



FY 2026 Quality Improvement Fund – Improving Access to Dental Services for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders (QIF-DNDD) (HRSA-26-062)

Technical Assistance Presentation for Applicants

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

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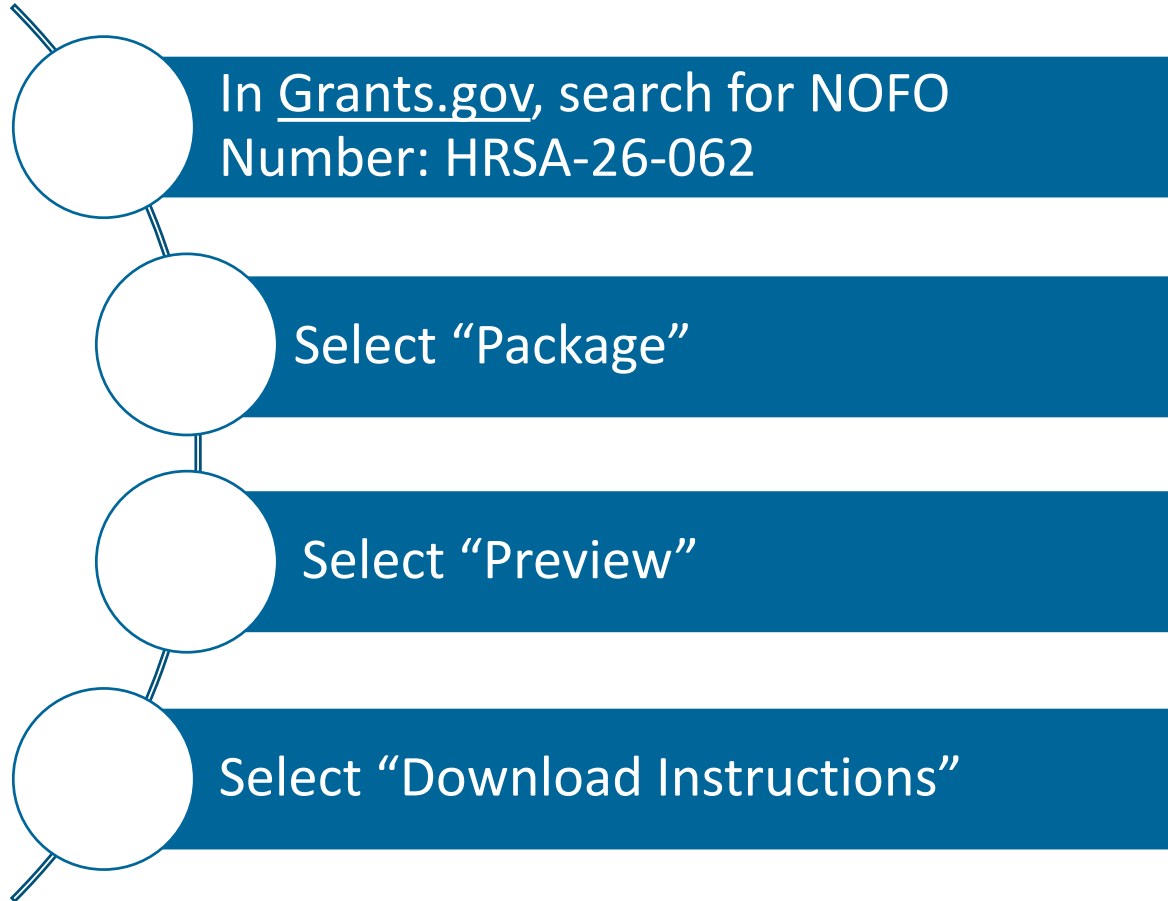


AGENDA

- Funding Opportunity Overview
- Application Development
- Post-Award Expectations and Reporting
- Technical Assistance (TA) Resources



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HRSA-26-062

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Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

SYNOPSIS

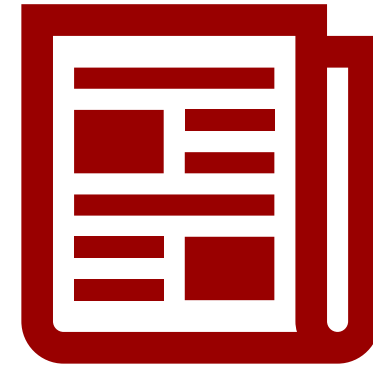
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Funding Opportunity Overview



QIF-DNDD Purpose



To increase access to preventive dental and additional dental services and improve dental health outcomes for children with neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs), including children with autism spectrum and developmental disorders.

