



American Association of Public Health Dentistry Foundation

Call for Proposals Small Grant Program

Request For Proposal

The AAPHD Foundation announces the 2026 Small Grant Program.

What?

The Small Grant program provides two separate grants. One grant is for up to \$5,000 for projects which will be completed within a year and a second grant for up to \$10,000 for projects which will be completed within 18 months of notification, that serve to generate data that can be used to apply for larger grants that can move science, policy, and practice to the "next step" toward enhancing oral health.

Who?

Applicants must be members of AAPHD at the time of application. Additionally, all individual/investigators listed in the proposal must be members of AAPHD to be awarded the grant.

How?

Complete the application form and submit via email with supporting documents to info@aaphd.org.

When?

All components to the proposal are due February 2, 2026. Grant recipients will be notified March 2026.

AAPHD

136 Everett Rd., Albany, NY 12205

Please read the full RFP prior to submitting your application.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

College: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

Dental School: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

MPH Program: _____ Year: _____

DPH Program: _____ Year: _____

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Please include the following documents with application

A proposal that is no more than five pages that includes the following:

- Project Title
- Project Team
- Aims of the project and responsiveness to the Program goals
- Preliminary Studies, if applicable (if not applicable, please indicate as such.)
- Methods and Materials
- Anticipated immediate outcomes and deliverables, and long-term consequences
- Budget. Budgetary items may not include PI salary, indirect costs or dental care for people
- References are included in the 5-page limit
- Key Personnel Biosketches - *please see website for template*

**Please submit the completed package of materials
by February 2, 2026, to David Peña at
info@aaphd.org**

Call for Proposals: AAPHD Enhanced Foundation Two-Tiered Small Grant Program 2026

The American Association for Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) Foundation was established to promote the future of dental public health education and science and to support the primary goals of the Association including:

- Promotion of effective efforts in disease prevention, health promotion and service delivery;
- Education of the public, health professionals and decision-makers regarding the importance of oral health to overall health and wellness; and
- Expansion of the knowledge base of dental public health and fostering competency in its practice.

One exciting opportunity that the Foundation creates for its members is the AAPHD Foundation Small Grant Program. The Small Grant Program is designed to stimulate innovative education or research projects that benefit dental public health and the oral health of the public. The Foundation's guiding principles and funding areas of interest identify a broad array of topics for which support can be provided. These include, but are not limited to, studies or interventions designed to:

- Improve access to personal and population based oral health services
- Build and strengthen the dental public health workforce
- Translate science into practice
- Maintain competency in dental public health.

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Priority will be given to:

- Applications from individuals who are at an early stage of their dental public health careers.
- For the \$5,000 grant we are especially interested in applications from students in DPH Residency programs who are completing their required research projects.
- For the \$10,000 grant we are especially interested in applications from junior faculty
- Student or faculty members of AAPHD Student Chapters.
- Applications that seek to utilize and enhance partnership with existing programs, projects, and organizations.

Grant Program Requirements:

- All individuals/investigators listed in the proposal *must* be members of AAPHD at the time of submission.
- The funding activity has a limited duration, up to one (1-1.5) years. However, a non-funded extension may be granted for one (1) additional year in order to complete the project.
- The recipient(s) will be required to submit an interim brief report and a final written report to the Foundation.
 - The final report should include a financial and program summary of the project's results.
 - **The final report must be submitted within 90 days of completion of the project period.**
- **The recipient must present a poster or oral session at the National Oral Health Conference upon completion of their project.**
- Travel costs to the annual meeting will be at the expense of the award recipients.
- U.S. citizenship is not a requirement.

Award Budget:

Grants of up to \$5,000 or \$10,000 will be awarded. The grant will not pay institutional indirect costs (i.e. facilities and administrative costs), Principal Investigator's salary, or patient care costs. The grant may be paid directly to individuals, institutions or sponsoring organizations upon receipt of a detailed budget plan.

Grant Program Timeline:

February 2, 2026 - Proposals Due

March 2026 - Announce/Inform Grant Recipients

Foundation Grant Recipients will be recognized during the AAPHD Awards Ceremony at the National Oral Health Conference and in the NOHC Program. Small grant recipients are encouraged to attend the Award Ceremony.

Application Format and Submission: The application format includes a proposal that is no more than five pages (excluding Biosketches), using Arial or Times New Roman font, 12 pt size, single space, 1-inch margins. References are included in the 5-page limit. For Biosketches please use the form available on the AAPHD website.

The proposal must include the following sections:

- A. Project Title
- B. Project Team
- C. Aims of the project and responsiveness to the Program goals
- D. Preliminary Studies, if applicable (if not applicable, please indicate as such)
- E. Methods and Materials
- F. Anticipated immediate outcomes and deliverables, and long-term consequences
- G. Budget. Budgetary items may not include indirect costs, PI salary or dental care for people.
- H. Key Personnel Biosketches – Biosketch form available on the website

Submission Information: All applications must be submitted electronically to:

David Peña
AAPHD Executive Director
info@AAPHD.org

For additional information, please contact Victor Badner, Foundation Chair, at vmbadner@gmail.com.

Grant Review Process:

A review committee comprised of AAPHD Foundation Committee members or its designees will be convened to review the proposals. The review will be conducted electronically, and recommendations will be made to the Foundation Committee as a whole for their final determination. The funding guidelines specified for the Foundation would serve as the primary and secondary review criteria.