

**Contraceptive Access Change Project Funding Opportunity
Questions and Answers**

1. Is it a requirement that an applicant accept insurance (the organization is planning to move to a direct primary care (self-pay) model in the near future)?

There are no requirements in the application about accepting insurance. However, this opportunity is focused on populations facing inequities and populations who are uninsured or insured by public insurance programs. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification about your organization.

2. Are those clinics that already receive Title X funding eligible?

We recognize there are many different levels of Title X funding, and for this particular opportunity, we are focusing on organizations that aren't receiving a significant amount of their budget from Title X, or relying solely on Title X for funding. We are also focusing on organizations that did not get the initial funding from the Colorado Family Planning Initiative, most of which was awarded to Title X clinics. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification about your organization.

3. Can a clinic apply that is smaller, and the target population is less established?

This funding opportunity is for organizations that need to take a deep dive in their practice to improve their contraceptive services to women. Please see the next question for more clarification about clinic/system reach in target population.

4. You mentioned you want big clinic numbers... should small providers apply if they only serve a 1,000 or less reproductive age women?

We recognize that each clinic and health system will vary in patient volume and hesitate to put exact numbers for requirements. In the webinar we mentioned 250-500 a month, but want to be inclusive to the diverse geographic landscape of health care in Colorado. Therefore, we are looking for a strong patient base that can be increased over time through this project, and a motivation to incorporate comprehensive culturally responsive contraceptive services. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification about your organization.

5. If you already have reproductive health available in your practice, can you still apply?

Depends on your organization, if you have wide availability to contraceptive counseling and services, you will not necessarily need this funding. However, if you provide these services and see ways in which additional supports can be used to provide all methods of contraception, including IUDs and implant, or create system change to improve operations to support contraceptive counseling and services, then apply. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification about your organization.

6. Do school-based health centers under a nonprofit setting qualify as an eligible clinic?

In the webinar Q&A, school-based health centers were considered ineligible and a better fit for other developing strategies. However, after consideration as a project team, we would encourage school-based health centers to apply. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification.

7. A big issue in our clinic currently is the cost of maintaining a supply of IUDs, and the low reimbursement we get. Will this funding help support other supply avenues? Will this funding support training in other contraceptive management, namely Nexplanon?

The intention of this funding opportunity is to focus on all of the above things mentioned- including operation, stocking, billing and coding, clinic flow, and provider training.

8. How important will it be that all providers are able to offer all forms of birth control?

Every system is unique and it's not realistic to say that every provider must do the same thing at a certain level of performance. We will work with each system to make sure that everyone gets the training and a plan in place that makes sense to their organization. The focus of this strategy is on broad access to contraceptive counseling and services, and the focus of each clinic's implementation will be different based on the assessment that occurs in Phase 1.

9. Are abortion providers eligible for the funding?

Yes, there are no restrictions on breadth of services available within clinic setting. We are thinking of primary care providers and clinic/systems that need support in providing comprehensive contraceptive services in this strategy and are not restricting clinics from applying based on the services they provide in their setting.

10. Will this funding help us with permanent forms of contraception, or is it focused more on LARC?

We understand permanent forms of contraception to be vasectomies and tubal ligations, and this funding opportunity is not primarily focused on these procedures. This project is focused on access to LARC and all other contraceptive methods as well as clinic capacity to provide comprehensive contraceptive counseling and services. However, if your clinic needs this services to offer comprehensive contraception, we would encourage you to apply.

11. Will awarded clinics be able to reapply after the two years if this grant is offered again?

We hope that the clinics who participate in this project do such a good job that they will not need to reapply at the end of two years! However, the ability to apply for other funding opportunities within Caring for Colorado foundation are not limited by participation in this initiative. There will be other opportunities for reproductive health funding with Caring for Colorado, so stay up to date by [following us on Facebook](#) and checking our website.

12. Will this pay for contraception or will funding be purely for capacity development, etc.?

Each clinic/system will determine what the implementation (Phase 2) funding will be for, whether that is devices, or capacity, etc. The decision will depend on the Phase 1 assessment with a clear goal and direction related to improving contraceptive counseling and services in your clinic/system. Funding is not for general operating expenses, but will support longer term sustainable projects, which will be identified in your proposal narrative for the funding opportunity application.

13. Can this grant fund outreach for LARC information in our communities also?

Yes, it is possible that community and patient education are among a variety of needs for certain clinics or systems to provide comprehensive contraception services. To clarify though, this is not a funding opportunity for only outreach.

14. We just started offering IUDs at our practice, and we receive no funding. We are a private practice in the mountains and we are not considered rural. Are we eligible to apply?

In general, Caring for Colorado funds 501(c)3 organizations. If your clinic serves a big number of uninsured or publicly insured clients, we may be able to partner with you on this opportunity. We are also open to partnerships between rural health centers and clinic systems. Please reach out to Gillian, ggrant@caringforcolorado.org, for more clarification about your organization.