

Frequently Asked Questions

Choose When 2026 Funding Opportunity

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What is the purpose of the Choose When funding opportunity?

Choose When aims to reduce financial barriers to contraception for people who are uninsured, underinsured, or require confidential services. Funding is intended to help Colorado safety net clinics provide person-centered, contraceptive care, especially long-acting methods, at no cost.

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants must:

- Meet Caring for Colorado’s general eligibility requirements.
- Be a Colorado-based nonprofit organization or apply through a qualified fiscal agent.
- Operate a primary care clinic such as a safety net health clinic, FQHC, school-based health center, local public health agency, or rural health clinic.
- Provide contraceptive services.
- Serve people who meet at least one of the following: live in rural/frontier communities, live in areas with limited access to affordable contraceptive care, lack insurance/are underinsured, or require confidential services.

Please note: Prioritization will be given to clinics serving young people up to age 25.

Not eligible: Organizations that do not offer free or sliding-fee health services, crisis pregnancy centers, and organizations seeking support for ineligible expenses.

What is the grant amount, and how should clinics determine their request?

Eligible applicants may request up to \$50,000 for a 12-month grant period.

To support budget development, clinics may use the following guidance based on the number of patients of reproductive age served annually:

- Small clinics (serving fewer than 300 patients of reproductive age/year): \$25,000–\$30,000
- Medium clinics (serving 300–800 patients of reproductive age/year): \$31,000–\$40,000
- Large clinics (serving more than 800 patients of reproductive age/year): \$41,000–\$50,000

These ranges allow clinics to align requests with expected utilization of long-acting methods, visit volume, and staffing needs for providing services to Choose When's priority populations. Applicants should request the amount necessary to provide free contraceptive care to patients without a payer source.

What types of expenses can be funded?

The following are allowable and encouraged uses of Choose When funds:

Contraceptive Methods:

- Long-acting reversible contraception (IUDs, implants)
- Short-acting methods (pills, patch, ring, injection)
- Male and female barrier methods
- Vasectomy care services.

Please note: Budget requests that are largely comprised of contraceptive methods will be prioritized because they are a critical component of access. A strong narrative for methods explains:

- Why existing reimbursement, inventory, or purchasing mechanisms are insufficient to meet current demand.
- How the requested methods will address specific access gaps (e.g., same-day access, stocking limitations, rural or school-based settings).

Office Visits:

- Costs associated with office visits to provide contraceptive counseling, insertion, removal, management, and follow-up (including services related to vasectomy care).
- Provider time directly tied to contraceptive care.
- Same-day contraceptive services and care coordination for patients requiring confidential care.

Health educators:

- Costs associated with staff who work in partnership with healthcare providers to provide one-on-one or small group education on reproductive and sexual health that is inclusive of cultural or 2SLGBTQIA+ needs.

Provider trainings:

- Costs associated with provider trainings to ensure that people can access the contraceptive method of their choice.
- Include training costs directly related to contraceptive care, such as clinical skill-building (e.g., insertion and removal of IUDs and implants), counseling techniques, and updates on contraceptive methods.

Please note: Provider training on insertion and removal of LARCs and vasectomy care will be prioritized.

Focused outreach to populations experiencing barriers to care:

- Include a description of proposed outreach activities over the project period, including how your organization plans to increase access to contraceptive care through outreach, the approaches you plan to use, and how you plan to reach one or more of Choose When's priority populations.

What will Choose When not fund?

- General operating support.
- Lobbying or political advocacy.
- Technical projects, such as electronic health records, billing, and coding improvements.

What are the expectations for grantees?

Grantees must ensure that Choose When funding supports patients without a payer source, those without adequate insurance, or those who require confidential services. Clinics must offer all contraceptive methods at no cost, ideally, on the same day.

Grantees are also expected to collect basic data related to how the grant funds are spent, including:

- Breakdown of allowable expenditures (i.e., purchase of contraceptive methods, cost of office visits to provide contraceptive care, health education on sexual and reproductive health, provider training, and focused outreach).
- The number of unduplicated patients who benefited from Choose When funding and any reportable aggregate information about insurance status, age, or self-identified race, ethnicity, or gender identity. Choose When will work with grantees to ensure that any data collection activities uphold all confidentiality standards and requirements.
- Other evaluation activities may include interviews with the clinic director or staff who managed the grant. Grant recipients may be asked to participate in an external evaluation of the Choose When Program.

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How do clinics apply?

Please visit choosewhen.org.

Key deadlines:

- March 10, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.: Deadline to register in Fluxx (if not already registered).
- March 12, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.: Application deadline.

Returning applicants with an existing Fluxx account do not need to re-register.

Is fiscal sponsorship allowed?

Yes. Non-tax-exempt clinics may apply using a qualified 501(c)(3) fiscal agent. The fiscal agent must serve as the legal applicant and grant recipient.

How are applications reviewed and prioritized?

Applications are evaluated based on:

- Alignment with eligibility criteria
- Demonstrated need among patients served
- Clinic capacity to provide contraceptive care
- Commitment to serving uninsured, underinsured, young people, or those needing confidential services
- Reasonableness of budget relative to clinic size and expected patient volume

What reporting is required?

At the end of the 12-month period, grantees must submit a brief report summarizing:

- Number and characteristics of patients served
- Lessons learned or barriers encountered

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Applicants with issues or questions that cannot be resolved by the funding opportunity materials can use the [Calendly link](#) to schedule a brief conversation with staff during designated office hours. You can also contact our Grants Management team at grants@caringforcolorado.org for technical assistance with the application or Fluxx grant portal.