

## 2019-2020 Environmental Public Health Tracking Peer-to-Peer Fellowship Program Call for Applications

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), with support from CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health, is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2019-2020 Environmental Public Health Tracking Peer-to-Peer Fellowship Program. Designed to enhance capacity of states and territories not currently funded by [CDC’s National Tracking Program](#), the fellowship will provide up to three state and/or territorial health agencies (S/THAs) with the opportunity to:

- Gain one-on-one, in-depth mentorship from a current CDC Tracking recipient state.
- Learn key tracking techniques and IT infrastructure that can be modeled around the needs and environmental challenges specific to the fellow’s state or territory.
- Build peer networks across S/THAs.

### *Fellowship Activities and Deliverables*

ASTHO Fellows will pursue a pilot project that strengthens their capacity to conduct and collaborate on Tracking Program activities. Fellows will be expected to:

- Implement a tracking **project** (either new or part of an existing state initiative). To view examples of past projects, visit ASTHO’s Tracking Environmental Health Hazards [web page](#).
- Be matched by ASTHO with a **mentor** health department and learn how to build capacity for an effective tracking program through calls, webinars and a site visit. Site visit topics may include portal development and standards, data acquisition and visualization, program marketing, and risk communication.
- Complete a written **report** (6-10 pages) documenting the fellowship experience, how tracking can be used in their jurisdiction, and the results or projected outcome of their pilot projects. Final reports will be due on June 30, 2020 and will be posted on ASTHO’s website.
- Share project outcomes with CDC Tracking recipients, partners, and supporters in a **webinar** (or other external resources).

Past fellows from the **Arizona, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, and Rhode Island** health agencies have since received funding to implement state tracking networks as part of the CDC’s National Tracking Network.

### *Travel Scholarships and Technology*

Each recipient will receive:

- A travel scholarship to attend a site visit to their mentor’s health agency.
- A one-year license to Esri’s ArcGIS Desktop 10.5 with Extensions (Single Use) and 100 credits to use in ArcGIS Online.

## Eligibility Information:

To be eligible for ASTHO's fellowship program, an applicant must:

- Be a public health or environmental health professional, epidemiologist, or other related program manager from a state or territory that is **not** currently funded by CDC's National Tracking Program.
  - Practitioners from city, county, and tribal health agencies with demonstrated intent to collaborate with a non-funded S/THA on tracking activities are eligible to apply.
  - Universities may apply as bona fide agents of a S/THA. The bona fide agent is required to submit a letter from the non-funded S/THA as documentation of the status. Please note that the health agency being represented would be the direct recipient of the award.
  - Former ASTHO Tracking Fellows **are eligible** to apply for the 2019-2020 program.
- Demonstrate interest and knowledge of environmental epidemiology or surveillance, environmental public health tracking, or related activities.
- Propose a project that is reasonable in scope, complements current activities at the S/THA, and advances the CDC's National Tracking Program [goals](#).
- Demonstrate commitment to the proposed effort, including how the fellowship builds the capacity for that S/THA to promote and collaborate with peers on tracking activities.
- Be willing to share resources and lessons learned with ASTHO, CDC, and S/THAs across the country.

## Application Process:

The fellowship application package will be scored on the following elements:

1. Completed application form (5 points)
2. Project narrative and statement of need.

### *Tracking experience and interest (15 points)*

- a. Introduction/background.
- b. Pilot project description, including content area(s) of concern.
- c. Plans for collaboration.

### *Feasibility and overall quality (15 points)*

- d. Project timeline with milestones.
- e. Anticipated challenges in meeting the goals set forth in project.
- f. Expected outcome of project.

### *Project sustainability (10 points)*

- g. Reasons project may have high probability of success.
- h. Plans to sustain project beyond the project period.

3. Curriculum vitae (of applicant) (5 points)
4. Staff from an agency that has not previously participated in the Environmental Public Health Tracking Fellowship (5 points)

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**All applications are due no later than 5 p.m. ET on Friday, November 15, 2019.** Decisions will be announced in November 2019. Fellowship activities will be completed no later than June 30, 2020. Each application will be reviewed and rated by a panel consisting of ASTHO and CDC Tracking Program staff.