

To whom it may concern,

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Unit would like to request the amount of \$98,000 through the State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC-STTRONG) funding opportunity. LCHD is able to fulfill all reporting requirements stated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

A breakdown of estimated costs for a two-year period is below:

- Salary: \$72,000
- Internal Cost: \$8,000
- Workstation, IT equipment: \$2,500
- Training, Conference, Travel Fees: \$2,500
- Training/Exercise: \$4,000
- Program Equipment/Supplies: \$5,000
- Misc. Supplies: \$2,000
- Printing and advertising: \$2,000

With this amount, the LCHD would be able to fund additional staff support to lead our MRC unit. This individual would be tasked with developing a written strategic plan for the unit within the first year of funding. The plan would provide a path for the training, development, and growth of the current members of the unit, as well as the recruitment and onboarding of additional volunteers. Above and beyond the strategic plan, this individual would be tasked with creating:

- A volunteer assessment/survey to obtain feedback from current volunteers to determine needs, desires, and goals for individuals on the team to keep them engaged and to determine future plans for the team.
- A volunteer onboarding program
- Structured preparedness trainings for MRC to learn about various public health responses and emergency preparedness topics as well as general public health topics where they may be called upon to support (ex., various outbreaks, contact tracing, investigations, phone bank support, etc.)
- Drills and exercises that involve MRC participation to further their hands-on experience and training.
- A consistent process for offering regular public education outreach to the community.
- A stronger recruiting program to reach a more diverse audience and bring more skillsets to the team as well as an attempt to reach a younger audience.

Funding will also allow for an opportunity for the creation and implementation of new community programs as well as some fine-tuning for already established programs within the unit (including, Senior and Youth Preparedness training, CPR/First Aid training, and Stop the Bleed training). While the team has been established for many years, there has not been consistent, measurable growth or improvement over time and developing a plan for establishing and attaining measurable goals will only improve our outreach capabilities and further benefit the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing our request.

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