



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Focus Area: ReproCollab Protect and Expand Contraceptive Access Funding Opportunity

The questions below are specific to this funding opportunity. <u>Please visit our FAQs page</u> for a list of answers to commonly asked questions by applicants and grantees. If you can't find what you are looking for, do not hesitate to <u>contact us</u>.

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#### **Q: What is ReproCollab?**

A: ReproCollab is an initiative of Caring for Colorado with funding support from The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust, Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation, Colorado Gives Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, and Chambers Initiative. Informed by the <u>reproductive justice movement</u>, we understand that reproductive equity happens in the broad context of intersecting issues, including race, gender, and structural and social influences on health and bodily autonomy. We seek to change power dynamics to ensure that all people have equitable access to resources, information, and services and the power they need to determine their sexual and reproductive goals.





#### Q: Are crisis pregnancy centers eligible for funding?

A: No. Caring for Colorado does not fund crisis pregnancy centers or anti-abortion centers. According to the <u>American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists</u>, 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."

#### Q: What are the eligibility requirements of this funding opportunity?

A: In addition to <u>Caring for Colorado's general eligibility requirements</u>, organizations must be Coloradobased primary care safety net clinics, including independent safety net clinics, certified Rural Health Clinics, school-based health centers, and local public health agencies (including clinics with a Title X family planning program).

#### **Q: Does ReproCollab fund general operating requests?**

A: No. General operating requests will not be considered for this funding opportunity.

#### **Q: Does ReproCollab fund capital requests?**

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

#### Q: Does this grant pay for contraception methods?

A: Yes, but the primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to support clinic-level improvement strategies and the majority of an applicant's proposed budget must be applied to staff time. We recognize that contraceptive methods, especially expensive long-acting methods, can be a barrier to providing care and engaging in quality improvement efforts related to contraceptive care.

#### Q: Can this grant fund community outreach and education efforts in our communities?

A: 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.

#### Q: 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.

#### Q: Will ReproCollab fund clinician and staff time?

A: Yes. Organizations can include clinician and staff time spent achieving the proposed outcomes. This can include engaging with their teams and our implementation partner, CO+RE, or conducting activities or tasks related to the proposed plans.

#### Q: Does ReproCollab fund organizations they have not previously partnered with or are unfamiliar with?

A: Yes. We encourage partners who have not previously engaged with ReproCollab or Caring for Colorado to apply. If you have questions, our staff will be available for questions via 20-minute phone conversations from February 20 until the grant deadline. <u>Please register for a 20-minute session via Calendly</u>.





#### Q: If I am a Choose When grantee, am I eligible?

A: Yes. If you are a current Choose When grantee, you may apply.

# Q: If I am a current grantee of the Protect and Expand Contraceptive Access Funding Opportunity, am I eligible?

A: No. This funding opportunity is for Colorado safety-net clinics that are not currently working with a technical assistance provider to improve contraceptive care.

#### Q: Are abortion providers eligible for the funding?

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

#### Q: Does ReproCollab consider applications from a partnership or collaborative of organizations?

A: Yes. We encourage partnerships, especially where contraceptive access is limited. 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.

#### Q: How does ReproCollab define safety net clinics?

A: 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 healthcare, 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. *If you are a Federally Qualified Health Center, please contact please contact Melody Morshed, ReproCollab's Philanthropy Lead, at* <u>mmorshed@caringforcolorado.org</u> to hear about our other funding strategies you may be eligible for.

#### Q: What is the typical size of grants?

This funding opportunity will award grants of up to \$125,000 for 18 months. Please review the funding opportunity for details on allowable budget items. If you are invited to Part 2, a budget will be requested.

#### Q: Will ReproCollab review an application early if it is submitted before the deadline?

A: No. All applications are reviewed after the deadline.

#### Q: If our organization's application is approved, what is the grant start date?

A: The grant start date is July 1, 2025.

#### Q: How is our organization's demographic data going to be used?

We collect demographic information on grant applications to ensure that we are directing resources to our priority populations and taking a statewide approach to our work. The information that we collect is used for internal purposes only. We will on occasion, share aggregate data in our publications or communication. As of now, we are not planning on sharing aggregated data on our website. Our top priority is to support and protect our applicants and grantee partners.

If you have any more questions, please contact Melody Morshed, ReproCollab's Philanthropy Lead, at <u>mmorshed@caringforcolorado.org</u> or schedule a 20-minute phone call via <u>Calendly</u>.