

Worker Training Program

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) [NOT-ES-23-007: Promoting Health, Safety, and Recovery Training following Declared Disasters in 2022 \(Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

REMINDER: All questions regarding the NIH submission process should be directed to [the eRA Service Desk](#).

Question: I am writing in regards to: [NOT-ES-23-007 Promoting Health, Safety, and Recovery Training following Declared Disasters in 2022 \(Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) Is this funding opportunity available for researchers in other countries or is it exclusively for US-based institutions?

Response: NOT-ES-23-007 is meant to support disasters declared via The [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act](#), 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act) §401 states in part that: "All requests for a declaration by the President that a major disaster exists shall be made by the Governor of the affected State." A State also includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Republic of Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia are also eligible to request a declaration and receive assistance through the Compacts of Free Association.

Question: Are the activities we propose only to be offered in the states/territories with declared disasters? Or can training be used to develop capacity to respond to future disasters? Does the funding only apply to MAJOR disaster declarations, or can it apply to other emergency declarations under the Stafford Act? Would this emergency declarations enable us to apply? New York - Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of New York (FEMA-3589-EM), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/09/2023-00170/new-york-emergency-and-related-determinations>

Response: Only the disasters listed in the NOSI is applicable. NY should be in there based on the floods and winter storms in NY in 2022 so I am sure the training you develop can address that. From the link you provided it mentions the Stafford Act, so it seems appropriate. I suggest you review the link in our NOSI to make sure this is mentioned. Training and Preparedness for disasters is definitely a focus of this NOSI and is appropriate.

Question: My question was regarding the allowed scope of activities under this NOSI – whether we were restricted to activities in direct response to events that had disaster declarations in 2022, or if we were allowed to propose work that also responds to other disasters that might emerge in the wake of these 2022 events (flooding, mudslides, etc.) – or even in other areas without specific disaster declarations.

This language from the NOSI seems to suggest a broad potential scope of work that we can consider: “This initiative would support partnerships between WTP grantees, worker populations, local community organizations, and other federal partners with the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality related to ***responding to and recovering from activities associated with disaster.***”

Response: The primary focus should be Disasters Declared in FY22 based on the NOSI; however, training can be broad as described in the NOSI to support preparedness, response, and recovery activities around the different types of disasters in the areas you target. We strongly support those partnerships as described as those interactions will help to establish access to target populations and help to support those communities in need.

Question: Do the recent California storms count as “Declared Disasters in 2022?” The FEMA website shows the incident period beginning in Dec. 2022, but the disaster declaration wasn’t until Jan 14 (and incidentally, the severe storms have continued beyond Jan 31, including another strong atmospheric river this week):

California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (DR-4683-CA)

Incident Period: **December 27, 2022 - January 31, 2023**

Major Disaster Declaration declared on January 14, 2023

Response: Technically this disaster would not be covered as it was in 2023. You must use the link from the NOSI on Declared Disasters in 2022 as your guidance for your work. Since there are other disasters in your area or states you cover with the same types of impacts and issues, you should be ok to add this one into your training plan.

Question: Are we reading the NOSI correctly that our budget and proposed activities can be potentially extended to May 2025 (the end of our current five-year grant cycle)?

Response: Yes, funding will be for two years, and it must be justified.

Questions: In reviewing the NOSI, it indicates that funds need to be spent by the end of the current project period. Does this mean they must be spent by May 31 of this year?

Response: The supplements are expected to be awarded by July 2023 and will need to be expended by May 31, 2025 (that is the end of the project period for current awards)

Question: Do you anticipate any special reporting requirements for training conducted under this supplement beyond what is already required under our parent grant? I see that a detailed narrative report will be required under Section B.3 of the RPPR. Do you foresee the need for us to report, say, counties where training takes place, in order to link our activities to specific disaster events (as we’ve

had to do with prior disaster supplements)?

Response: There will be reporting requirements that will be included in your NGA if you are funded. Most likely you will have to report like the other supplements via the RPPR- i.e., Disaster Relief, COVID-19 and add that information into the DMS based on supplemental funding, special circumstances. It is usually reported in the following sessions of the RPPR:

B.3 COMPETITIVE REVISIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENTS For this reporting period, is there one or more Revision/Supplement associated with this award for which reporting is required?

G.1 SPECIAL NOTICE OF AWARD TERMS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS