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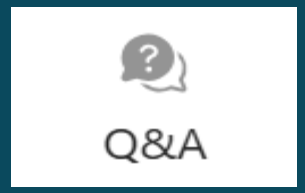
New Funding Opportunity from the National Council on Aging



INFORMATION SESSION

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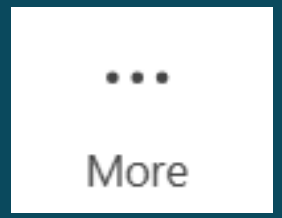
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Agenda

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Welcome and Background ACL



Funding Opportunity Overview

Project Overview: Selected CCHs will strengthen clinical-community partnerships and expand older adults' access to falls prevention by scaling CDC's STEADI falls risk screening and referral to the evidence-based Stepping On program.

Award amount: $717,000

Number of awards: Up to 5

Duration: 30 Months (2.5 years)

Goal and How

Goal:
Reach a large population of older adults at risk for falls by increasing falls risk screening, referrals, and participation in effective clinical-community interventions.

How:

- Increase the adoption and integration of STEADI falls risk screening and Stepping On across CCH and healthcare partnerships to strengthen the pathway from falls risk identification to referral and participation in evidence-based falls prevention programs.
- Support the development of a sustainable clinical-community infrastructure for falls prevention.

Eligibility

1. Function as a community care hub (CCH) and demonstrate the capability to serve a large geographic area in partnership with healthcare entities and program implementation partners
2. Be an eligible U.S. based organization and propose implementation in the U.S. or its territories
3. Have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through SAM.gov
4. Demonstrate capacity to implement and scale EBPs
5. Demonstrate engagement with aging and disability partners as part of its CCH network
6. Demonstrate existing or potential relationships with healthcare partners
7. Demonstrate the capacity and commitment to meet all project requirements related to data collection and reporting

Interventions

- **STEADI** (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries)
  - CDC clinical framework designed to help healthcare providers screen, assess, and intervene to reduce fall risks

- **Stepping On**
  - Muli-factorial evidence-based falls prevention intervention
  - 7-week (meets once a week) for 2 hours
  - Led by 2 trained facilitators + guest professionals

Stepping On Info Session



November 20th at 11:00am ET

Register:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/apMk3ZSxQrmyOnMM3nX2OQ

Intervention Requirements

- Build or expand a clinical-community pathway(s) in which healthcare partners screen and assess falls risk using STEADI and refer at-risk individuals to the CCH/network for appropriate follow-up and, as applicable, participation in Stepping On.
- Scale Stepping On through a network of implementation sites.
- Within the first six months of the 30-month subaward project period, commence active STEADI implementation and referrals to Stepping On.
- Collaborate with other falls related efforts in your state.

Scaling



- Significant increase in volume of individuals served
- Expanded geographic reach
- Expanded network, including number of healthcare partners and number of service delivery partners

Required Activities: Clinical-Community Partnerships

Scale-up plan for STEADI and Stepping On referral pathways

- Work with clinical partners to integrate STEADI into routine workflows
- Engage aging and disability network organizations in service delivery, referrals, regional expansion, and sustainability.
- Establish reliable referral and feedback processes with the CCH and community-based organization (CBO) network.
- Coordinate with other falls prevention efforts.

Target Population

Community dwelling older adults at risk for falls

Age

- Aged 60 years or older (Tribes may define age requirements)

Falls Risk

- Identified as at risk through the STEADI algorithm (see multifactorial risks here)
- Documented fall-related healthcare encounter in any clinical setting during the prior 12 months
- Self-identifies concerns related to falling, balance, or gait instability

Required Activities: Data Collection & Reporting

Report types

- Data reports through the NCOA HAPID database
- Narrative reports
- Fiscal reports

Frequency

- Monthly reports
- Semi-annual reports
- Upon request from ACL, NCOA, external evaluator

Acknowledgements

- Data collected may be used to support healthcare quality measures
- Comply with applicable data privacy, security, data-sharing, and human subjects/IRB requirements established for the project

Required Activities: Rapid-Cycle Evaluation & CQI

NCOA

- Review quarterly performance reports
- Identify successes, challenges, develop target action plans to support and strengthen implementation and scaling activities

Grantee

- Participate in quarterly reviews and contribute to findings
- Use rapid-cycle evaluation findings to strengthen screenings, referral pathways, partner engagement, and scaling
- Participate in TA informed by rapid-cycle evaluation findings and share relevant lessons learned with NCOA and other participating CCHs

Required Activities: ACL-Funded External Evaluation

NCOA

- Liaison across grantees, ACL, and external evaluator; provide guidance and TA to support evaluation process

Grantees

- Claims-based evaluation
- Participate in onboarding and ongoing training
- Work with external evaluator and NCOA to rectify data-related issues
- Follow established procedures and guidelines
- Provide required documentation within established timelines
  - Medicare beneficiary ID
- Comply with IRB processes

Required Activities: Technical Assistance and Continuous Quality Improvement

- Onboarding and data/evaluation training
- One-on-one TA meetings
- Rapid cycle performance reviews
  - Use findings to improve project activities
- Group TA
  - Topical webinars, office hours, peer learning, learning communities
- Annual convening
- Coordinate with NCOA, WIHA, ATAP, ACL, and others as requested

Required Activities: Technology

Leverage technology and artificial intelligence that strengthens the infrastructure connecting clinical falls-risk information to community-based intervention

Technology Examples

- Data exchange and analytics
- Predictive tools
- Clinical decision support
- Virtual delivery
- Consumer-facing tools
- Wearables/sensors
- Assistive technology

Required Activities: Sustainability

Sustainability Examples

- Healthcare contracting
- Integration into routine clinical and CCH operations
- Sustainable instructor/program capacity
- Continued regional referral pathways

Project Leadership and Partner Roles

NCOA will lead the initiative, administer and monitor subawards, provide technical assistance, coordinate data collection for rapid-cycle evaluation, and help participating CCHs and their partners strengthen implementation and scaling.

WIHA, the national program administrator for Stepping On, will provide expertise in implementation, licensing, and fidelity.

USAging will contribute expertise in CCH development and clinical-community partnerships.

ATAP will support connections to state Assistive Technology Act programs and integration of assistive technology resources.

Application Process

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Applicants must electronically submit their application via the **application portal**.



Application Portal Walkthrough

Navigate to the portal to follow along!

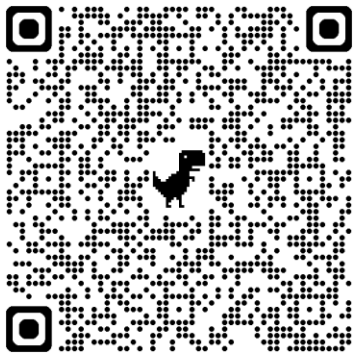
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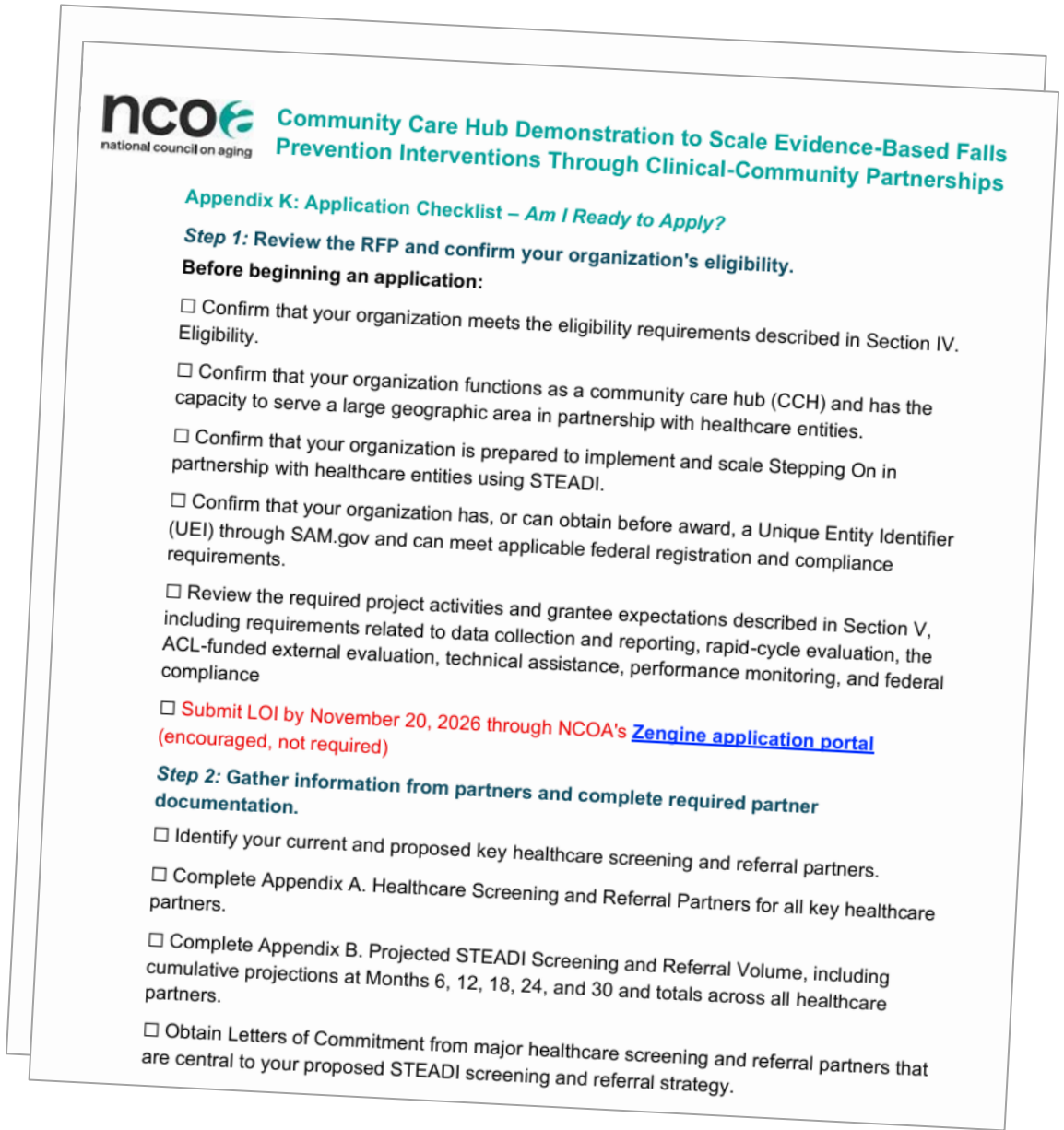
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Appendix K: Application Checklist

