

SBE COVID Coordinating Center Pilot Grant Program

Request for Pilot Grant Proposals

Deadline: December 13, 2024

The Social, Behavioral, & Economic COVID Coordinating Center (SBE CCC) solicits applications for pilot projects for innovative measurement and study of social, behavioral, and economic indicators that are important correlates and consequences of the COVID pandemic. SBE CCC is funded by the National Institutes of Health. It is led by ICPSR in collaboration with the Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA), Survey Research Center (SRC), and the Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT) at the University of Michigan. Proposals from early career investigators, involving new collaborations, and those building upon existing SBE CCC research (U01 or pilot grants) are encouraged.

Scope:

Of particular interest are proposals:

- Addressing COVID's impact on **health disparities and vulnerable populations, moving beyond simply documenting inequities** and assessing the impact of policies and interventions that mitigate or exacerbate them
- Exploring the **rollback of policies implemented during the pandemic and their impact** on population health
- Investigating **COVID's impact on work and the workplace**
- Assessing **trust in the health system and implications** for vaccination, disease prevention, service utilization, health literacy, and health outcomes
- Evaluating **existing measures related to COVID-19** and their nuanced implications for research findings (e.g., how an index performs in different populations and what this might mean for policies based on such research)
- Developing/incorporating/increasing utilization of **data standards for social, behavioral, and economic research** associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

Award information:

SBE CCC anticipates funding up to 6 projects through a competitive process. Two award sizes are available: 1) Larger projects over \$30,000 and up to \$60,000 in total costs (direct + indirect), 2) Smaller projects up to \$30,000 in total costs (direct + indirect). Applicants should clearly specify which size award they are applying for. Studies involving the use of human subjects must be approved by an institutional review board prior to release of funds.

Who may apply:

Principal investigators (PIs) and co-PIs should be researchers who are eligible for federal grants and have not previously acted as PI or co-PI on a previous SBE CCC pilot grant. Co-investigators and other personnel are not limited by these restrictions. Projects with multiple principal investigators may have up to two PIs. While not required, preference will be given to proposals that build on the research of [current SBE CCC members](#), though they do not need to be part of the study team.

Important dates:

- December 13, 2024, 11:59pm (PST) : Full proposals due
- By January 31, 2025: Awards announced
- April 1, 2025 : Projects start
- March 31, 2026: Projects end

How to apply:

The proposal should be submitted as a single pdf file to SBEGCC-help@umich.edu. It should contain the following elements using Arial 11-point font (incomplete submissions will not be reviewed).

1. Name and contact information of all key personnel
2. NIH Biographical Sketch of all key personnel
3. Description of proposed research (not exceeding 3 single-spaced pages), including:
 - a. Specific aims
 - b. Significance
 - c. Innovation
 - d. Approach
 - e. References (do not count towards page limit)
4. Description of how the application meets one or more of the priority areas outlined in the RFA and (if applicable) how it builds on the research of the consortium
5. Budget
6. Budget justification (not exceeding one page)

Award expectations:

Once awarded, grantees will be invited to attend regular SBE CCC consortium meetings and PIs will be expected to present at the consortium's annual meeting.

All public presentations and products developed using this award should acknowledge the SBE CCC.