



NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA) – GRANTS

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Smile Strong New Jersey (SSNJ) 2027

NOFA REFERENCE NO.:

DOHP27SNJ

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS SHALL BE USED:

This statewide initiative is designed to improve oral health education, literacy, and access to preventive services among Head Start and Early Head Start children, school-aged children (Pre-K through 12), school nurses, school staff, parents, community organizations, parenting groups, and other vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The program also supports the delivery of preventive oral health services and facilitates the establishment of a dental home, ensuring continuity of care and access to ongoing oral healthcare services across the lifespan.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONEY

IN THE GRANT PROGRAM: \$ 213,294.00

AWARD PERIOD:

From 7/1/26 **Through** 6/30/27

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants. https://www.nj.gov/health/grants/documents/terms_conditions.pdf
 2. General and specific grant compliance requirements issued by the awarding division or commission.
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GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

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| ☐ Municipal Government | ☒ Institution of Higher Education |
| ☐ County Government | ☐ Hospital |
| ☐ State Government | ☒ Non-profit Organization (501(c)3) |
| ☐ Indian Tribal Gov't (Federally Recognized) | ☒ Other: Federally Qualified Health Centers |
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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

This is an open competitive funding opportunity available to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), nonprofit dental organizations, academic institutions, private dental organizations, and other qualified dental provider organizations with demonstrated experience in oral health promotion, education, prevention, and community-based service delivery. Applicants shall possess the organizational capacity, infrastructure, and expertise necessary to implement evidence-based oral health education and preventive service programs, particularly for underserved, high-need, and high-risk populations throughout New Jersey.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Eligible applicants will submit grant applications through the Department's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE), in accordance with the Request for Applications (RFA). The RFA may be requested from the contact listed below.

1. Applicant must submit a Letter of Intent as outlined in the Request for Applications (RFA).
 2. The Program Management Officer will make grant applications available to all "eligible" agencies in the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE), <https://dohsage.intelligrants.com>
 3. The applicant will submit a grant application in accordance with the NOFA, RFA, & Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
 4. Any application received after the deadline will not be accepted. Funding is contingent upon the receipt of available funds by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH).
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DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE: 07/22/26

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED: 08/05/26

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS: 08/14/26
