

## 2007 Call for Proposals—Round 2

### Proposal Deadline

May 17, 2007



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# Finding Answers Disparities Research for Change

### Purpose

**Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change** seeks to improve the quality of health care provided to patients from racial and ethnic backgrounds likely to experience disparities. Finding Answers will:

- grant funds to discover and evaluate practical and replicable solutions designed to reduce and eliminate disease specific racial and ethnic health care disparities;
- focus on interventions aimed at health care delivery for one or more of the following health concerns: cardiovascular disease, depression or diabetes;
- conduct systematic reviews of the literature regarding racial and ethnic health care disparities interventions; and
- disseminate results from these research efforts and systematic reviews to encourage health care systems to address racial and ethnic gaps in care.

### Eligibility Criteria

Only organizations that administrate and directly provide the intervention to the target population are eligible to apply. All interventions proposed for evaluation must occur within the direct context of a consistent source of health care or delivery. The following types of organizations are eligible as primary/lead applicants:

- Provider Organizations (e.g., medical groups, hospitals, community health centers).
- Health plans and employers.
- Other organizations directly involved in health care provision or administration (for example, a network or consortium of provider groups).

Applicants must be located in the United States. Preference will be given to applicants that are public agencies or are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations as defined under Section 509(a).

### Selection Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to produce clear, systematic analyses or program evaluations that will inform decision-makers about promising interventions to address racial and ethnic health care disparities and how these interventions can be replicated in other settings. Applicants may define a specific population group or subgroups to be targeted. At a minimum, proposals must:

- involve health care delivery for one or more of the following health concerns: cardiovascular disease, depression and diabetes; and
- include the collection and reporting of patient-level data by race and ethnicity. Characterization of ethnic subgroups is encouraged where the study population and sample size justifies this sub-division, for instance breaking out Hispanic patient populations with Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage or by stating whether an Asian-American population is Chinese or Korean in origin.

Complete selection criteria are outlined in the call for proposals brochure available online.

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 28 and March 30, 2007**  
Optional applicant Web conference calls. All participants must register online at [www.solvingdisparities.org](http://www.solvingdisparities.org).
- **May 17, 2007 (2 p.m. CT)**  
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.
- **August 9, 2007**  
Applicants notified if selected to submit a full proposal.
- **October 4, 2007 (2 p.m. CT)**  
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **April 4, 2008**  
Notification of awards.

### Inquiries

Inquiries about the program, selection criteria or application process should be directed to [info@solvingdisparities.org](mailto:info@solvingdisparities.org).

[www.solvingdisparities.org](http://www.solvingdisparities.org)

We encourage all applicants to read the complete detail about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/findinganswers](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/findinganswers).

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grant Applications at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



### **Total Awards**

- Approximately \$6 million over three years.
- Approximately 25–30 grants will be awarded.
- Grant awards will range between \$100,000 and \$275,000 for projects of 24 months or less, including start-up, data collection and analyses.

### **How to Apply**

There are two stages in the application process: 1) the submission of a brief proposal that will describe the project and, *if invited*, 2) the submission of a full proposal.

Complete details on the submission process and program information are available on the program's Web site.

**[www.solvingdisparities.org](http://www.solvingdisparities.org)**