Pilot Innovative Approaches

Increase Access to Dental Services

Advance Workforce Skills and Knowledge

Improve Patient Outcomes



Eligibility



Eligible

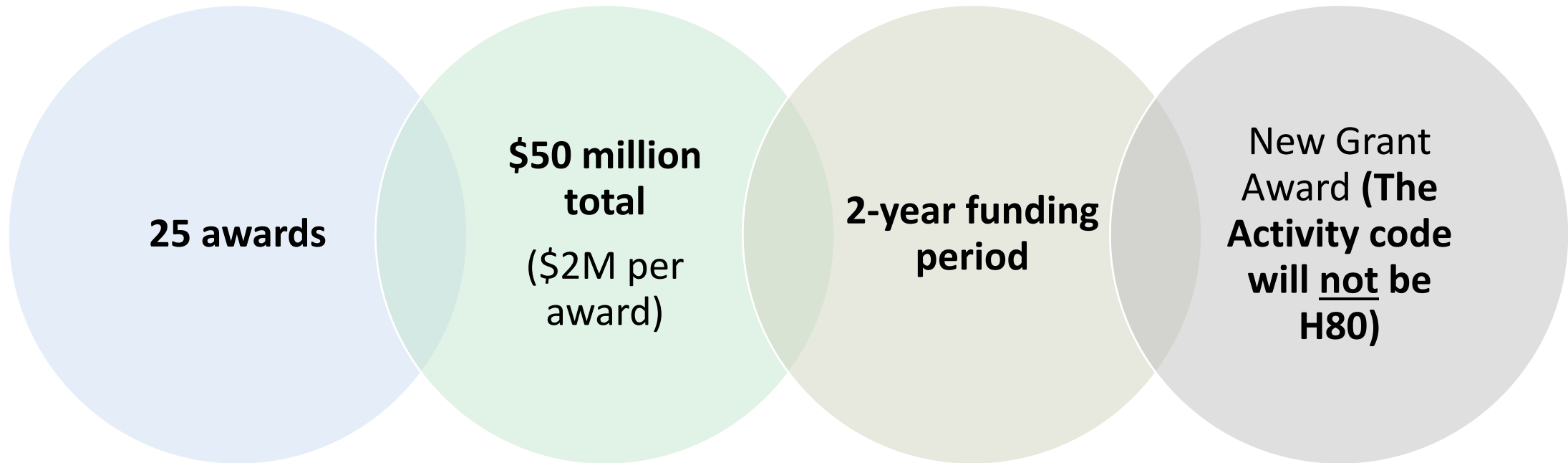
- You are a Health Center Program award recipient with an active H80 award
- At the time of application, scope of project must include preventive and additional dental services provided in at least one directly operated in-scope service site

Not Eligible

- You have already received QIF funding through:
 - QIF-Optimizing Virtual Care (HRSA-22-097)(Activity Code: Q8V)
 - QIF-Maternal Health (HRSA-23-027)(Activity Code: Q8M)
 - QIF-Transitions in Care for Justice-Involved Populations (HRSA-25-005)(Activity Code: Q8J)



Award Summary



Funding Requirements (Part 1)



Build upon existing evidence-based models to pilot innovative approaches to:

- Increase access to dental services for children with NDDs
- Advance the skills and knowledge of your workforce
- Improve patient outcomes

Population of Focus:

- Children (under 21 years old) with NDDs who live within your service area

Funding Requirements (Part 2)



Patient and Community Input:

- Gather input from health center patients, community members and partners
- Use input to evaluate and adapt your project as needed
- Include at least one letter of support from a community partner who works with children with NDDs

Communities of Practice:

- Participate in collaborative learning and evaluation activities with HRSA, other QIF-DNDD award recipients, and HRSA-funded coordination and evaluation center
- Share data to support potential scalability

Application Development



Grants.gov Application



- **Process**
 - Register or renew with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)
 - Register with [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
 - Access the NOFO and application workspace on the [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) “View Opportunity” page
 - Application page limit is 80 pages
- **What’s new?**
 - Single-tier application in Grants.gov only
 - Program-specific forms will be submitted as attachments in Grants.gov



Application Checklist for all Applications (1 of 2)



Forms

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
- Project Abstract Summary Form
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (optional)
- Project/Performance Site Location(s)
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Key Contacts



Application Checklist for all Applications (2 of 2)



- Project Narrative
- Budget Narrative with staff justification table
- Project work plan
- Program-specific forms
 - H80 Grant Number Form
 - Form 1B: Funding Request Summary
- Letters of Support
- Summary of Contracts and Agreements (as applicable)
- Other relevant documents (as applicable)



