

## **2017 IMMUNIZATION AWARDS: BACKGROUND**

The AAFP Foundation's 2017 Immunization Awards Program will present two award categories:

- **2017 Adolescent Immunization Awards** support quality-improvement projects that aim toward improving immunization rates in people 11-21 years of age for the following vaccine-preventable diseases: influenza; tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis; human papillomavirus; and meningitis. This year marks the first time that the AAFP Foundation will be providing immunization awards to support FMRPs to improve immunization rates in adolescents.
- **2017 Senior Immunization Awards** support quality-improvement projects that include a community-based component, which aim toward improving influenza and pneumococcal immunization rates in people age 65 and older. The AAFP Foundation has been providing Senior Immunization Awards since 2014.

***Support for the 2017 Adolescent & Senior Immunization Awards is provided by Pfizer Inc.***

Each award provides \$11,200 in support. Up to ten awards will be presented to Family Medicine residency programs (FMRPs) to be used to enhance residents' quality improvement and/or community health training, while improving targeted immunization rates in *either* Adolescent (age 11-21) *or* Senior (age 65 and older) populations, especially those who are medically underserved.

Visit [www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards](http://www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards) for more information about the AAFP Foundation Immunization Awards Program including best practices, posters and results/findings of past recipients.

## **2017 IMMUNIZATION AWARDS: GUIDELINES**

**Application:** Download either or both applications at [www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards](http://www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards).

**Deadline to Apply:** Tuesday, April 12, 2017, 10:00 pm Central Time.

**Notice of Award:** By June 8, 2017.

**Project Period:** June 2017 to August 2018.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be an ACGME-approved Family Medicine residency program.
- Residents must be involved in the development, implementation, and reporting of the proposed quality improvement and/or community-based project.
- If selected, the FMRP agrees to comply with reporting regulations and must be able to meet all Reporting and Presentation Deadlines, as outlined below.
- Those applying for a Senior Immunization Award may *not* be a prior recipient of a Senior Immunization Award. However, prior recipients of a Senior Immunization Award are eligible to apply for an Adolescent Immunization Award.

### **Reporting and Presentation Deadlines:**

- 990 financial information and Sunshine Act disclosure information for entity receiving the grant award due within 2-weeks of Notice of Award (forms provided).
- Finalized Work Plan for Project due July 15, 2017 (extracted from application or updated, if needed).
- Interim Report due December 15, 2017.
- Mid-Evaluation Conference Call, if needed, in January 2018.
- Report of Results/Findings and Poster Presentation Short Abstract due May 15, 2018.
- Poster Presentation by residents at AAFP 2018 National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students. Must be able to attend from 2 pm, Thursday, July 27 – noon Saturday, July 29, 2018.
- Financial reconciliation and end of project Survey due Aug 31, 2018 (forms provided).

Preference will be given to proposed projects that:

- Demonstrate a need for increased immunization rates in their community
- Provide service to those who are medically underserved
- Include quality improvement and evidence-based strategies that are relatively certain to achieve significantly improved immunization rates

### **2017 IMMUNIZATION AWARDS: SUGGESTED RESOURCE LINKS**

AAFP Foundation Immunization Awards (Best Practices and Past Recipients) [www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards](http://www.aafpfoundation.org/immunizationawards)

Basics of Quality Improvement [www.aafp.org/practice-management/improvement/basics](http://www.aafp.org/practice-management/improvement/basics)

CDC Immunization Schedules [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules)

CDC site for Preteen and Teen Vaccines [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html)

CDC site for Adult Immunization Schedules and related links [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html)

**The Community Guide** (Evidence-based findings of the Community Preventive Services Task Force. This link includes immunization systematic reviews, tools, etc.) [www.thecommunityguide.org/search/immunization%20recommendations%20the](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/search/immunization%20recommendations%20the)

**Disease & Population Specific Immunizations** <http://www.aafp.org/patient-care/public-health/immunizations/disease-population.html> American Academy of Family Physicians (search immunization) [www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org)

**4 Pillars Immunization Toolkit** (Step-by-step guide to improving vaccine uptake in outpatient settings, produced by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine) [www.4pillarstoolkit.pitt.edu](http://www.4pillarstoolkit.pitt.edu)

### **QUESTIONS**

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