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Appendix K: Application Checklist – *Am I Ready to Apply?*

***Step 1:* Review the RFP and confirm your organization's eligibility.**

Before beginning an application:

☐ Confirm that your organization meets the eligibility requirements described in Section IV. Eligibility.

☐ Confirm that your organization functions as a community care hub (CCH) and has the capacity to serve a large geographic area in partnership with healthcare entities.

☐ Confirm that your organization is prepared to implement and scale Stepping On in partnership with healthcare entities using STEADI.

☐ Confirm that your organization has, or can obtain before award, a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through SAM.gov and can meet applicable federal registration and compliance requirements.

☐ Review the required project activities and grantee expectations described in Section V, including requirements related to data collection and reporting, rapid-cycle evaluation, the ACL-funded external evaluation, technical assistance, performance monitoring, and federal compliance

☐ Submit LOI by November 20, 2026 through NCOA's Zengine application portal (encouraged, not required)

***Step 2:* Gather information from partners and complete required partner documentation.**

☐ Identify your current and proposed key healthcare screening and referral partners.

☐ Complete Appendix A. Healthcare Screening and Referral Partners for all key healthcare partners.

☐ Complete Appendix B. Projected STEADI Screening and Referral Volume, including cumulative projections at Months 6, 12, 18, 24, and 30 and totals across all healthcare partners.

☐ Obtain Letters of Commitment from major healthcare screening and referral partners that are central to your proposed STEADI screening and referral strategy.

Required Attachments

See Appendix K

- ☐ Appendix A: Healthcare screening and referral partners
- ☐ Appendix B: Projected STEADI screening and referral partners
- ☐ Appendix E: Work Plan
- ☐ Appendix F: Budget
- ☐ Appendix G: Budget Narrative
- ☐ Appendix C: Letters of Commitment from key partners
- ☐ Resumes/CVs or statements of experience for key personnel
- ☐ Most recent audited financial statements, including Single Audit documentation (if applicable)
- ☐ W-9
- ☐ SAM.gov/UEI documentation
- ☐ Proof of eligible/nonprofit status, as applicable
- ☐ Current federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, if applicable
- ☐ Stepping On licensing documentation or plan to obtain required licensing
- ☐ Upload works cited and references for data included in application responses.
- ☐ Tribal resolution/authorization (if applicable)

Application Timeline

Key Dates	Key Activities
November 20 @ 11:00 am ET	Stepping On Info Session - WIHA
November 20 @ 11:59 pm ET	Intent to Apply Deadline (encouraged, not required)
December 10 @ 11:59 pm ET	Application Deadline
January 28, 2027	Notification of Awards
February 1, 2027	Project Period Begins

Funding Opportunity Webpage

Review the RFP and its appendices in detail prior to submitting your application!.

To access the webpage, scan the code below:

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