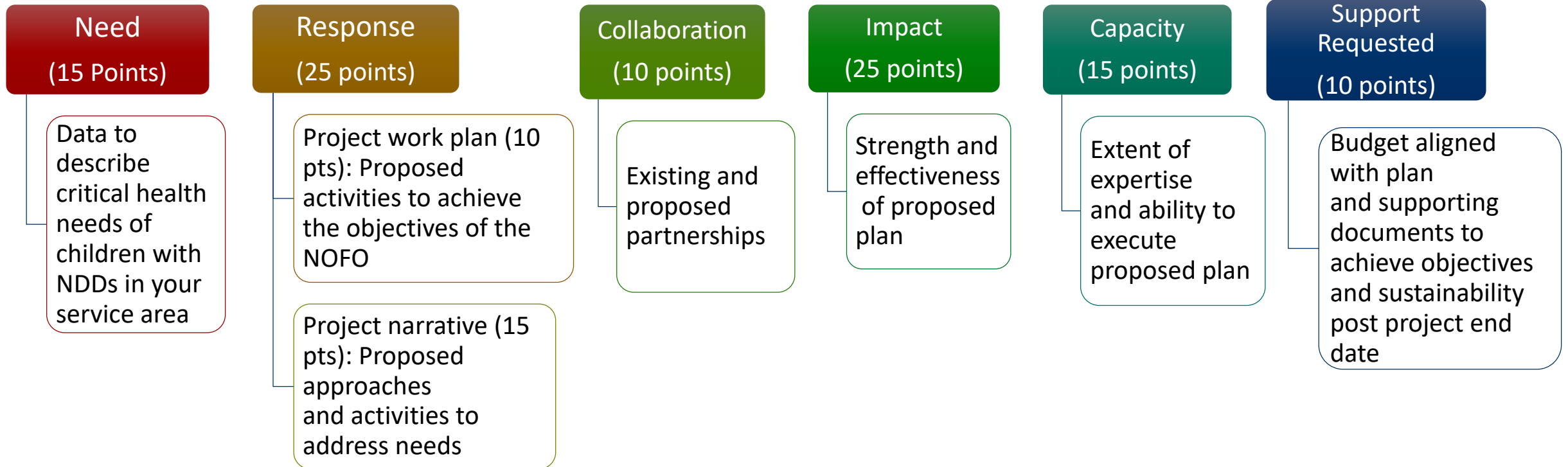
Minor A/R and Equipment Checklist



- If requesting Minor A/R and Equipment, your application must include:
 - Program-specific form
 - Equipment List Form
 - Minor A/R forms
 - Minor A/R Budget Justification
 - Environmental Information and Documentation (EID) Checklist
 - Floor plans/Schematic Drawings/Site Plan
 - Landlord Letter of Consent-Minor Alterations/Renovation



NOFO Sections and Scoring



Project Work Plan: Logistics



- Submit as an attachment
 - Does **not** count toward the page limit
- When completing your Project Work Plan:
 - Ensure that it is in table format
 - Be sure that your text is in the print area, and that the page layout makes the plan easy to read

Project Work Plan: Content



- Description of activities.
- Project name.
- Problem statement.
- Community engagement approach.
- Description of the evidence-based model(s) you plan to implement.
- Description of the goals, innovative activities, and outcome measures and targets.

SF-424A: Budget Information Form (1 of 2)



- **Section A – Budget Summary:** Under New or Revised Budget, in the Federal column, enter the Federal funding requested for the entire 2-year period of performance (up to \$2,000,000). This amount must be scaled to reflect the size and scope of your proposed project.

The Federal amount refers to only the QIF-DNDD funding requested, not all federal funding that you receive. Enter other support for the QIF-DNDD project in the Non-Federal column. Leave the Estimate Obligated Funds column blank.

- **Section B – Budget Categories:** Enter an object class category (line item) budget for year 1. Include only Federal funding. The amounts for each category in the Federal and Non-Federal columns, as well as the totals, must align with the Budget Narrative.

You may request up to \$250,000 for equipment and minor A/R. Any minor A/R must be completed at 1 directly-operated in-scope service site and must be completed within year 1. If you request funds for equipment, include that amount on the equipment line.

If you request funds for minor A/R, include that amount on the construction line.



SF-424A: Budget Information Form (2 of 2)



- **Section C – Non-federal Resources:** Enter all sources of funding for year 1 except for the federal funding request.
 - The total in Section C must match the Non-Federal Total in Section A.
 - When providing Non-Federal resources by funding source, include other Federal funds supporting the proposed project in the “other” category.
- **Section D – Forecasted Cash Needs:** Leave this section blank.
- **Section E – Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project:** Leave this section blank.
- **Section F – Other Budget Information:** Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final, fixed, or *de minimis*) that will be in effect during the period of performance. If applicable, explain amounts for individual object class categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary in Direct Charges.



