

2025 Clinical Dental Education Innovation Grant Program

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS UPDATED 8/26/2024

Q1. [Our organization] provides on-site hands on dental clinical training for students from [a university] through a collaborative agreement [...]. [Our organization] is not an accredited site, but would the collaborative agreement with the [university] make us eligible to apply?

A1. Yes, your organization would be eligible to apply since you have a collaborative agreement with an accredited organization.

Q2. Would our lack of Medicaid enrollment make us ineligible for these grant funds?

A2. Proof of Medicaid enrollment is not part of the eligibility criteria. In the required attachments area, where it asks for proof of Medicaid enrollment, please attach a document stating that you do not have proof of enrollment.

Q3. If a certificate of training is state approved and MN board of dentistry approved but not eligible for accreditations could this still be accepted?

A3. No, the applicant must be providing accredited clinical training or have an agreement with an organization that is providing accredited clinical training.

Q4. If a university is applying, would it be helpful to have a college/university letter of support for the project? Would that count towards the bonus points?

A4. The application asks the applicant to describe evidence of collaboration between the organization and communities it serves and how community partnership(s) will support this project's objectives. Up to five bonus points can be awarded for including community organization letters of support that include information about how they will formally or informally support the project. Organizations can include but are not limited to nonprofits, schools, community health entities, and/or social service support organizations.

Q5. Are specific clinics eligible/already accredited for training?

A5. A clinic is eligible if it is accredited for training or has an agreement with an accredited organization for training.

Q6. We were thinking about using funds for nitrous oxide, is this an allowable expense?

A6. Yes, this is an allowable expense.

Q7. We don't have a sliding fee scale since we don't take patient payments. So we'll just have a policy about [patient care] being free. Does that mean then that we don't need the Medicaid enrollment since we don't take dollars even though it's listed as required?

A7. Please refer to question 2 in this FAQ document for the answer to uploading Medicaid Enrollment documentation to the required attachments section of the application. In addition to the Medicaid Enrollment documentation, the eligibility criteria in the RFP says, “All applicant organizations must also have a policy to ensure no person will be denied services due to inability to pay (e.g., sliding-fee scale).” In the required attachments section, upload a document that outlines your organization’s policies for ensuring no person will be denied services due to inability pay. A sliding fee scale document is an example of how to meet the criteria.

Q8. 2025 funding would overlap six months with the current 18-month funding that ends June 2025. If an applicant wants to extend some of its current objectives and related activities, should we propose 2025 objectives and activities that start in January (and overlap with or duplicate current ones) or start in June and run for six months?

A7. The grant agreement for the FY25 CDEI RFP cannot include expenses that are included in a different CDEI open grant agreement. Activities that overlap with other grant agreements are allowed if the expenses are clearly not a part of existing agreements.

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