

FAQ

ReproCollab Protect and Expand Contraceptive Access Funding Opportunity

Funding opportunities at Caring for Colorado and with ReproCollab

1. What is ReproCollab?

ReproCollab is an initiative of Caring for Colorado Foundation with funding support from Caring for Colorado, The Colorado Health Foundation, the Colorado Trust, and the Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation.

2. Are there multiple funding opportunities at CFC?

Yes. Caring for Colorado provides funding through our [Statewide Responsive](#) and [Packard Fund for Pueblo](#) grantmaking programs. ReproCollab is an initiative of Caring for Colorado that involves unique funding opportunities centered on reproductive equity.

The Protect and Expand Contraceptive Access Funding Announcement

3. Who can apply for funding?

Colorado safety-net clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), independent safety-net clinics, school-based health centers, and local health agencies with contraceptive care programs.

4. Are crisis pregnancy centers eligible for funding?

No. Caring for Colorado does not fund crisis pregnancy centers or anti-abortion centers. According to the [**American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**](#), crisis pregnancy centers are “facilities that represent themselves as legitimate reproductive health care clinics providing care for pregnant people but actually aim to dissuade people from accessing certain types of reproductive health care, including abortion care and even contraceptive options. Staff members at these unregulated and often nonmedical facilities have no legal obligation to provide pregnant people with accurate information and are not subject to HIPAA or required by law to maintain client confidentiality”.

5. Does ReproCollab fund general operating requests?

No, general operating requests will not be considered for this funding opportunity.

6. Does ReproCollab fund capital requests?

No. Capital requests will not be considered for this funding opportunity.

7. Does this grant pay for contraception products and supplies?

No. This grant will not support purchasing or stocking contraception products. However, we acknowledge the ongoing and persistent challenge of safety net clinics to finance and purchase

contraceptive products. This funding opportunity seeks to pursue clinic/agency-based improvement efforts and identify and solve for policy, regulatory, and financial barriers.

8. Does ReproCollab fund ongoing programs?

This funding opportunity is not intended to support the general operations of an existing program. ReproCollab will consider partial funding for current programs if they are essential to achieving the organization's proposed outcomes.

9. Can this grant fund community outreach and education efforts in our communities?

Yes. Community outreach and patient education may be essential activities in the organization's proposed plan to improve person-centered contraceptive services. To clarify, this is not a funding opportunity for only outreach.

10. Do proposed plans need to be evidence-based, or can they be promising practices or adaptations?

We fund an array of programs, including evidence-based programs, promising practices, and local adaptations. We recognize that some evidence-based programs may need to be more culturally responsive and affirming or evolve to address changing contexts and emerging issues.

11. How will the learning community function? How will teams interact with the Program Implementation Partner?

The learning community is built on prior programs led by Caring for Colorado, including the [Colorado Contraceptive Access Change Project](#) and [S+RIVE](#), which were based on learnings from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement [Collaborative Model for Achieving Breakthrough Improvement](#). For this funding opportunity, the learning community will meet four times and participate in one statewide convening per year. The Program Implementation Partner (PIP) will facilitate learning community meetings and monthly check-ins with each organization team to identify technical assistance and coaching needs. The PIP will be the "go-to" support for organizations within the learning community. The PIP will also lead training on implicit bias and reproductive justice principles and support emerging learning opportunities.

12. Will ReproCollab fund clinician and staff time?

Yes. Organizations can include clinician and staff time for time spent to achieve the proposed outcomes. This can include participating in the learning community, engaging with their teams, or conducting activities or tasks related to the proposed plans.

Eligibility to Apply

13. Does ReproCollab fund organizations they have not previously partnered with or are unfamiliar with?

Yes. We encourage partners who have not previously engaged with ReproCollab or Caring for Colorado to apply. If you have questions, ReproCollab staff will be available for questions via 20-minute phone conversations from March 10 until the grant deadline on April 26, 2023. Please register for a 20-minute session via [Calendly](#).

14. Are abortion providers eligible for the funding?

Yes. There are no restrictions on the breadth of services available within the clinic.

15. Can we apply if my organization participated in the Colorado Contraceptive Access Change Project?

Yes. This funding opportunity builds on lessons learned and opportunities from the Colorado Contraceptive Access Change Project. We encourage clinics to build on their successes and explore innovative solutions to persistent challenges.

16. Does ReproCollab consider applications from a partnership or collaborative of organizations?

Yes. We encourage partnerships, especially in contraceptive deserts or where limited outreach has been conducted to a priority population. Please consider the make-up of your teams to have adequate representation from the various organizations. As you plan your partnerships, we encourage you to reach out to ReproCollab to assess alignment with the funding opportunity.

17. How does ReproCollab define safety-net clinics?

According to the Colorado Health Institute, safety-net providers and clinics serve people who experience inequities in getting the care they need. Rooted in historic and ongoing discriminatory policies, these inequities have kept communities from accessing basic health care, including reproductive health. Safety-net providers can include community health centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, community safety-net clinics, local public health agencies and public nursing services, rural health clinics, school-based health centers, and others.

Funding Types and Amounts

18. What is the typical size of grants?

This funding opportunity will award up to \$250,000, with an average of \$75,000-100,000 over two years.

19. Will ReproCollab fund a one-year proposal?

Yes. ReproCollab will consider organizations that seek to participate in the learning community from 12 to 24 months. Participants should present a plan that includes how they expect to achieve outcomes

within a specific timeframe. We encourage organizations to consider how internal factors, such as staff transitions and unforeseen demands on the team, can impact the ability to achieve intended outcomes.

20. What does the evaluation entail?

Organizations that receive funding will be required to participate in an external evaluation that will, at a minimum, include basic data collection and team interviews. Organizations should plan on receiving a more detailed evaluation plan from the PIP and ReproCollab within the learning community.

If you have any more questions or concerns please contact the ReproCollab team at reprocollab@caringforcolorado.org or schedule a 20 minute phone call via [Calendly](#).