayer Advocate Service to address federal tax issues including lost or delayed tax refunds, penalty abatements, payment installation plans, tax credits, referrals to IRS Low Income Tax Clinics and paper tax forms.

Military Issues: including issues pertaining to the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserves and New York State National Guard, as well as obtaining military records, medals and academy nominations.

Health Care Issues: including issues with Medicare and Medicaid, health insurance, insurance providers, nursing homes, hospitals, prescription drugs, and 9/11 health matters.

Social Security: including issues with Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, survivors' benefits, and retirement benefits.

Social Services: including issues with food stamps, HEAP (low-income heating program), FEMA and disaster relief, and issues related to federally subsidized housing.

Please visit the "Help" section of www.gillibrand.senate.gov or call (212) 688-6262 for further information. Please note that if you are seeking assistance with a case that involves a lawsuit or litigation, Senate Rules prohibit the Office of Senator Gillibrand from giving legal advice or intervening in the proceedings.
