2027 Clinical Dental Education Innovation

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Program Description

- Authorized by Minnesota Statutes Sec. 144.1913 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1913)

- Clinical training is a requirement for dental professionals to become licensed, but opportunities to receive clinical training are limited. Under the authority of Minnesota Statutes Section Sec. 144.1913, the Commissioner of Health is authorized to award grants to sponsoring institutions and clinical dental training sites for projects that increase dental access for underserved populations and promote innovative clinical dental education or clinical training programs.

Notes

- This meeting will NOT be recorded
- Slides will be posted on the website by early next week
- Please save your questions for the end of the presentation
- All questions and answers will be posted by early next week to the ORHPC website under the CDEI FAQ Document: ORHPC Grants and Funding - MN Dept. of Health (https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html)

Funds Available

Funding	Estimate
Estimated Amount to Grant	$1,122,000
Estimated Number of Awards	8-12
Estimated Maximum Award	$150,000
Estimated Minimum Award	$30,000

- Funding is allocated through a competitive process
- No expenditures may be incurred before the grant agreement is fully executed and the start date arrives

General Information

- There is no match requirement for this grant
- Project Dates: January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027
- Collaboration is not required but strongly encouraged
  - Examples include different clinics collaborating, and clinics partnering with community organizations such as nonprofits or schools etc.

Funding Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include teaching institutions and clinical training sites that train dental professionals. The teaching institution or the clinical training site must provide accredited clinical training, an exception can be made if the organization is actively seeking accreditation with a reasonable assumption of success.
- Grant funds are not transferrable to any other entity. Applicants that are aware of any upcoming mergers, acquisitions, or any other changes in their organization or legal standing, must disclose this information to MDH in their application, or as soon as they are aware of it.
- All applicant organizations must also have a policy to ensure no person will be denied services due to inability to pay (e.g., sliding-fee scale).

Outcomes & Priorities

- The purpose of this program is to support projects that increase dental access for underserved populations and promote innovative clinical dental education or clinical training programs.
- This grant will support activities that serve underserved communities. Underserved communities include but are not limited to:
    - People with a low income
    - People living in rural areas in Minnesota
    - People that have immigrated to Minnesota
    - People living with disabilities
    - People on medical assistance programs and/or who are uninsured
    - People of diverse racial, ethnic, and/or cultural backgrounds
- Grant outcomes will include:
    - Increased access to care for underserved communities
    - Creation or expansion of innovative dental education or training

Expenses

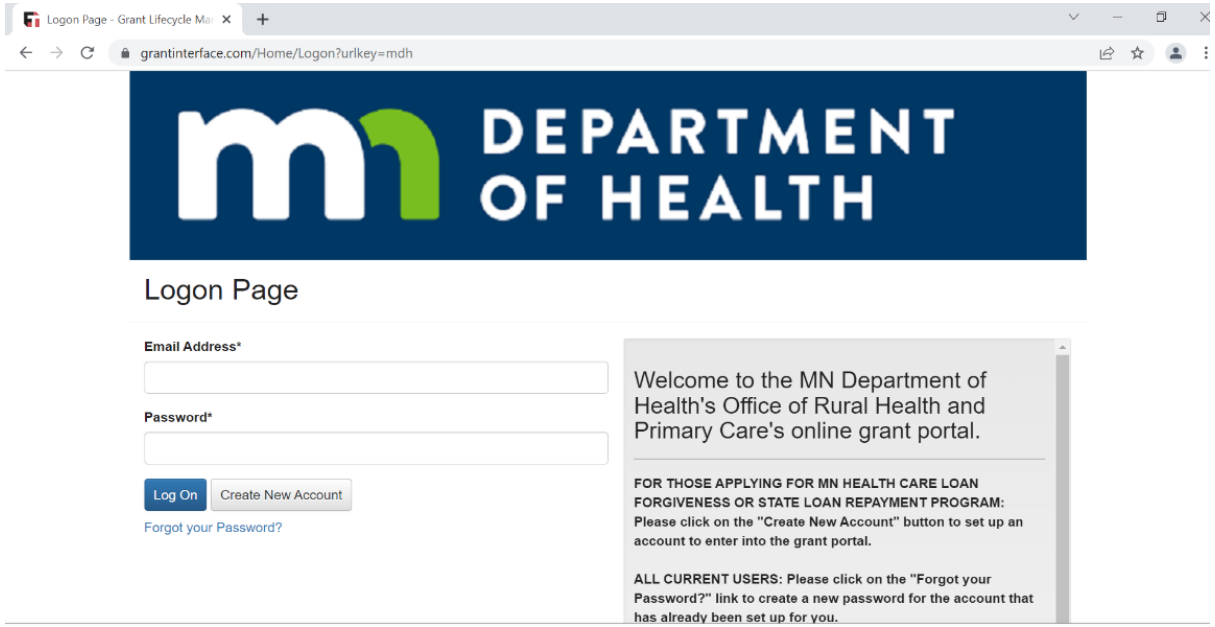
- Eligible expenses include:
  - Salaries
  - Fringe
  - Travel
  - Supplies
  - Contracted
  - Equipment/Capital
  - Other Expenses
  - Indirect Cost Rate
    - Maximum of 15% unless your organization has a federally negotiated rate (documentation is required)

