

# 2024 CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

## School-Based and School-Linked Initiatives to Improve Oral Health Proposal Application

We understand that many organizations and their staff members may want to approach this Request for Proposals collaboratively. With that in mind, the Philanthropy team at CareQuest Institute for Oral Health prepared this document, which includes all the questions that are on the official proposal form in [Fluxx](#), to assist you/your organization as you prepare your final submission. **Please note that only proposals submitted through Fluxx by May 1, 2024, will be eligible for review.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [grants@carequest.org](mailto:grants@carequest.org).

- 1. Please describe the proposed project including desired outcomes, priority activities or tactics, and specific final deliverables you are anticipating through this work.**
- 2. What systemic oral health inequities will this project aim to address in your specific environment (organization-wide systems, local systems/policy, state-based systems/policy, national systems/federal policy)?**
  - How did your organization identify the issues you aim to address?
  - In what ways have community members or partners contributed to or validated the need for the solutions proposed in this project?
  - Please describe if/how your organization will engage in advocacy/policy change to sustain the impact of your proposed project.
- 3. Partnerships between applicant organizations and members of the community it serves are critical to an aligned project.**
  - How might your work intersect and address oral health inequities facing BIPOC, rural, low-income and other under-resourced communities?
  - How will your organization engage, collaborate, and co-lead with these stakeholder groups to execute the proposed project?
- 4. Please describe your organization's history and capacity to expand access to comprehensive, culturally appropriate, preventive solutions within a school-based or school-linked setting.**
- 5. How will you measure the success of this project, specifically:**
  - Identify up to three specific outcomes or goals that you seek to achieve in the coming year.
  - What quantitative metrics will be used to assess your success in achieving these goals?
- 6. What tools, resources, or reports will you create or utilize to spread learnings or best practices obtained through this grant? *Please note that CareQuest Institute's investments are for public use and intended to reach audiences beyond those directly engaged in this specific scope of work.***
- 7. Sustainability: CareQuest Institute can provide one year of funding to accepted applicants. Following satisfactory completion of this one-year grant period, organizations funded through this RFP may apply for future CareQuest Institute grant opportunities. That said, to promote sustainability of project work, it is recommended that applicants secure and/or create fund development plans for additional support, funding or in-kind, outside of CareQuest Institute funds.** Briefly describe your plan to identify and secure additional funding/matching resources (including in-kind support).

8. For this question, CareQuest Institute is defining community as individuals impacted by systemic oral health inequities. **CareQuest Institute prioritizes proposals that demonstrate the development or evolution of opportunities to center the voices and needs of community members impacted by oral health inequities in the development of programs and policies aimed at creating that system change. Based on the [Community Engagement Continuum](#), select the option below that best defines your organization's current community engagement:**
- Community members are not considered. They are not aware of the decision, priorities, and strategies that affect them.
  - Community members are given relevant information through pamphlets, town hall meetings, etc.
  - Community members are given relevant information, invited to give input, and offered opportunities to influence decisions, priorities, and strategies (e.g. sit on committees, task forces, advisory boards, etc.).
  - Community members have a seat at the table and make and implement decisions in collaboration with professionals, health advocates, and others..
  - Community members own and drive decisions, and set priorities, and partner with others to implement and, continuously improve solutions.

9. **Will the proposed work increase the level of your organization's community engagement?**

10. (If yes)

**Select the option below that best defines your organization's anticipated community engagement at the conclusion of the proposed grant:**

- Community members are not considered. They are not aware of the decision, priorities, and strategies that affect them.
- Community members are given relevant information through pamphlets, town hall meetings, etc.
- Community members are given relevant information, invited to give input, and offered opportunities to influence decisions, priorities, and strategies (e.g. sit on committees, task forces, advisory boards, etc.).
- Community members have a seat at the table and make and implement decisions in collaboration with professionals, health advocates, and others.
- Community members own and drive decisions, and set priorities, and partner with others to implement and, continuously improve solutions.
- care to engender more trust between patients and their oral health providers while reinforcing a whole-person