

State Funding Opportunity: Increasing Availability of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception to Clients of Community Health Clinics

Application Title: Increasing Availability of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception to Clients of Community Health Clinics

Application Due Date: March 1, 2024

Expected Period of Award: Date of execution from (DOE), through **June 30, 2025**

Expected Number of Awards: Up to 5

Eligibility:

1. May be any of the following that either do not currently provide LARC services to their clients or want to expand their LARC services to more clients:
 - a. **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)**
Community-based health care providers that meet the requirements of the [HRSA Health Center Program](#), and receive Health Center Program funding.
 - b. **FQHC Look-A-Likes (LALs)**
Community-based health care providers that meet the requirements of the [HRSA Health Center Program](#), but do not receive Health Center Program funding.
2. Must have a Certified (CEHRT) Electronic Health Record with capacity to accurately assess the number of clients who - upon - request receive LARCs and assess how many clients requested and received the LARC the same day.
3. Must commit to receiving training on same-day LARC insertions for clients who request them.

Applicants who do not meet and demonstrate these minimum qualifications are ineligible and will not receive further consideration.

Applications that arrive after the due date may not be accepted.

Any requested changes in grant language may result in a delay of the award or possible non-award.

Schedule

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Washington State Department of Health’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Program, *please note the due dates below.*

Request for Application Release Date	February 1, 2024
Funding Application Due Date	March 1, 2024
Projected Announcement of Successful Applicants	March 21, 2024
Signed Contract Due	May 1, 2024
Projected Funding Agreement Start Date	May 15, 2024

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Purpose:

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$150,000 per year for state fiscal year 2024 and 2025 to provide grants to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for the purchase of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) to offer to their patients and provide them the same day they are seeking them, if requested.

Goal:

This funding opportunity aims to increase access to LARCs for patients who would like to use this contraceptive method. All FQHCs participating in this funding opportunity must receive training on the provision of this service on the same day - if the client requests it, patient centered care, shared decision making, and reproductive bias and coercion. Training on LARC insertions will be available for providers who are not proficient in this service.

Background:

In Washington State as of 2022, there were an estimated 511,604 women in need of publicly funded contraceptive services. Contraceptive deserts are defined as having few or no health centers that provide the full range of contraceptive methods to their patients. Health centers that provide the full range of methods are those that offer IUDs, implants, and most other FDA-approved methods such as birth control pills, the shot, the ring, the patch, cervical caps, diaphragms, and emergency contraception on site. The Sexual & Reproductive Health Program's Title X Project has at least one clinic in 34 of Washington's 39 counties. However, travel to those sites can present a barrier for some people who want these services. While FQHCs must provide family planning services, some FQHCs report difficulties in getting an initial stock of LARCs to offer to their patients or do not have providers that are trained to provide this service. This funding is designed to help up to 5 FQHCs obtain that initial stock and receive training in order to provide more comprehensive sexual & reproductive health services to their clients.

Benefits:

DOH will work with an external consulting service to provide training in patient centered care, shared decision making, reproductive bias and coercion, and same day LARC insertion workflows. In addition, training will be provided on the provision of LARCs the same day that the client requests them. DOH will provide consultation in how to get LARC data from electronic medical records systems.

Scope of Work:

The selected applicants will:

Task 1: Use the grant funds to purchase LARCs and provide DOH - SRHP with the number and type purchased.

Task 2: Participate in contraceptive training that includes training in patient-centered care, shared decision-making reproductive bias and coercion, and same day LARC provision workflows.

Task 3: Provide DOH with data that shows the number and type of LARC provided to clients for the previous two years from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

Task 4: Create workflows that allow the client to have the LARC insertion on the same day, if requested.

Task 5: Offer LARC services to clients

Task 6: Provide DOH with data that shows the number and type of LARC provided to clients each year (SFY 24 - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and again in SFY 25 – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.)

Funding:

Awards are contingent upon the availability of grant funds distributed to DOH.

The total funding available for contracting is \$115,000 per year which will be split between a maximum of 5 FQHCs. The funds will be allocated in SFY 24 upon execution of contract and in SFY 25 after execution of contract amendment. Funds will be allocated on the quality of the proposal and the population of women of reproductive age served by the FQHC in the previous year.

