

The CSTE Foundation (<https://cstefoundation.org>) is an independent non-profit organization that has been created to support the vision of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists – “Using the power of epidemiology to improve the public’s health.”

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Support tailored informatics training for the applied epidemiology workforce

Help establish a leadership training program for existing workforce

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Support refining and expanding the CSTE student epidemiology scholarship program

Establish workforce standards

Support CSTE’s regular or interval capacity assessments to expand subject areas and local health departments to improve characterization of the epidemiology workforce

Support CSTE’s efforts to evaluate and revise the Applied Epidemiology Competencies

Provide opportunities for applied epidemiology capacity building

Promote the field of applied epidemiology through support for regional epidemiology meetings

Explore and encourage publication by applied epidemiologists

Provide professional development opportunities

Provide organizational and financial support for an Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Alumni Association

Develop a resource system to support applied epidemiologists’ readiness throughout the US to participate in multi-state and in global disease responses

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Establish funding goals and priority organizations and identify opportunities for fundraising

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The CSTE Foundation’s strategic plans outlines measurable efforts to achieve the strategic goals outlined in its five-year organizational plan.

The Foundation’s strategic short-term priorities include:

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1. Provide Training for the applied epidemiology workforce to develop or enhance skills and competencies

- a. Support CSTE’s efforts to expand the Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Program
<https://cstefellows.org/>
- b. Support tailored informatics training for the applied epidemiology workforce
<https://bit.ly/31Ch6tE>
- c. Help establish a leadership training program for existing workforce
- d. Establish key partnerships with foundations, APHL, ASPPH and CDC to advance competency-based learning opportunities for applied epidemiologists
- e. Support refining and expanding the CSTE student epidemiology scholarship program.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2. Establish workforce standards

- a. Support CSTE’s regular or interval capacity assessments to expand subject areas and local health departments to improve characterization of the epidemiology workforce
<https://www.cste.org/group/ECA>
- b. Support CSTE’s efforts to evaluate and revise the Applied Epidemiology Competencies in collaboration with CDC and ASPPH <https://www.cste.org/group/CSTECDCAEC>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3. Provide opportunities for applied epidemiology capacity building

- a. Promote the field of applied epidemiology through support for regional epidemiology meetings
- b. Explore and encourage publication by applied epidemiologists
<https://www.cste.org/page/CSTEPublications>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4. Provide professional development opportunities

- a. Provide organizational and financial support for an Applied Epidemiology Fellowship Alumni Association
- b. Develop a resource system to support applied epidemiologists’ readiness throughout the US to participate in multi-state and in global disease responses. <https://preparedness.cste.org/>

Foundational Priorities

- A. Develop Key partnerships to support the growth of the Foundation
 - a. Participate in Board training, meet with members of CSTE Executive Board, CDC Foundation, etc.
 - b. Recruit members (of varied backgrounds) to serve as permanent or ex-officio board members
- B. Establish funding goals and priority organization partners to identify opportunities for fundraising

OUTCOMES:

- Increased visibility of the Foundation and a well-prepared Board
- New partnerships for resource sharing, collaboration and fundraising
- Refined and established shared goals with the CSTE National Office
- Defined short term priorities for funding
- Develop or enhance applied epidemiology skills and competencies