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Abortion Practical Support Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Abortion Practical Support Grant Program! We are looking forward to learning more about your organization's work to support and expand abortion services in California.

Please submit the requested application information and **documentation by April 25, 2025 at 11:59pm** Pacific Time. All questions are mandatory except the optional submission of supplemental materials.

Application information will be saved automatically and registered users may return to complete the application in multiple stages. Support with using the Apply platform may be found in this FAQ document.

Questions about the grant program may be sent to: CaReproHealthEquity@essentialaccess.org.

Organization and Contact Information

- What is the name of the applicant organization?

- What is the website of the applicant organization?

- What is the physical address of the applicant organization?

- What is your name and job title?

- What is your email address?

- What is your phone number?

- What is the name, title, and email contact of the programmatic/project lead? (If different from your own)

- Who in your organization is authorized to sign contracts (if someone other than yourself)? *Please include name and title*

- What is your organization's grants and/or contracts manager email address (if different from your own)?

- What is the name of the organization as it should appear on a legal contract?

- Please share your organization's social media accounts

- **Optional:** Please tell us about the leadership of your organization. Select all that apply:

  - Gender-Diverse / Women-led organization: An organization that is led by one or more gender diverse persons or women in key leadership roles, such as CEO, executive director, or founder.

  - Organization led by individuals from underrepresented racial or ethnic groups: An organization where leadership is primarily composed of individuals from groups historically underrepresented in leadership positions, such as Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, or Native American/Indigenous American communities.

  - Disability-led organization: An organization that is led by one or more individuals with disabilities in key leadership roles, such as CEO, executive director, or founder.

Organizational background

- Please tell us about your organization's history, mission, and structure (5000 character limit)
  Applicants must have experience in sexual and reproductive health, abortion access rights and justice, and have a demonstrated commitment to cultural, racial, and SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) inclusivity. Organizations that engage in programs or activities that conflict with the intent and purpose of the program are not eligible to apply as grantees or as subcontractors.

- Please describe your organization's demonstrated commitment to abortion and reproductive health access, rights, and justice (5000 character limit)

- What is your organization's current annual budget?

- What practical support services does your organization currently offer?
  - Transportation assistance/vouchers
  - Lodging support
  - Meal vouchers
  - Childcare/eldercare expenses
  - Abortion doula services and/or expenses

- o   Wage replacement for missed work
- o   Coverage for pharmacy expenses
- o   Language access services (patient interpretation services)
- o   Other, please specify: _____

- Please describe your organization's experience providing abortion practical support services (5000 character limit)
  Include a description of your organization's current infrastructure to provide practical support services. If your organization does not yet provide practical support to clients, please describe what practical support services you plan to offer and how you will build and maintain infrastructure to provide practical support.

- Please describe your organization's client population and communities served (5000 character limit)

- Please describe your organization's commitment to and experience advancing health equity and reducing health disparities (5000 character limit)

- Please describe your organization's demonstrated commitment to cultural, racial and SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) inclusivity (5000 character limit)

- Please describe your organization's capacity to collect and report service and demographic data (5000 character limit)
  Please specify your current data collection practices and describe your capacity to collect and track additional service-level data associated with grant funds, including but not limited to: services provided, client primary language, client age range, etcetera.

- Please describe your organization's capacity to make rapid and efficient use of funds (5000 character limit)

Grant Program Budget

Funding may be used for eligible services provided directly to individuals seeking abortion care:

- Transportation (gas, bus, airfare, ride share, taxi, train, etc.)
- Lodging (hotel/motel, short-term rental)
- Meals (per diem meal allowance, restaurant, grocery store expenses)
- Childcare/elder care expenses
- Travel expenses for emotional support companion
- Language access services (patient interpretation services)
- Abortion doula expenses

- Wage replacement for missed work
- Pharmacy expenses (Over-the-counter supplies and prescriptions)
- Other (services provided to support abortion seekers not listed above)

Funding may be used for eligible expenses for organizations providing practical support services to individuals seeking to obtain abortion care:

- Care management/navigation
- Staff training
- Language access services (translation and interpretation services)
- Communication platforms or systems
- Indirect costs (10% of overall budget)

Please submit your budget request information below.

Proposals may not be funded to the maximum amount requested. Additional Requests for Proposals will be released on an annual basis until allocated funding is depleted.

- How much Abortion Practical Support Grant Funding are you requesting?

Funding range is $100,000-$500,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Please submit requested budget information and calculations for Abortion Practical Support Funds.

Please download, complete and upload the budget worksheet below. (Right click to download and save to your computer.)

Abortion Practical Support Budget Worksheet

Funding requests maybe based on:

1. Average per person expenditures for services provided between July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 or
2. Projected service delivery and cost estimates.

Payments:

Payments will be split into two disbursements, with 50% of payment disbursed within 30 days of contract execution. The second payment will be released in January 2026 and may be adjusted based on actual expenditures from July 1 - October 31, 2025.

Additional Information and Timelines

Supplemental Materials: Please share any reports, media placements, videos, client stories, testimonials or other materials that will help us get to know your organization and the work you do

Funding Decisions
Funding decisions will be based on the following criteria:

Ability to advance health equity and reduce disparities.	Demonstrated experience in delivering practical support services.
Commitment to abortion and reproductive health access, rights, and justice.	Populations and communities served.
Commitment to cultural, racial and SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) inclusivity.	Quality of grant narrative.
The extent to which abortion practical support services are needed locally.	Capacity to collect and report demographic and service data.
Current or projected increase in demand for abortion practical support services.	Capacity to make rapid and efficient use of funds.
The relative need of the applicant.	Total amount of funds requested in response to current RFP.

Reporting Requirements

Essential Access is obligated by statute to submit annual reports to the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) that reflect the scope and impact of the funding, and funding expenditures. HCAI is required to submit a report to the legislature that will be published and become part of the public record.

Organizations that receive grant awards will be required to submit biannual program and financial reports. Essential Access will provide templates for financial and project reporting, along with opportunities to share stories describing project impact through videos and/or written testimonials. Technical assistance may also be provided as needed to support data collection and reporting capacity.

In addition to financial reporting, all grantees must be prepared to make 10 hours of staff time available per 12-month project period to participate in Essential Access-led grantee meetings, interviews, program evaluation efforts and other fact-finding activities to share information and gather qualitative data about successes and challenges encountered throughout the project period.

All grantees must be prepared to submit reports according to the schedule below.

Interim Report Due	December 1, 2025
Final Report Due	July 31, 2026

Program Timeline

3/18/2025	RFP release
3/27/2025	Informational webinar 11am Pacific Time REGISTER HERE
4/2/2025	5pm Pacific deadline to submit RFP questions to CAReproHealthEquity@essentialaccess.org
4/7/2025	Application FAQs posted to Essential Access website
4/25/2025	Applications close - 11:59pm Pacific
6/23/2025	Award notifications released
7/01/2025	Project start date

Questions about the RFP may be submitted to:

CAReproHealthEquity@essentialaccess.org by 5pm Pacific Time on April 2, 2025. We will respond to questions by email as they are submitted. An application FAQ will be posted on the Essential Access Health website on April 7, 2025.

This application automatically and continuously saves information that has been entered. When clicking "Save and Continue Editing" below, you may see an error message indicating that questions remain unanswered. This may also appear if all questions have been answered, but you have not uploaded the required budget worksheet(s).

The next time you log in to your application, you will be able to continue adding answers and/or editing answers you have already entered.

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