



# Advancing Oral Health Equity in California 2027-2030

Local Oral Health Programs

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# Overview



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# 2027-2030 Grant Cycle

## 3 Main Changes

- Shorter Grant term:
  - 5 years to 3 years
- Funding amount and formula:
  - Funding reduction
  - No tiers, allocations based on 2023 Census data
  - Same formula used as previous and current grant cycle (but with reduced base funding)
- Additional flexibility:
  - In objectives, activities, and work plan development

# Background

- In 2017, the Office of Oral Health (OOH) began receiving \$30 million annually through Proposition 56\*, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016.
- In January 2018, the OOH launched the Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) grants, funded by Prop 56. Starting in 2019, the annual revenue began to decline.
- LOHPs operate in 61 health jurisdictions, implementing programs in alignment with the California Oral Health Plan. We are currently more than halfway through the second grant cycle.

\*Proposition 56 - California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 – Fund 3307

# Budget Outlook and Impact

- **Prop 56**

- From FY 2018-19 to FY 2025-26, Prop 56 revenue has dropped nearly 50% (from \$30M to \$16M). The Department of Finance projects an ongoing 10% annual decline. (RTC 30130.50 - 30130.58)

- **General Fund**

- \$9.7 million previously covered by the GF was absorbed by Prop 56 funds in FY 2024-25 for community-based clinical education rotations for dental students. (HSC 104751)

- **General Fund Backfill**

- This was eliminated in FY 2024-25. (RTC 30130.59)

- **Current LOHP Allocation**

- OOH is keeping local oral health programs whole (\$18M for local assistance) through the current grant cycle ending June 30, 2027.

# Budget Outlook and Impact

- **Local assistance** funding will decrease from \$18M to \$9M starting July 1, 2027
- **LOHP grant term** shortened from 5 years to 3 years (2027-2030)
- **State operations** will experience similar proportional funding reduction, maintaining percentage of budget going to local assistance (~60%)
- **OOH** will continue developing and implementing strategies to appropriately adjust to this reduction

# Total LOHP Funding Allocation

	Historic annual Prop 56 Allocation to OOH	Projected Prop 56 Revenue to OOH in FY 2027-28
<b>Total</b>	\$30,000,000	\$14,400,000
<b>Local Assistance</b>	\$18,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>Percentage of Local Assistance vs Total</b>	60%	60+%

# Allocation Formula

Funding tiers have been eliminated. Historical formula with equal base amount (reduced 50%) weighted to LHJ's share of CA's population in poverty (i.e., denominator is # of Californians in poverty).

- Applies the allocation formula used in prior grant cycles with updated population data\*
- Includes a base allocation of \$70K for each LHJ
- Remaining funds are allocated to LHJ's share of CA's population in poverty

The funding formula was shared with and approved by the CCLHO and CHEAC Executive Committee.

\*Reference: American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS uses the Census Bureau's Poverty Measure that relies on poverty thresholds based on family size, number of children, and age of the head of the household. The poverty thresholds are adjusted for inflation and are updated annually

# **LHD/LHJ options to use funding**

## **Flexible Funding Options**

1. Apply as an individual LHJ/LOHP
2. Combine with other LHJ/LOHP for a regional approach or consortium
3. Contract with nonprofit, CBO, other entity
4. Give portion (TBD) to CDPH to handle certain functions (e.g., program evaluation, communication resources, TA for data analysis)

# LOHP Priorities and Flexibilities

## Looking Ahead (2027-2030):

- Due to decreased funding, work plans will be **modified** to allow for increased **flexibility**
- All LOHPs will be able to choose objectives and associated activities from the following priorities\*:
  - School-based Linkages
  - Medical-Dental Integration
  - Concentric Circles of Care
  - Community Water Fluoridation
  - Other oral health priority identified by LHJ/LOHP

# Priority

## School-based Linkages

This priority includes objectives and activities you may have worked on during the prior and current grant cycles:

- KOHA
- Fluoride varnish
- Dental sealants
- Oral health education
- Partnerships (WIC, Head Start, MCAH)




# Priority

## Medical-Dental Integration

This priority also includes objectives and activities you may have worked on during the prior and current grant cycles:

- Oral health literacy
- Care coordination
- Tobacco cessation
- Sugar-sweetened beverage reduction
- Promoting virtual dental homes



# Priority

## Concentric Circles of Care

This priority emphasizes alternative care delivery systems to access care, education, and minimally invasive procedures:

- Virtual Dental Home, mobile dental programs
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Home visiting programs, CHWs
- Resources for care coordination, training programs

# Priority

## Community Water Fluoridation (CWF)

The fourth priority category emphasizes partnership, promotion, and participation exclusive to CWF:

- Promoting CWF
- Building relationships
- Collaborating with partners
- Participating in local and statewide efforts to maintain current CWF

# Priority

Other oral health  
priority identified  
by LHJ/LOHP

The fifth priority offers LOHPs additional flexibility to identify objectives and related activities not addressed under the previous four categories.

The identified objective and activities should be oral health-focused and approved by OOH within your work plan.

# FAQs #1

**Q: Will it be possible to carry forward unspent funds from the 2022-2027 grant cycle to the 2027-2030 grant cycle?**

**A:** Unspent funds from the 2022–2027 grant cycle cannot be carried over into the 2027–2030 cycle. While this was allowed in the past, recent fiscal changes no longer permit such reallocations.

# FAQs #2

**Q: Will OOH redistribute funding to the LHJs that apply, if there are some LOHPs that decline funding?**

**A: OOH will monitor any remaining funds and assess next steps.**

# FAQs #3

**Q: Among the possible priorities provided, how many are LOHPs expected to select?**

A: LOHPs are expected to choose from the list of objectives by selecting at least one objective and associated activity, ensuring alignment with program requirements while allowing flexibility to address local priorities.

# Approximate Grant Timeline

Date/period	Activity
By April 2026	Release Request for Applications (RFA) and open application period
April - May 2026	Host office hours for updates and Q&A related to RFA
May 2026	Mandatory submission of Letter of Intent by LOHPs
June 2026	Application due
June - Jan 2027	Co-develop workplans
Jan - June 2027	LOHP secure Board of Supervisors approvals for agreement execution
July 1, 2027	Launch new 3-year grant cycle (2027-2030)

# Next Steps

- March 2026 - PDM
  - Attend the PDM to hear more about the priorities, provide comments/questions, network with other oral health programs
- April 2026 – Release of RFA
  - Review RFA, attend office hour meetings, and determine which priority category your county will select
- May 2026
  - Submit the mandatory Letter of Intent to apply for funding



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