Sustainability Plan

Workplan Objective/Activity Description

- Activity 3.2.i, Key Partners, due August 31, 2025 (new deadline)
  Develop sustainability plan or recommendations for revisions to improve the program.
    (A) Sustainability plan/ recommendations

- Activity 6.3, Oral Healthcare Delivery Systems, due June 30, 2026
  Develop a sustainability plan to maintain efforts.
    (A)Sustainability Plan

For your convenience we have added instructions for related objectives due later. These objectives may be incorporated to the plan when they are due.

Deliverable Instructions

Create a sustainability plan outlining the actions required to maintain and/or expand upon the outcomes accomplished during the Moving California Oral Health Forward Workplan 2022–2027 grant cycle objective 3.2.i (A) and 6.3 (A).

A sustainability plan for Oral Health Programs ensures that the benefits and impact of the program continue over time. Here are some key elements you may include:

1. **Clear Vision and Goals** – Define what sustainability means for your local oral health program and set measurable objectives to guide your efforts.
2. **Highlight Achievements** – Showcase specific successes, such as improved oral health outcomes, increased access to dental care, or enhanced community engagement.
3. **Evidence-Based Impact** – Use data and metrics to validate your successes—for example, how many individuals benefited from the program or measurable improvements in oral health indicators.
4. **Community Testimonials** – Include feedback from participants or partners who have experienced positive changes, adding a human element to your successes (I.e.: Success Stories, Photovoice, etc.).
5. **Collaborative Partnership Engagement** – Identify and involve key partners to build support and collaboration.
6. **Policy** – Local health policies should be strategically aligned with broader health frameworks.
7. **Integration into Local Infrastructure** – Embed the program into existing systems, such as healthcare networks or community organizations, to ensure continuity.
8. **Diverse Funding Sources** – Consider a mix of funding streams to reduce reliance on a single source.
9. **Capacity Building** – Train staff and partners to maintain and adapt the program as needed.

10. **Data and Evaluation** – Use data to monitor progress, demonstrate impact, and make informed decisions for continuous improvement.
11. **Scaling Successful Strategies** – Identify what worked well and consider expanding or replicating those strategies in other areas or contexts.
12. **Communication Strategy** – Develop a plan to communicate the program's value and successes to stakeholders and the community.
13. Long-Term Planning – Create a roadmap for sustaining the program beyond initial funding or leadership/staff changes.

Resource

CDC Sustainability Tool and Instructions