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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

What is the Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors?

Senate Bill (SB) 14-180 created the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors (Senior Dental Program), which will be administered by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) effective July 1, 2015. SB 14-180 ends the current Old Age Pension (OAP) Dental Program administered by the Department of Public Health and Environment, effective June 30, 2015, as the target population now has publicly funded dental benefits through Medicaid and the OAP Health and Medical Care Program.

The Senior Dental Program grants funds to entities such as Area Agencies on Aging, community-based organizations and foundations, federal qualified health centers, safety-net clinics, local public health agencies, and private dental practices to promote the health and welfare of Colorado's low-income seniors. The Senior Dental Program provides access to dental care for low-income seniors that meet the following criteria:

- 60 years of age or older;
- Lawfully present in the state in accordance with section 24-76.5-103, C.R.S.;
- Economically Disadvantaged (a senior whose income is at or below 250% of the most recently published federal poverty level for a household of that size); and
- Not eligible for dental services under Medicaid or the Old Age Pension Health and Medical Care Program, and does not have private dental insurance.

How did entities apply for the grant funds?

The Senior Dental Program Grant Applications were released on January 12, 2015 and the deadline to have the grant proposals submitted to the Department was February 20, 2015. If the Department is in need of additional grantees more applications will be released as needed.

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Who received grant money?

The Department received 23 grant applications by the deadline date and this included 18 current OAP dental grantees. All grant applicants met the minimum grant criteria; however, the total funds requested were \$2.2 million more than the available funding.

The Senior Dental Program has over \$2.9 million available for grant awards for FY 2015-16 and the Department cannot spend more than the appropriated funds.

What are geographic areas covered in Colorado?

The Department has nearly full state coverage through our grantees for FY2015-16. The following counties do not have full geographic coverage: Archuleta, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Dolores, La Plata, Lake, Montezuma, and San Juan.

How will the awarded grantees receive these funds?

The Department will receive monthly invoices from the awarded grantees and will evaluate the funding levels on a quarterly basis. If some grantees are not expending the funds awarded to them the Department will increase awards to grantees that were not fully funded or award funds to those excluded.

For more information about the [Senior Dental Program](#) contact

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APPLICANTS	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	SERVICE AREA
Boulder County Area Agency on Aging	\$108,700	Boulder county
Colorado Gerontological Society	\$311,200	Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson counties
Cozy Dental	\$73,800	Aurora
Dental Lifeline Network	\$100,000	Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Boulder and Weld
Health District of Northern Larimer County	\$98,600	Larimer
Inner City Health Center	\$226,800	Greater metro area
Kit Carson County Health & Human Services	\$22,600	Kit Carson county
Marillac Clinic	\$211,000	Mesa, Moffat, Routt, Garfield, Rio Blanco
Metro Community Provider Network	\$79,100	Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, Park
Mile High Dental Professionals	\$100,000	Denver
Northeastern Colorado Area Agency on Aging	\$15,800	Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma
Northwest Colorado Council of Governments-Alpine AAA	\$25,400	Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, Summit
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	\$422,000	El Paso, Teller, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln and parts of Adams, Arapahoe and Park
Pueblo Community College	\$237,400	Pueblo
Red Rocks Family Dentistry	\$157,600	Littleton
Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning, Inc.	\$37,900	Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, San Miguel
Salud Family Health Centers	\$211,000	Brighton, Commerce City, Estes Park, Ft Collins, Ft Lupton, Ft Morgan, Frederick, Longmont and Sterling
Senior Mobile Dental	\$302,400	Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo areas
South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc.	\$158,200	San Luis Valley
Tri-County Health Department	\$39,400	Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas
Totals	\$2,938,900	

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