

RADx Tribal Data Repository Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number RFA-OD-22-011

Funding Opportunity Purpose

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director intends to support a Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx®) Tribal Data Repository (RADx TDR) in response to the declared public health emergency issued by the Secretary, HHS, for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This emergency cooperative agreement FOA provides an expedited funding mechanism as part of the [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx®\)](#) initiative to accelerate innovation in the development, commercialization, and implementation of technologies for COVID-19 testing. This FOA seeks to fund a single RADx Tribal Data Repository (RADx TDR). The RADx TDR is intended to be an independent research data repository governed under the principles and practices of tribal sovereignty. The RADx TDR will provide responsible data sharing and access to researchers and their collaborators who are generating or interested in working with RADx American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) research data.

Information about the RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center can be found at: <https://radx-up.org/>

Award Information:

Q. What is the amount of the award?

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards in [RFA-OD-22-011](#) states: NIH intends to commit \$3,000,000 in FY 2022 to fund one award. And the Award Budget in the same

announcement states: Application budgets are limited to \$2,000,000 direct costs annually not including consortia F&A. The Award Project Period states: The scope of the proposed project should determine the project period. The maximum project period is 4 years.

Q. What entities are eligible to apply?

Eligibility Information for applicants and organizations is given in Section III of the funding opportunity announcement [RFA-OD-22-011](#).

Sustainability:

Q. What is the potential for the long-term funding beyond the Grant Award?

This funding opportunity announcement is supported through funds from a Congressional allocation to the NIH to speed innovation in the development, commercialization, and implementation of technologies for COVID-19 testing. While there can be no guarantee of sustained funding, this kind of Infrastructure would be in the NIH long term interest.

Review:

Q. Will the review committee include reviewers who have knowledge of tribal governance of research and the relative benefits and risks of tribal data repositories?

All reviewers recommended to participate in the TDR review are either AI/AN investigators or non-native investigators with deep histories of research in and reviewing for AI/AN focused research projects--for example, for IRINAH, NARCH and Tribal Epidemiology Center applications.

Q. Will reviewers be required to read the NIH publication on AIAN considerations in reviewing research?

While not required for reviewers, reading [American Indian and Alaska Native Research in the Health Sciences: Critical Considerations for the Review of Research Applications](#) is highly recommended.

Q. How are Investigators to be reviewed/scored if this FOA is meant to highlight community-led initiatives? Obviously using traditional PD/PI metrics would disadvantage community and tribal scholars.

The criteria for review of investigators both generally and specific to this funding opportunity announcement can be found in Section V of [RFA-OD-22-011](#).

Synergistic Resources:

Q. It was mentioned that we “should not reinvent the wheel” and to synergize with existing resources. What resources (besides Duke)?

Resources have been developed by all Data Collection Centers funded through the RADx initiative and other trans-NIH initiatives. Information specific to projects funded through the RADx initiative can be found in the Funding Opportunity Announcement [RFA-OD-22-011](#) in the **Related Notices** section. In addition, applicants may want to look at what has been done by the Alaska Area Specimen Bank, the Strong Heart Data Collection Center, and other data collection centers both AI/AN focused and focused on other vulnerable or underserved communities.

Q. Have all Tribal Nations that are participating in RADx agreed to share their data with the TDR?

Participation in depositing data into the RADx Tribal Data Repository is optional and not mandatory with respect for practices and policies of tribal sovereignty. Currently, four of the projects conducting RADx-UP supported research with Tribal

Nations and communities are depositing data with the RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center.

Q. How do I participate in the Technical Assistance Webinar

Thank you for reaching out to inquire about the RADx Tribal Data Repository. NIMHD will conduct a Technical Assistance webinar for prospective applicants. Information on the date and time of the webinar will be posted on the NIMHD website at www.nimhd.nih.gov .

Q. Where can I review a copy of the presentation slides and recording for the Technical Assistance Webinar?

Thank you for your inquiry. The presentation slides and recording for the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics Tribal Data Repository Technical Assistance Webinar will be available on the NIMHD website <https://nimhd.nih.gov/funding/nimhd-funding/webinars.html> on Friday, May 6, 2022.