

2009 Call for Proposals—Round 4

Brief Proposal Deadline

February 4, 2010



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Finding Answers Disparities Research for Change

Purpose

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is committed to ensuring that all Americans receive high-quality, high-value health care. In 2005 RWJF launched *Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change*, a national initiative focused on discovering and evaluating innovative interventions to move the disparities field beyond the documentation of racial and ethnic differences in health care to actually implementing efforts to eliminate these gaps in care. *Finding Answers* focuses specifically on reducing disparities in cardiovascular disease, diabetes and depression; diseases for which the evidence of racial and ethnic disparities is strong and the recommended standards of care are clear.

Eligibility Criteria

(See the full Call for Proposals for complete information.)

Eligible Types of Lead Organizations and Organization Partnerships

- Only organizations that administer and directly provide an intervention to the target population are eligible to apply.
- Eligible institutions may partner/subcontract with academic or research groups with evaluation expertise.
- *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 (e.g., a network or consortium of provider groups).
- Applicants must be located in the United States and 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

(See the full Call for Proposals for complete information.)

- 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
 - Diabetes
 - Be able to execute the intervention and evaluation in three or more distinct sites.
 - 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 subdivision, for instance, breaking out Hispanic patient populations having Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage or by stating whether an Asian-American population is Chinese or Korean in origin.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **January 6, 2010 (3 p.m. CT) and January 8, 2010 (10 a.m. CT)**
Optional applicant Web conference calls.
All participants must register online at www.solvingdisparities.org.
- **February 4, 2010 (2 p.m. CT)**
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.
- **March 4, 2010**
Applicants notified if selected to submit a full proposal.
- **April 1, 2010 (2 p.m. CT)**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **June 14–July 9, 2010**
Site visits to selected applicants.
- **July 30, 2010**
Notification of awards.
- **October 1, 2010**
Start of grants.

Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the proposal process, please contact the NPO directly:

E-mail (preferred method of contact):
info@solvingdisparities.org
Phone: (866) 344-9800

www.solvingdisparities.org

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at www.solvingdisparities.org/media/file/cfp_FindingAnswers4.pdf.

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grant Applications at www.rwjf.org.

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at www.rwjf.org/services.



■ *Additional Selection Criteria*

- Specific Research Aims
- Background
- Preliminary Studies
- Organization Description
- Intervention Design
- Analytical Plan
- Human Subjects Approval

Total Awards

- Up to five awards of up to \$400,000 each will fund this fourth round.
- Project periods may not exceed 36 months, including start-up, data collection and analyses.

How to Apply

All applicants must submit proposals for this program only through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system. There are two stages in the proposal process:

1. applicant submits a brief proposal that will describe the project and, if invited;
2. applicant submits a full proposal.

Stage 1: Brief Proposal

Complete details on the submission process are available on the program's Web site at www.solvingdisparities.org.

Comprehensive details on brief proposal content and format requirements can be found within the Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/dsn4>.

Applicants must submit brief proposals online no later than February 4, 2010 at 2 p.m. CT. Please go to <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/dsn4> to submit your brief proposal.

Stage 2: Full Proposal

We will notify applicants selected to submit a full proposal by March 4, 2010. Information on the submission of full proposals will be provided to the selected applicants at that time. The deadline for receipt of full proposals is April 1, 2010 at 2 p.m. CT.

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