



Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

Background

The Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors (Senior Dental Grant Program) grants funds to Area Agencies on Aging, community-based organizations and foundations, health centers, clinics, health districts, and private dental practices to promote the health and welfare of Colorado’s low-income seniors by providing access to dental care to individuals age 60 and over who are not eligible for services under any other dental health care program, such as Medicaid or the Old Age Pension Health and Medical Care Program. The Senior Dental Grant Program was created with the passage of [Senate Bill 14-180](#) (Colorado Revised Statute 25.5-3-401).

Who is eligible for funding

Eligible entities include:

- Area Agency on Aging,
- Community-based organization or foundation,
- Federally qualified health center, safety-net clinic, or health district, or
- Private dental practice.

The eligible entity must:

- Provide outreach to eligible seniors and dental care providers,
- Identify eligible seniors,
- Demonstrate collaboration with community organizations,
- Ensure that eligible seniors receive covered dental services without duplication of services,
- Maintain records of seniors served, services provided, and moneys spent, and
- Distribute funds to qualified dental providers or directly provide dental services to eligible seniors in their area.

Who Provides Oversight

An eleven-member [Senior Dental Advisory Committee](#) advises the Department on the operation of the Senior Dental Grant Program and makes recommendations to the Medical Services Board regarding rules including:

- Covered dental care services,
- Whether to require eligible seniors to make a co-payment and, if so, the amount,
- The distribution formula to be used for the availability of funds to each area of the state;
- Grant procedures, criteria, and standards, including preference for qualified grantees who demonstrate collaboration with community organizations, and
- A maximum amount per dental procedure that can be spent.

How to apply

The Department anticipates releasing the grant application form on its website at <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/research-data-and-grants> in early 2015 with the first grants to be awarded by July 2015.

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