



Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Access to Care Grants 2014-2015 Guidelines

OVERVIEW

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC) is committed to supporting community-based initiatives providing Dental Homes to children whose families cannot afford dental care. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry defines a Dental Home as the ongoing relationship between the dentist and the patient, inclusive of all aspects of oral health care, delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated, and family-centered way. HSHC supports this goal through its Access to Care Grants targeting children up to age 18.

HSHC Access to Care Grants are one-year **matching grants** of up to \$20,000, supporting community-based initiatives in the U.S. that provide dental care and ultimately serve as a Dental Home to underserved/limited access children. Special consideration will be given to programs supporting the age-one dental visit and providing care to special needs patients.

USE OF FUNDS

HSHC funds may be applied to cover costs such as, but not limited to:

- Child oral health care
- Clinic supplies, instruments and equipment,
- Salary,
- Patient/parent education materials,
- Take-home supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.),
- Education and/or outreach to recruit dentist participation in program activities.

All expense items must have clear, direct impact on pediatric oral health care and **a direct link to the Dental Home.**

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children does not fund indirect costs. This policy is applied to all single-year Access to Care Grants.

Access to Care Grant funds must be expended within 12 months of award. Grants will be issued July 1, 2015.

QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a United States /U.S. Territory applicant/organization providing care to children in the U.S. or a U.S. Territory.

Priority is given to projects with pediatric dentist involvement. If a pediatric dentist is not participating, a general dentist **must be** involved for funding consideration.

Applying organization must have matching funds equal to the requested grant amount **at the time the application is submitted**. Matching funds can either be cash or in-kind.

Qualified applicants/organizations include, **but are not limited to**:

1. Nonprofit organizations, *Includes but not limited to 501(c)(3) and 501 (c)(6)*
2. Local health jurisdictions
3. County health departments
4. Hospitals and clinics
5. State government agencies
6. Colleges/schools of dentistry
7. Colleges/schools of medicine (pediatric and family medicine departments only)
8. National, state and local dental societies
9. National, state and local pediatricians' groups
10. State and local gynecological/obstetric groups

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- When completing the Letter of Intent, keep in mind that reviewers are current practicing or academia pediatric dentists. The reviewers are well versed in the oral health care needs of children in general. **It is important to discuss your community child oral health care issues and needs, versus general child oral health care needs and statistics.**
- A priority of HSHC is to provide a Dental Home to children through our Access to Care Grant program. *The AAPD defines the Dental Home as the ongoing relationship between the dentist and the patient, inclusive of all aspects of oral health care, delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated, and family-centered way.*
- Access to Care Grantees will be paired with an HSHC pediatric dental consultant for the 12 months of the grant award. The consultant will provide support and guidance to grantees.

RESOURCES

There are many AAPD approved oral health educational resources, both print and video, available to grantees at little to no cost. These resources include:

- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: <http://www.aapd.org/publications/brochures/>
<http://www.aapd.org/policies/>; <http://www.mychildrensteeth.org/>;
<http://www.mychildrensteeth.org/assets/2/15/dentalhome.pdf>;
http://www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/State_of_Little_Teeth_Final.pdf
- American Dental Association: <http://www.ada.org/public.aspx>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www2.aap.org/commpeps/docs/oralhealth/>
- National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center: www.mchoralhealth.org
- Washington State's ABCD program: www.ABCD-Dental.org
- Michigan's Point of Light Program: www.pointsoflightonline.org
- North Carolina's Baby Oral Health Program: www.bohp.unc.edu
- Oral Health America: <http://oralhealthamerica.org/>

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for support, qualified applicants/organizations must:

- Complete an HSHC Access to Care Grant Letter of Intent (LOI) through the following website: <https://www.grantinterface.com/aapd/Common/LogOn.aspx>
- Submit organization current year income and expense statement within the above website **(this is a one page document that states your organization's income, expenses and net assets.)**
- The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. CDT, Monday, August 18, 2014.

******A confirmation receipt is emailed at the time of submission to the applicant. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that materials have been submitted and confirmed through the online system by the published deadline.***

Applicants with the most competitive Letters of Intent will be asked to submit a full proposal to Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children. **Requests for full proposals will be issued to qualified applicants in November 2014.** Invited proposals will be due in December.

LIMITATIONS

HSHC awards a defined number of Access to Care Grants each year, based on available funds. Grant requests made by qualified applicants can be denied due to funding limitations and other considerations. **Once made, all award decisions are final.** Non-funded applicants are encouraged to resubmit in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please contact Tracey Schilligo, Grants & Corporate Relations Manager, at tschilligo@aapd.org or (312) 337-2169.

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