**Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2024-0907**

**Cardiovascular Health Learning Collaborative Technical Advisor**

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH or the Department) is seeking proposals for a cardiovascular health learning collaborative technical advisor (TA) to promote health equity and address barriers to care and services for those at risk for heart disease. The selected contractor will facilitate multiple learning collaborative cohorts comprised of health care organizations (HCOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to guide them in implementing or expanding evidence-based strategies that address heart disease (specifically hypertension and hypercholesterolemia) and improve health outcomes.

The selected contractor will be expected to collaborate with CT DPH, HCOs, and CBOs statewide that serve populations most at risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD), high blood pressure, and high cholesterol, and support the integration and enhancement of other population health activities. The LC will address HCOs system needs required to support best practice in care and disease prevention, including electronic health records (EHR) improvements to track clinical and social services and support needs and support team-based care, and advance community-clinical linkages, including use of community health workers (CHWs). The LC will facilitate communication and the exchange of ideas among health agencies, leverage technical and financial resources to support improvements in CV health outcomes, and increase awareness of social services and supports that aim to reduce social determinants of health (SDoH)-related barriers to care.

Deliverables include assessment of each HCO’s/CBO’s project baseline readiness, virtual and in-the-field technical support, and engagement of subject matter experts to develop, support, and enhance work in the following areas: Electronic Health Records/Health Information Technology, SDoH screening, team-based care, implementation of self-monitored blood pressure programs with clinical support, and utilization of CHWs, and will participate with CT DPH in the project’s evaluation processes.

This is a competitive bid; all those seeking funding must submit a proposal and follow the guidelines of this Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is available in electronic format on the State Contracting Portal at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard> or from the Department’s Official Contact:

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The RFP is also available on the Department’s website at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Request-For-Proposals/Request-for-Proposals>.

Deadline for submission of proposals is **Monday, December 11, 2023, at 3:00 pm.**