

Access to Care Grant Guidelines 2018-2019

OVERVIEW

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry 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. One way Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC) supports this goal is through one-year Access to Care Grants in support of care for children up to age 18.

HSHC Access to Care Grants support community-based initiatives in the U.S. that provide dental care and ultimately serve as a Dental Home to underserved/limited access children.

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
- 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.**

QUALIFICATIONS

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

Qualified initiatives must be dentist-led, with priority given to projects with pediatric dentist leadership. Projects led by general practitioners also may apply.

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

1. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501 (c)(6) organizations
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

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Our reviewers are well versed in the oral health care needs of children, so don't bother providing national trends/statistics in your proposal. Instead, focus on *your community* child oral health care issues and needs, versus general child oral health care needs and statistics.

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- A priority of HSHC is to provide a Dental Home to children. *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.*
- 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.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

While HSHC welcomes submissions from qualified applicants that meet our requirements (below), special consideration will be given to initiatives

- supporting the age-one dental visit
- emphasizing care to patients 0 to 5
- providing care to special needs patients
- addressing the needs of specific underserved demographic groups
- incorporating systemic health, i.e., diabetes, cancer, etc.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for an Access to Care Grant, qualified applicants/organizations must:

- Complete a full proposal using HSHC's online application site.
- Submit organization current year income and expense statement within the above website.
- The proposal deadline is 11:59 p.m. CST, Friday, December 15, 2017.

******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 proposals will be submitted to the HSHC Grants and Programs Committee for more complete vetting, prior to any recommendation to the HSHC Board of Trustees. Applicants will be notified of their proposal's status – whether or not their submission will undergo a full review – by February 28, 2018. Finalists will be notified of their status by June 1, 2018.

LIMITATIONS

- Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children does not fund indirect costs. The Foundation also does not provide funding to private practices or individuals.
- All funds associated with HSHC Access to Care Grants must be expended within 12 months of award. Access to Care Grants for 2018-2019 will be issued June 2018.
- HSHC does not fund start-up initiatives.
- 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.
- **All funding decisions are final.** Non-funded applicants are encouraged to resubmit in the future.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Be prepared to provide the information below as part of your online application. These don't represent verbatim questions, but are provided to help you prepare for the application process.

1. Purpose and mission of the organization
2. Intended number of children and demographic served
3. Project detail
4. Link between proposed funding and a Dental Home

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5. Community partnerships
6. Description of what is being asked for funding
7. Organization's ability to report outcomes from funded project
8. Financial position/budget of organization

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