FAQ

Access to Oral Health through a dental Home Model

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Q Are organizations that did not attend the information session allowed to apply?

A Yes. Organization that could not attend information sessions can apply. Please check eligibility and qualification requirements on page 11 of the RFP.

Q The RFP refers to “community clinics” (e.g. “The primary goal of this funding opportunity is to increase access to dental care for children ages 0-5 by establishing a Dental Home model in community clinics”). Does this include both FQHC and non-FQHC clinics?

A Community Clinics for the purpose of this RFP refers, mainly, to FQHCs and FQHC Look-alikes.

While there are nonprofit dental clinics provide valuable dental services to underserved populations, they are not designated as FQHC or FQHC Look-alike as they do not provide medical primary care services. This poses a significant barrier for this project as it aims to develop a seamless integration between medical and dental services and promote the well-child visit as a gateway to the age one visit and to establishing a dental home.

Proposals should carefully consider existing barriers that prevent children’s access to dental care and address how those barriers will be overcome through this project.

Other challenges for non FQHC and FQHC Look-alikes relate to 1) self-sustainability and 2) being part of a strategic planning process with FQHCs and Look-alikes which may have different strategic scenarios.

Q Do medical and dental services have to be co-located at participating clinics?

A Ideally they should. When this is not feasible, or in cases where a clinic has a larger number of primary care sites than dental sites, proposals should address how primary care services will serve as a gateway to dental services and how patients will comply with referrals from primary care providers.
Q Can services for pregnant women be included and can funding be assigned to cover medically necessary treatment?

A Services for pregnant women may be included. Medically necessary treatments need to be defined as the statement does not specify what your proposal may consider medically necessary. Proposals must address financial needs and why dental coverage is not existent as to justify using First 5 LA funds to cover dental services. When services are covered by Denti-Cal, or other publicly-funded dental programs, First 5 LA funds may NOT be used. Doing so may be considered “supplanting” of existing programs, which is a violation of the law (California Revenue and Taxation Code).

Q Can funds be allocated toward the purchase of: pediatric dental chairs, reception area re-décor and oral health education materials?

A Proposals must clearly address why the purchase of equipment (dental chairs) is necessary, and how it will be utilized for the benefit of the project. Oral health education materials utilized under this project may be purchased with funds from this RFP. Re-décor or reception area may not be paid for by these funds.