



Fellowship Name: Public Health Preparedness & Community Engagement Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Hidalgo County Health Department

Host Site Division/Program: Preparedness, Epidemiology, Community Engagement

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 1304 South 25th Avenue, Edinburg, Texas 78542

Host Site Workplace Setting: 100% onsite/in-person

Workplace Setting Description: Hidalgo County will not be offering telework/remote options for this fellowship.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Health Policy and Management, Epidemiology

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Community Engagement, Public Health Preparedness

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission: The mission of Hidalgo County Health and Human Services is to enhance the health and well-being of our community through effective public health strategies. The Public Health Preparedness and Community Engagement Fellowship aims to strengthen emergency preparedness initiatives while fostering community partnerships to improve public health outcomes and resilience.

Fellowship Projects: The fellow will play a key role in recruiting and coordinating the South Texas All Hazards Conference (STAHC), a training event hosted by Hidalgo County for first responders. They will also assist in recruiting healthcare providers and contributing to planning the Operation Border Health Preparedness (OBHP) Mass Care Exercise. Additionally, the fellow will participate in community outreach events to promote program awareness and educate the public on health initiatives. This diverse range of projects will enhance their skills in emergency preparedness and community engagement.

Fellowship Deliverables:

- Coordinate logistics and recruitment for the STAHC.
- Assist in planning and provider recruitment for the OBHP Mass Care Exercise.
Participate in community outreach events, produce materials to enhance program awareness and public education.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities: The fellow will be responsible for various tasks that enhance their skills and support our public health initiatives. Key responsibilities include coordinating the STAHC logistics, which involves meeting coordination, outreach to stakeholders, and securing training materials. They will assist with recruitment of healthcare providers for the OBHP Mass Care Exercise, gaining hands-on experience in procurement and volunteer recruitment for essential services. Additionally, the fellow will participate in community outreach events, helping to raise awareness and educate residents on public health initiatives. This will develop their communication and interpersonal skills as they engage with diverse community members. Throughout these responsibilities, the fellow will use and refine skills in project management, data collection, and analysis. They will gain insights into public health strategies and emergency preparedness frameworks while collaborating with multidisciplinary teams. This experience will provide them with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in public health, equipping them with valuable competencies to advance their careers.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: \$48,781.00

The fellow will be eligible for [Hidalgo employee benefits](#) including health insurance and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 30%

Travel Description: Travel will be local for any outreach events or regional meetings.

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

Native/Functionally Native: Fellow can converse easily and accurately in all types of situations. Native speakers, including the highly educated, may think the Fellow is a native speaker too.

Ability to Write in Spanish:

Native/Functionally Native: Fellow can write easily and accurately in all types of situations.

Preferred Educational Qualifications

(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Bachelor's degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:

Skilled: comfortable with their knowledge or ability to apply Data Analysis

Statistical Software:

No preference

Skill Level with Statistical Software:

No Preference

Other Software:

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