

Call for Proposals: AAPHD Foundation Grant Program

The AAPHD Foundation was established to "support the mission and goals of the Association." As an example of the important opportunities that the Foundation creates for its members, we are issuing a Call for Proposals for the AAPHD Foundation Grant Program.

The AAPHD Foundation Grant Program was designed to stimulate innovative activities that would contribute to the AAPHD education and research mission and goals with support from the Foundation. The Foundation's Guiding Principles and funding areas of interest (highlighted as of August 2004) identify a broad array of topics for which support can be provided:

- Improved access to personal and population based oral health services
- Building and strengthening the dental public health workforce
- Translating science into practice
- Maintaining competency in dental public health.

Grant Program Design: Several concepts guide the design of the grant program.

- The program will provide "small grants" of up to \$5,000 that serve as an incentive to individuals and entities to move science, policy, and practice to the "next step" toward enhancing oral health.
- Priority will be given to individual applicants who are at an early stage of their public health careers. We are especially interested in applications from residents in the DPH Residency programs who are completing their required research projects.
- The funding activity must have a limited duration, up to one year. However, a non-funded extension may be granted for one additional year in order to complete the project.
- The recipient(s) would be required to submit a written report and an abstract to present at an AAPHD Annual Meeting following their grant award.

Award Budget: Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. The grant will not pay university indirect costs. The grant may be paid directly to individuals, institutions or sponsoring organizations upon receipt of an invoice.

Grant Program Timeline:

- January 15, 2012 – Proposals Due
- January 15 – February 14, 2012 -- Proposal Review
- February 28, 2012 – Announce/Inform Grant Recipients
- Foundation Grant Recipients may be recognized during the AAPHD Awards Ceremony at the National Oral Health Conference and in the NOHC Program.

Application Format and Submission: The application format includes a short proposal that is no more than five pages, using Arial or Times New Roman font, 12 size. The proposal should include the following:

- A. Aims of the project and responsiveness to the Program goals
- B. Preliminary Studies and Project Team
- C. Methods and Materials
- D. Anticipated outcomes and deliverables
- E. Budget. Budgetary items may include PI salary and supplies
- F. Key Personnel Biosketches.

Submission Information: All applications should be submitted electronically on CD to:

AAPHD Foundation

c/o American Assn of Public Health Dentistry - 3085 Stevenson Dr., #200 - Springfield, IL 62703

For additional information, please call Pamela Tolson, Executive Director, 217-529-6941 or natoff@aaphd.org.

Grant Review Process: A review committee comprised of AAPHD members, supported administratively by one-two members of the Foundation Committee, will be convened to review the proposals. The review would be conducted electronically and recommendations would be made to the Foundation Committee for their final determination. The funding guidelines specified for the Foundation would serve as the primary and secondary review criteria.

Requirements of Award Recipients: Award recipients must be members of AAPHD, submit a mid-year brief report to the Foundation and submit a final report and submit an abstract to present a poster at an annual National Oral Health Conference meeting following the completion of their project. Travel costs to the annual meeting will be at the expense of the award recipients. The final report will be provided to the AAPHD Foundation and include a financial and program summary of the project's results.