

COAF Key Steps and Timeline

Grant Step	Summary	Tentative Date
Pre-Applications Open	RCO begins accepting pre-applications in PRISM. Applicants are strongly encouraged to start the pre-applications early.	Mid-January 2024
Webinar	RCO conducts a workshop webinar to provide information about the COAF grant for prospective applicants.	Mid-January 2024
Pre-Application Due	The applicant must have included the required PRISM data, all required attachments, and checked for errors.	Mid-March 2024
Pre-Application Evaluation	RCO reviews the pre-application to confirm eligibility and works with the advisory committee to score and rank the project.	Early March 2024
Final Application Invitation	Based on pre-application rankings within each region, RCO invites the pre-applicant to submit a final application.	Early May 2024
Final Application Due	The applicant must have included the required PRISM data, all required attachments, and checked for errors.	Late June 2024
Technical Review	RCO reviews final applications for completeness and works with applicant to address or improve the application as needed to get it into final form.	July-August 2024
Project Evaluation	The advisory committee reviews the final application and scores the subjective evaluation criteria. RCO scores data-based evaluation criteria.	September 2024
Funding Award	RCO compiles ranked lists and funding recommendations within each region for the RCO director, who makes the final funding decision.	Round 1: Mid-October 2024 Round 2 (if applicable): Early May 2025
Successful Applicant Webinar	RCO notifies successful applicants and hosts a workshop, which covers things such as agreements, billing, amendments, closing, and long-term compliance.	Round 1: November 2024 Round 2 (if applicable): May 2025

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Agreement Issued	After grant award, the successful applicant submits pre-agreement documents and returns signed grant agreement.	Round 1: December 2024 Round 2 (if applicable): June 2025
Project Implementation	After signing the grant agreement, the successful applicant becomes a project sponsor and begins project implementation according to milestones included in the grant agreement.	Ongoing