

Request for Proposal (RFP) 2020-2024 Regional Health Improvement Plan

Project Name: Improving Coordination Between Oral Health and Primary Care

Access Code: COORDINATE

Company Name: Central Oregon Health Council; Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP)
Promote Enhanced Physical Health Across Communities Workgroup

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About the Central Oregon Health Council

The [Central Oregon Health Council](#) (COHC) is a nonprofit public and private community governance organization. We partner with our communities to guide and align vision, strategy, and activities across industries for a healthier Central Oregon

Central Oregon Health Council champions diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in our work culture, grant making and community partnerships. Inequalities based on geography, age, sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, disabilities, immigration status, faith, gender identity and sexual orientation, along with income and wealth inequalities, prevent us from fully realizing our vision of creating a healthier Central Oregon. Therefore, we aim to build capacity in communities experiencing health disparities caused by oppression.

The Central Oregon Health Council is responsible for funding projects that improve the health priorities of the [Regional Health Improvement Plan](#). These priorities were decided by the diverse people of our region before COVID-19.

We recognize that when we invest in long-term, preventative solutions we build a Central Oregon that is better able to respond to present and future crisis. Therefore, we reserve most of our funds for projects whose impact can be measured over decades. The goal of this request is to support long-term, system level change.

We also provide smaller funding opportunities for \$5,000 or less called mini grants [HERE](#).

Description of Grant Opportunity

The RHIP Promote Enhanced Physical Health Across Communities Workgroup is accepting applications for projects focused on improving the following [Future State Measure of the Regional Health Improvement Plan](#) (RHIP):

By December 2024, increase the percentage of PacificSource (Central Oregon CCO) Medicaid members, at any age, who received both an annual wellness visit by a Primary Care Provider and a preventive dental visit by a member of the Oral Health Care Team by 10 percentage points to: Crook County 29.8%; Deschutes County 32.75%; Jefferson County 31.3%

Definitions:

1. **Annual Wellness Visit** includes preventive evaluation and management (E/M), and general medical examination without abnormal findings
2. **Preventive Dental Visit** includes cleaning and/or fluoride varnish and/or sealants for children (age 15 and under)

Using Health Information Technology or other workflows, funded projects will increase integration between medical and dental providers at minimum. Projects may also include other partners such as, but not limited to mental/behavioral health providers or community-based organizations addressing Health Related Social Needs. This funding opportunity seeks to improve health outcomes and develop a culture of collaboration between providers to seamlessly serve members of Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).

Examples of potential projects include, but are not limited to:

- Utilization of Connect Oregon (the Unite Us platform) to increase closed loop referrals.
- Co-location of both medical and dental providers.
- Non-traditional partnerships (ex. Medical providing fluoride varnish or Dental providing preventive screening such as Ha1C testing).
- A focus on specific age groups or populations (ex. adults or people with diabetes).

Why are these efforts needed?

Approximately one-third of Central Oregon residents who are enrolled in Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) access dental care. Oral diseases ranging from cavities to gum disease and oral cancer are linked to other chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Cavities are one of the most common chronic diseases in the United States and are largely preventable.

Having access to quality health services means having increased opportunities for screening, early detection, and preventive treatments. Improved provider-to-provider communication, collaboration, team-based care, closed loop referral and navigation are needed as health interventions to traverse the medical-dental divide and provide patient-centered care. To provide whole-person, integrated, patient-centered, comprehensive care, it is important to connect the mouth with the rest of the body (Atchison 2018).

Proposal Requirements

Projects must meet the criteria below:

- 1) Applications must be submitted by an organization with an EIN/Tax ID. Both non-profit and for-profit organizations are welcome to apply.
- 2) Projects must take place within Central Oregon:
 - Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties
 - The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
 - Northern Klamath County, limited to:
 - Gilchrist, Chemult, Crescent, Crescent Lake Junction
- 3) Projects must directly impact the specified Future State Measures of the Regional Health Improvement Plan (see above).
- 4) Projects must be culturally and linguistically relevant for prioritized patients.
- 5) Awardees will commit to joining a learning collaborative and attend regular meetings.

Restrictions:

Regional Health Improvement Plan grants cannot be used for:

- Any product or service that can be billed to any health insurance plan (durable medical equipment, screenings, medicines, etc.)
- Rental assistance, housing assistance, housing construction, and utilities
- Projects benefiting a single individual or single household
- Projects that do not address the specified Future State Measures of the RHIP
- Projects *only* serving undocumented community members

Evaluation Criteria:

The Promote Enhanced Physical Health Across Communities Workgroup will review your Proposal using this [scorecard](#). We encourage you to use it to help build your proposal.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): non-integrated providers will be requested to submit an MOU demonstrating support and agreement by partners to achieve the outcomes of the project.

Supplemental Questions:

1. Please describe the readiness of partners to implement this project.
2. How will you accomplish referrals utilizing Health Information Technology?

Funding Details and Important Information

Grants Awarded: \$5,000 to \$125,000

Available Funds: \$500,000

Funding Duration: Single and multi-year projects will be considered. Multi-year projects may be subject to re-approval/revision after the year one report has been reviewed.

Anticipated Selection Schedule:

Request For Proposal (RFP) Released: November 15, 2021

Application Submission Closes: January 17, 2022 at 11:59PM

Notification of Award: February 28, 2022

How to Apply

This Request for Proposal is posted [HERE](#).

Instructions on how to submit your Proposal are [HERE](#).

Instructions on how to access this application are [HERE](#).

Please use this code to gain access to this application once in the grant platform: **COORDINATE**

Support

If you have questions about this Request For Proposal, please contact:

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If you have questions about the application or using the grant platform, please contact:

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Resources

2019 Regional Health Assessment [HERE](#)

2020-2024 Regional Health Improvement Plan [HERE](#)

Central Oregon Health Data website [HERE](#)