Communications

Questions:

All application questions must be emailed to Cynthia Harris (see email address below).

Application Submission:

- Accepting email applications only

E-mail address: cynthia.harris@doh.wa.gov

- Your application must be received by DOH on 3/1/24, by 5:00 pm.
- DOH will not pay any costs associated with preparing any proposal in response to this request for funding application.
- The Contractor and DOH shall not incur or pay any costs before the contract is fully executed.

Funding Application Requirements

Funding Application Deadline: 3/1/24 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

Format:

Type your responses using:

- one-inch (1”) margins
- 12 pt. font
- the same sequence as outlined in this application announcement
- number pages in consecutive order starting with page 1.
- Applications should be no more than 10 pages.

Narrative:

Applicants must provide complete, specific, and detailed responses to all items in the application.

Responses should be based on the instructions and material contained in the application.

Assume the review committee does not know anything about the services you provide.

Content Outline:

Please submit your proposal in the following order. Be sure to answer the questions posed in each section. The scoring section describes how each section is weighted and what criteria the committee will use for scoring.

I. Proposal Summary

- a. Include the following:
 - i. Type of funding requested.
 - ii. Amount of funding requested.

II. Organization Description and History

- a. Briefly describe the history of the health center and information about clinic locations that will be participating in the grant.
- b. Briefly describe your providers' experience in providing LARC and/or the commitment of your organization to provide LARCs for your clients.
- c. Briefly describe your ability or commitment to provide de-identified data on LARC insertions for your patients.
- d. Qualifications
 - i. Attest that your health center is in good standing with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) FQHC Grantee requirements (No unresolved or pending conditions).
 - ii. State your organization's electronic health record (EHR) software system and version. Attest that your EHR is certified. Share any plans to upgrade to a new version or change EHR vendor in the next year.

III. Statement of Work

Note: Only include data for the type of funding you are applying for.

- a. *Background* – Briefly provide your organization's need for the funding.
- b. Include the following data:
 - i. Your geographic catchment area in Washington state and any priority populations for your health center.
 - ii. The number of patients in your health system that are of reproductive age (roughly 15 – 44).
 - iii. Generally, include data on the number of patients that received a LARC insertion in your organization by insurance status, age, and percent of the Federal Poverty Level in the last year (even if it is "0").

- c. *Project Description* – Describe the project and provide information on how it will be implemented. Include the following information:
- i. Project goal and objectives
 1. Describe objectives in measurable terms that address the problem
 - ii. Ability to collect data measures that will be used to monitor the effectiveness of the project
 - iii. Staff who will be responsible for managing the implementation of grant related activities
 1. Describe staff qualifications, certifications, and/or skills relevant to this project
 - iv. Timeline and locations of where you plan to use grant funding to make LARCs available.

IV. Ability to Fulfill Contract

- a. Provide information on your ability to fulfill the contract (e.g. staff, funding, other resources to meet deliverables).
- b. Financial Stability and Responsibility
 - i. If you are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, you may not be able to be reimbursed for the LARC product because it was provided to you at no cost. Please check with your payers.

Scoring

Selection Criteria:

A committee will review, evaluate and score submitted proposals. Committee members will assign scores based on the application’s quality and how well it meets the criteria in the scoring section. The Department of Health will notify applicants of the award and send the selected recipient(s) a contract to sign (see Attachment A).

Submitted proposals will be scored according to the criteria below:

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| I. | Organization Description & History | 25 Points |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates ability to meet the qualifications outlined above. • Illustrates senior leadership support and/or other examples of organizational commitment. • Illustrate your ability to provide access LARCs. | |
| II. | Statement of Work | 50 Points Total |

- **Background** **20 Points**
 - Demonstrates robust evidence of need.
 - Provides information on populations to be served, including race, ethnicity, and/or socioeconomic status.

- **Project Description** **30 Points**
 - Includes clear and measurable project goals and objectives.
 - Outlined times and locations to implement LARC insertions and project deliverables are reasonable.
 - Outlined activities demonstrate a feasible data collection plan.
 - Indicates a strong project management strategy.
 - Exhibits an intent to collaborate with partners.

- III. Ability to Fulfill Contract** **10 Points**
- Application identifies organizational resources to fulfill application deliverables.
 - Application demonstrates financial stability and responsibility.



