



## Foundation

Bending the Arc of Oral Health Toward Equity

### Project Grant Application

Arcora Foundation is excited to announce a funding opportunity to support **oral health** projects that:

- Support or increase access to culturally appropriate dental care\*;
- Increase consumption of water and/or decrease the consumption of sugary beverages;
- Promote and increase access to healthy food
- Promote and/or increase access to community water fluoridation

**Focus Populations:** Black, Indigenous, and other Communities of Color, rural communities, and other populations experiencing health disparities.

**Funding available:** Arcora Foundation has \$500,000 available to fund oral health projects; applicants may request up to \$50,000.

#### Applications will be evaluated on:

- Population served (5 points)
- Organization's leadership demographics – if/how they represent the community served (3 points)
- Projects' alignment with Arcora Foundation's project grant priorities (access to culturally appropriate dental care; increased access to/consumption of water and/or decrease in consumption of sugary beverages; promote and increase access to healthy food; promote and/or increase access to community water fluoridation (5 points)
- Project's impact and sustainability (5 points)

#### Eligibility:

- Project grant funding is limited to projects that impact individuals in Washington state.
- Applicants must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or similar status, including tribal organizations.
- Funding is for projects that take place in the 2024 calendar year.
- One application per organization.

#### How to apply:

To apply, please complete and submit the grant application form at the bottom of the page. At the end of the grant application, you'll be asked to upload the Project Budget and Support Template, ) which can be found in the additional links section below. Upon a positive funding decision to you may be asked to fill out a w-9 and a direct deposit form. **Applications are due November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm PST.**

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Heather Knaplund at [hknaplund@arcorafoundation.org](mailto:hknaplund@arcorafoundation.org) or at 206.528.2337.

*\*Culturally appropriate dental care is defined by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as care that respects diversity in the patient population and cultural factors that can affect health and health care, such as language, communication styles, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors*

**Examples of projects are listed below but are not meant to limit creativity.**

**Project Categories:** Please check the category/categories that your project will address (check all that apply):

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**Access to care:** Support or increase access to culturally appropriate dental care

**Sample projects:**

- Developing and implementing motivational interviewing in a dental program or practice to increase patient/provider communication, patient/provider satisfaction, and the delivery of culturally appropriate care.
- Developing, implementing, and/or enhancing a community health worker program that addresses oral health.
- Implement or expand care coordination services to address barriers to care – for example, transportation, childcare, access to specialists, etc.

**Healthy beverages:** Increase consumption of water and/or decrease the consumption of sugary beverages

**Sample Projects:**

- Installing water bottle stations at a school, and providing students, faculty, and families with water bottles, and incentives to drink water/use the stations.
- Developing and implementing a community-led campaign to decrease the type/number of sugary beverages young children consume regularly.

**Healthy foods:** Promote and increase access to healthy food

**Sample projects:**

- Developing and implementing resources for immigrant families to identify traditional foods from their culture(s) that are healthy, and where and how to obtain them.
- Partnering with patients/families to support them in accessing healthy food – either bringing vendors/food to the community or supporting people in identifying easy ways to travel to locations that provide healthy foods.

**Community water fluoridation:** Promote and/or increase access to community water fluoridation

**Sample projects:**

- Convene local advocates in non-fluoridated communities to explore policy paths for bringing fluoridation to local water system
- Community education efforts to educate public and trusted messengers about the benefits of fluoridation.

Application Questions Below

1. Organization's Mission
2. Please share information about the ways in which your staff and board leadership is representative of the communities you serve. (e.g. race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, other factors). Be as specific as possible.
3. **Project Categories:** Please check the category/categories that your project will address (check all that apply):
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4. Please describe the project, including goals and key activities (up to 100 words)
5. Are there other projects or programs in your community with the same, or similar, priorities/goals as your project? If so, what are they and how will you collaborate with/complement these efforts? (up to 100 words)
6. Amount Requested: Please provide the amount of funding your organization is requesting (up to \$50,000)
7. Focus Population: Describe in detail which population(s) will benefit from this project. Include race, ethnicity, and age group(s).
8. Geographic location: Please describe where the project will be implemented. Be as specific as possible, such as a particular neighborhood, apartment complex, or school. (up to 100 words)
9. Project Timeline: Please describe the timeline including key dates, milestones, deadlines, etc.

**Project Budget and Support Information:**

10. Please fill out the budget and support template in the "Additional Links" section on this page to share expected expenses and other support that you have or will receive for this project. You can upload it at the end of this submission. Alternatively, if you already have this information in other organizational documents, you may upload that instead.

**Other Information**

1. What else, besides funding, could Arcora do to help your project succeed – for example, do you need technical support, access to subject matter experts, specialists, or speakers? (up to 100 words)
2. Will this project be sustained after the grant period ends? If so, how will you sustain the project? (up to 100 words)