- Ineligible expenses include:
  - Solicitating donations;
  - Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services;
  - Lobbyists, political contributions;
  - Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds.

Application Submission

- Applications are due September 3rd, 2026, at 4:30pm Central Time
- All applications will be completed and submitted via the online ORHPC Grants Management System (https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mdh)
- The next slides show how to create a profile and begin an application in the online system

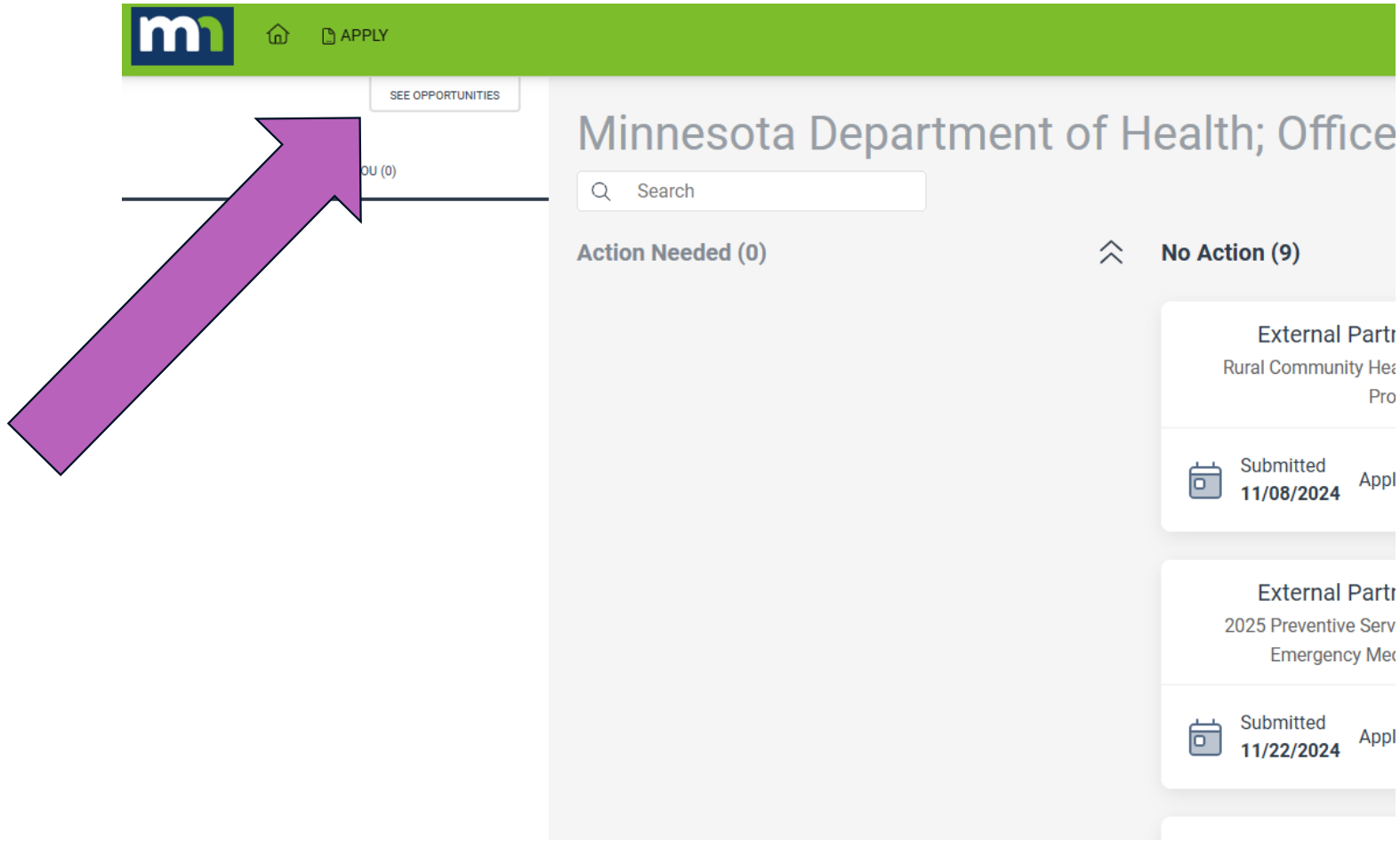
Creating/Managing Users



- Existing Users: log in or use the forgot password button
- New Users: verify your organization has or doesn't have a profile & create profile(s)
- If you are unsure of organization's status, reach out to MDH

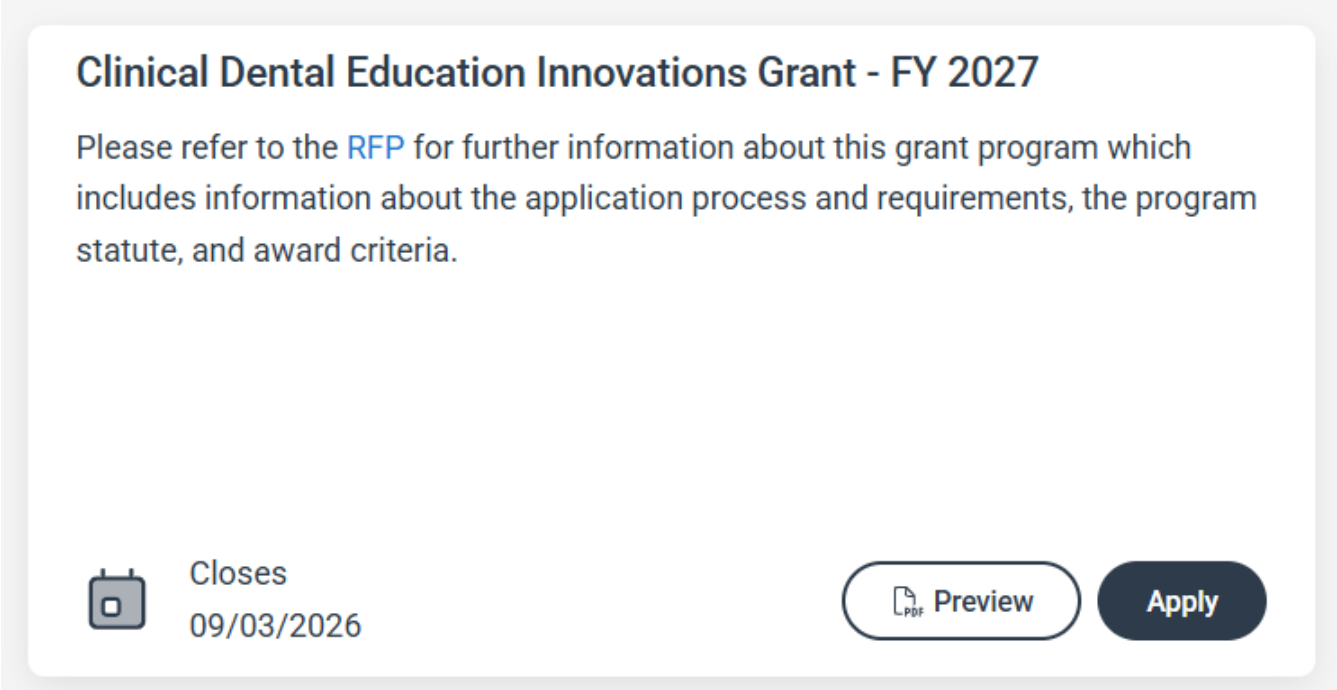
See Application Opportunities

- Once you log in, select see opportunities in the upper left-hand corner of the screen



Starting an Application

- On the home page of the portal, find the Clinical Dental Education Innovations Grant – FY 2027
- Click Apply



