# Increasing Health Equity and Workforce Diversity in Extramural Research

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#### CORE Health Equity Goals By December 2026

- Increase the number of applications from Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) by 25%
- Issue at least 2 research grant awards to MSIs
- Increase the number of awards made to PIs from a racial or ethnic minority group by 25%

#### **Indicators**

- + Proportion of NOFOs considering Minority Serving Institutions at the second level of review.
- + Proportion of successful applications received from MSIs compared to all applications.
- + Proportion of PIs that belong to racial and ethnic minority populations.
- + Percentage of successful PIs from under-represented populations or from MSIs that have participated in an NCIPC training webinar.

#### **Select Key Milestones**

- + **By October 2021**: Convene a webinar targeting MSIs and racial and ethnic minority researchers to increase understanding of NCIPC priorities, on writing a successful grant, and peer review process.
- + **By February 2022**: Develop a communications plan to increase visibility of NCIPC NOFO opportunities targeting racial and ethnic minorities and MSIs.
- + **By December 2022**: Identify funds and develop an ongoing sustainable plan that will include additional webinars, opportunities for mentorship, and mock proposal development opportunities.

# Action Plan to Meet CORE Health Equity Goals

- Stand up Steering Committee of researchers from under-represented minority populations and from MSIs
- Conduct targeted outreach to MSIs
- Support Research Institution "Twinning"
- Mentor early career scientists from under-represented minority populations
- Develop communications plan and extramural webpage

#### APHA Webinar

Targeted
Outreach to
Researchers
of Color



#### Webinar Agenda:

- Panel Led By Researchers of Color Awarded Major Grants by NCIPC
- NCIPC Research Priorities and Health Equity
- Guidance on Application Development, Submission, and Review Process

# Workforce Diversity in Extramural Research

Research in injury and violence prevention must include contributions from scientists who are under-represented in the extramural research workforce

## Minority Serving Educational Institutions

## Funding Selection Criteria in Every FY21 and FY22 Funding Opportunity

- Applicant organizations from or partnering with Minority Serving Educational Institutions
- MSIs <u>must</u> be included in the SF-424 Senior/Key Personnel Form

### **Principal** Investigators Under-Represented in Extramural Research

Funding Selection Criteria in FY22 Mentored Career Development Funding Opportunities (K-01)

Principal Investigators from populations under-represented in the extramural research workforce

https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented

### Diversity Administrative Supplements

#### Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

- Support for major research grant investigators
- Additional funds to support the research, travel, training and career development needs of scientists from under-represented populations

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-21-071.html

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## Thank You

### **Extra Slides**

# Health Equity in Extramural Research Funding Opportunities

#### **Overdose Prevention and Violence Prevention**

**RFA-CE-21-004 Funding Opportunity Objective** 

Evaluate primary prevention strategies that improve the social or structural conditions that contribute to health inequities across population groups and are associated with violence affecting children and youth.

Examples: concentrated poverty, structural racism, high rates of unemployment and community violence, limited access to high-quality education and/or child-care.

#### **RFA-CE-21-002 Selection Criteria:**

Funding consideration for a balance of proposals that address research focused on groups experiencing reduced economic stability, and/or experiencing limited attainment and access to quality education or health care.

# Health Equity Reporting Requirement for all NCIPC Awards

## **Annual Research Performance Progress Report**

- 1. Describe your award's health equity goals.
- 2. How has your project addressed health equity considerations in the past budget period?
- partnerships, advisory boards, study participants, recruitment strategies, study design and instruments.
- 3. Describe adjustments to your approach to facilitate meeting health equity goals.
- 4. Describe how health equity will be addressed in your translation and dissemination plans.
- 5. How will you disseminate your research findings equitably?