



Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program



Purpose of the program



To support reproductive health care facilities in Illinois that are experiencing increased demand for their services

Funding and Awards

- Funding Source: State Capital Funds
- Total Funding Available: \$5 million
 - Awards will be available on a rolling basis
 - Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$500,000
 - DCEO expects to make 15 to 30 awards though this NOFO
- Anticipated start date for awards is September 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024
- This grant opportunity requires at least 15% cash match of total project costs.



Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants include:
 - Nonprofit and for-profit clinics providing or planning to provide pregnancy-related services in a clinical setting.
- Facilities must provide abortion care as well as one or more of the following:
 - Contraceptive and contraceptive counseling
 - Pregnancy testing/diagnosis/ counseling
 - Ultrasounds, sexually transmitted infections testing, and prenatal care.
- Facilities where more than half of the clinical facilities are dedicated to medical care other than pregnancy-related medical services are not eligible.





Eligible Projects



Projects could include:

- New construction, renovation, or major repairs that facilitate expansion or continuation of pregnancy-related medical services
- Investment in new or upgraded equipment that improve care quality or facility capacity, including vehicles for mobile care units
- Investment to upgrade or enhance security (barriers, alarm/surveillance systems, etc.)

Examples of Expenditures



- Architectural planning and engineering design
- Land and building acquisition
- Costs related to site selection, preparation and improvement
- Utility work
- New construction of buildings and structures
- Reconstruction or improvement of existing buildings or structures
- Purchase of automobiles or trucks for provision of mobile health care services
- Original furnishings and durable equipment


Ineligible Expenditures



- Operational expenses
- Lease payments for rental of equipment or facilities
- Costs of staff or resident labor and material outside of project construction
- Expenditures to acquire or construct temporary facilities



Submitting Applications

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- Applicants may submit one application for this opportunity per facility.
 - Applications will continue to be accepted for this opportunity and awarded on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.
 - Application materials must be submitted to the Department via electronic form at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a7dd7c0e87024496bf000841b66fae72>



Application Grading and Awards

- DCEO will grade and rank applications according to consistency with review criteria
- Awards will be based on the merit review score
 - All applicants with a merit review score that exceeds 70 will receive a recommendation for an award
 - Applicants that have received a merit review score between 60 and 70 will be considered for up to two full quarters after application is submitted.



Applications Will Be Graded on a 100-pt Scale

- Community Need (35 points)
- Applicant Capacity (30 points)
- Proposal Quality (35 points)



Scoring Community Need

- Project is located in a rural area
- Project is located in an underserved area
- Applicant demonstrates clear unmet demand for the specific services they intend to provide through this grant
- Project will address significant safety issue for patients and/or staff



Scoring Applicant Capacity

- Detailed description of the overall scope of the proposed project and present a clear plan
- Applicant has the resources required to successfully meet funding commitments for the project
- Applicant has previous experience in managing government and/or foundation grants
- Applicant has the experience, knowledge, and expertise required to successfully operate the facility following the project

Scoring Proposal Quality

- Clear timeline for project and necessary tasks to successfully complete the project.
- Facility will provide a wide range of the pregnancy-related health services listed in Section C1 of the NOFO, and in an increased capacity relative to current availability of services.
- Budget detail, clarity and reasonableness.
- Applicant provides convincing budget documentation and support.




Administrative Requirements

- Subrecipients and Subcontractors
- Grant Uniform Requirements
- Procurement
- Business Enterprise Program
- Environmental Review Requirements
- Illinois Works Jobs Program Act
- Prevailing Wage Act
- Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act



More Information?

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- DCEO Grant Opportunities Main Page:
 - <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/AboutDCEO/GrantOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program Opportunity Site:
 - <https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/3201-2592.html>

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Questions?

Thank You!

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