Application Sections

- 7 sections to complete plus certification
- Refer to RFP for instructions on narrative questions
- Complete at your own pace
  - Save button vs. Submit button

Application Sections 1 & 2

- Basic information about your organization
- Important to note that applicant will be the individual to whom reports are assigned
- Collaboration is possible: can add others as collaborators in portal
- SWIFT information is very important – this is how MDH contracts
  - If unsure, contact SWIFT help desk: 651-201-8100 or swifthelpdesk.mmb@state.mn.us

Application Section 1: Organization and Applicant Information

- Basic information about the applicant entity is requested, including legal and business name, address, and tax identification number, this information will be used for contracting purposes.

Application Section 2: Project Information

- Includes contact information for the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), Fiscal Management Officer, and Contact Person for the Project Administration.

Application Section 3: Project Abstract and Narrative

- The purpose of the Project Narrative is to provide details and context for the proposed project. Please provide concise and thorough responses to the questions outlined below. Failing to provide all the requested information and in the order prescribed may result in a lower score during the application review.

Application Section 4: Project Workplan

- This section will include listing the objectives (measurable goals) for the grant period. Under each objective will be listed all activities that will be completed to meet the objective. Each activity will also have an associated start and completion date as well as the role of the person responsible for execution. Be as detailed as possible to ensure the reviewer understands each step of the process for the project.

Application Section 5: Budget Items and Budget Narrative

- Budget Narrative: Provide a detailed justification of the estimated project expenses to successfully meet the goals of the proposed project. The budget explanation should be broken down by each budget category. The narrative should provide information on the need for specific expenditures and how they will address the problem statement.
- The expenses included in the Grant Funds Requested column are those that will be supported by grant funds. Non-grant funds are not required but may be provided to offer grant reviewers a better understanding of the total cost of the grant project. The budget should be specific to the grant project described in the applicant's project narrative and is not intended to represent the organization's total budget.

Application Section 6: Attachments

- Required Attachments
  - Due Diligence Review Form
    - i. Tribal Nations and Community Health Boards do not need to submit a Due Diligence Review Form.
  - Audited Financial Statement
  - Proof of Accreditation (for education programs)
  - Proof of Medicaid Enrollment (for clinical training sites)
  - Patient Payment Policy/Sliding Fee Scale
- Optional Attachments
  - Organization’s Geographic Service Area
  - Letters of Support (eligible for bonus points)

Application Section 7: Applicant Conflict of Interest

- The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requires all applicants to complete a conflict of interest statement prior to award of funds in accordance with federal, state and agency policies. The Conflict of Interest form is a required part of the online application. You may find a list of the questions that you will be asked to complete in the online application form at: Applicant/Recipient Conflict of Interest Form (state.mn.us).

Last Application Section: Certification and Conflict of Interest

- Complete both sections prior to submission
- Reporting a conflict of interest will not automatically disqualify you from funding. It will result in a review, and may require a mitigation plan to collaborate with MDH
- Reach out with any questions regarding conflict of interest

Review Process

- MDH determines initial eligibility
- Review committee scores applications on the criteria in RFP Attachment A:
  - Project Narrative (65 points)
  - Work Plan (20 points)
  - Budget and Budget Justification (10 points)
  - Bonus Points (5 points) – for including letters of support
- Review committee and MDH determine grant awards
- MDH conducts due diligence and past performance review prior to entering into grant agreements

Grant Contractual Obligations

- Work may not start prior to the full execution of the grant agreement and the project start date (January 1, 2027)
- Grant activities approved for payment are outlined in Exhibits A & B of the contract
  - Any activities outside of this must be approved prior to action
- Grantees must report on financial and programmatic activities quarterly
  - January 20, April 20, July 20, October 20
- Grantees receiving over $50,000 will have one grant monitoring visit and financial reconciliation per grant period

Reporting on Grant Outcomes

Grantees will report to MDH on outcomes throughout the project on a quarterly basis. Reports will include questions pertaining to:

- Updates on progress towards completing activities
- Additional needs from the community
- Technical assistance requests

Submitting Questions

- All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email to clinical.dental.education.innovation.MDH@state.mn.us
- Answers will be posted within 3 business days on the ORHPC Grants and Funding website
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) ORHPC Grants and Funding (https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html)
- Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on August 28, 2026.

Questions?

Thank You!

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