GRANT AWARD & AGREEMENT

DOH GRANT/AGREEMENT NUMBER:

This Agreement is by and between the State of Washington Department of Health (DOH) and the party identified below, hereafter referred to as the "Grantee" and is issued pursuant to the RCW 43.70.040 - Secretary's powers—Rule-making authority—Report to the legislature.

PROJECT TITLE: LARCs in FQHCs

SUBRECIPIENT
 YES NO

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT – To implement a legislative budget proviso (5187-S.) for fiscal year 2024 and 2025, which provides funding to Department of Health solely to provide grants to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for the purchase of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). For LARCs purchased with the funding provided in this subsection, FQHCs shall provide patients with LARCs the same day they are seeking that family planning option."

GRANTEE NAME		GRANTEE DBA	
GRANTEE ADDRESS		STATEWIDE VENDOR NUMBER	FEDERAL TAX ID NO. UBI NUMBER
GRANTEE CONTACT	CONTACT TELEPHONE	GRANTEE FAX	GRANTEE E-MAIL ADDRESS
DOH DIVISION	DOH OFFICE		DOH PROGRAM
DOH CONTACT NAME AND TITLE		DOH CONTACT ADDRESS	
DOH CONTACT TELEPHONE		DOH CONTACT FAX	DOH CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS
Source of Funds (FED) \$0.00 (ST) \$0.00 (Other) \$0.00 Total \$0.00			CFDA NUMBERS (if applicable)
AGREEMENT START DATE		AGREEMENT END DATE	MAXIMUM AGREEMENT AMOUNT
EXHIBITS. The following Exhibits are attached and incorporated into this Agreement by reference: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Statement of Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, General Terms & Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Special Terms and Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> No Exhibit(s).			
The terms and conditions of this Agreement, including all attachments and subsequent amendments constitutes the entire and exclusive understanding between the parties. No other understandings, writings, and communications, oral or otherwise regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall exist to bind the parties. The parties signing below represent they have read and understand this Agreement and have the authority to execute this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding on DOH only upon signature by DOH.			
CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE		DATE	
PRINT OR TYPE NAME		TITLE	
DOH CONTRACTING OFFICER SIGNATURE		DATE	

Sample Statement of Work (SOW)
DOH Contract XXXXX

Agency Name: (FQHC Name)

DOH Program: Sexual and Reproductive Health

Statement of Work Purpose:

To provide state funding for distribution to up to five federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for the purchase of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). For LARCs purchased with the funding provided in this subsection, FQHCs shall provide patients with LARCs the same day they are seeking that family planning option.

Deliverables:

FQHCs that receive these funds will:

- Use these grant funds to purchase LARCs and provide DOH-SRHP with the number and type purchased.
- Provide DOH with data that shows the number and type of LARC provided to clients for the previous two years from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.
- Participate in required contraceptive training that includes training in patient-centered care, shared decision making and reproductive bias and coercion.
- Create workflows that allow the client to have the LARC insertion on the same day, if requested.
- Provide DOH with data that shows the number and type of LARC provided to clients each year (SFY 24 -July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and again in SFY 25 – July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.)

Additional Requirements:

At no time shall this funding be used where there is already current funding in place to cover operating expenses. Any unspent funding will be returned to the Department of Health within 30 days after the contract end date.

All funding provided must be used within Washington State. Any revenue expended under this contract must be kept and used within Washington State.

The term and conditions of this Agreement, including all attachments and subsequent amendments constitutes the entire exclusive understanding between both parties.

Task:	Deliverable:	Due Date:	Budget:
Purchase LARCs	Provide DOH-SRHP with the date LARCs were received as well as the number and type purchased.		\$
Submit past LARC data (July 2021 through June 2023)	Data sent to and approved by DOH-SRHP.		
Participate in required training	Provide DOH-SRHP with information on training dates and attendance.		
LARCs provided the same day	Provide evidence that clients who request LARCs to be inserted on same day as contraceptive counseling received them.		
Submit LARC data (July 2023 through June 2025)	Data is provided to DOH-SRHP that shows the number and type of LARC provided to clients each year (SFY 24 - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024,		

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	and again in SFY 25 – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.)		