Budget Narrative and Staff Justification Table



- Include an itemized breakdown
- Outline federal and non-federal costs for each budget year
- Provide clear justification of costs you request
- Cover each year of the 2-year period of performance
- For year 2 – Highlight changes from year 1 or clearly indicate no substantive changes
- Include a staff justification table
- Consistent and align with SF-424A



Ineligible Costs



- Costs already paid for by any other federal awards
- Costs not aligned with the QIF-DNDD purpose
- Costs for dental services that are not provided at a directly-operated in-scope service site in your scope of project
- Total Federal + Non-federal costs of major alteration or renovation (A/R) valued at or greater than \$500,000
- Purchase and installation of trailers and prefabricated modular units
- Concrete or asphalt paving of new areas outside of a building
- Facility or land purchases
- New construction activities, including additions or expansions

Requirements for Minor A/R



- Can request up to \$250,000 for 1 minor A/R project
- Minor A/R project can only be done in 1 directly-operated in-scope service site
- Not allowed to request minor A/R at any other approved in-scope service sites
- Cannot be used for new constructions activities
- Total of federal + non-federal costs must be less than \$500,000
- Consistent and align with SF-424A
- Any minor A/R project must be completed within 1 year of the project



What Counts as Minor A/R?



Allowed

- Attachment of equipment, flooring, painting, carpeting to any stationary structure
- Permanently affixed equipment (e.g.: heating, ventilation, air conditioning, generators, and lighting)
- Must be a stand-alone project
- Work in existing facility

Not Allowed

- New construction activities such as:
 - Additions and expansions
 - Work that requires ground disturbance
 - Installation of trailers or prefabricated modular units
 - Major A/R

Minor A/R Budget Justification



Must include:

- 1 directly-operated in-scope service site location
- Total QIF-DNDD funding request
- Total funding from other sources (if applicable)
- Total project cost
- Itemized breakdown and justification of the allowable and unallowable costs
- Summary of minor A/R project

Must align with:

- Budget Narrative with Staff Justification Table
- SF-424A
- Equipment List Form

Requirements for Equipment (1 of 2)



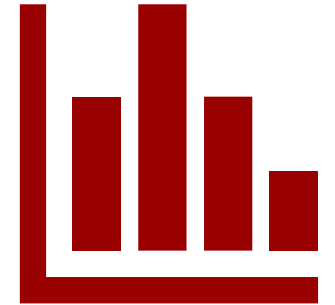
- Must enter the amount requested on the SF-424A: Budget Information Form in Equipment and/or Construction object class categories
- Equipment purchased with QIF-DNDD funds must be:
 - Pertinent to the QIF-DNDD project,
 - Procured through a competitive process, and
 - Maintained, tracked, and disposed of in accordance with [2 CFR § 200](#).
- Includes moveable items that are non-expendable, tangible personal property (including IT systems)

Requirements for Equipment (2 of 2)

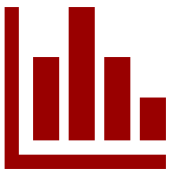


- **Type** – Select clinical or non-clinical.
- **Item Description** – Provide a description of each item.
- **Unit Price** – Enter the price of each item.
- **Quantity** – Enter the number of each item to be purchased.
- **Total Price** – The form will calculate the total price by multiplying the unit price by the quantity entered.

Reporting Requirements and Expectations



Reporting Expectations



Monthly Progress Reports

- Provide detailed updates on recent accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities

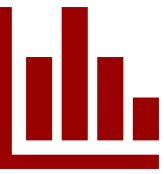
Bi-Annual Evaluation Reports

- Set of quantitative quality measures reported every 6 months
- Metrics may include utilization data (such as number of patients served)

Final Report

- Description of achievements and lessons learned through your project
- Data to demonstrate how objectives were met

QIF Bi-Annual Evaluation Reports



Recipients will be required to report on a set quality measures every 6 months

HRSA-Determined Measures

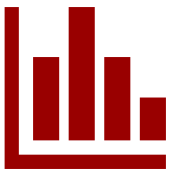
- Proportion of children with NDDs who had a dental visit
- Proportion of children with NDDs who had an established or updated treatment plan
- Number of dental providers receiving training to improve services for children with NDDs
- Additional measures determined post-award
- **Note: These differ from UDS Measures**

Recipient-Developed Measures

- Community engagement measure
- Patient experience measure
- HRSA may provide preferred measures that recipients can select



Participation Expectations



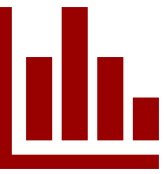
Participation Expectations

- Peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing with QIF-DNDD cohort.
- Continuous partnerships with patients and community to strengthen quality improvement.
- Collaboration with coordination and evaluation center.

Participation and reporting will support:

- Evaluating effectiveness.
- Emerging evidence-based innovations.
- Assessing potential for scalability
- Assessing impact on access, outcomes, and dental needs.
- Identifying strategies for maintenance and sustainability.

Technical Assistance (TA) for QIF Award Recipients



TA will support award recipients to launch QIF projects, strengthen implementation, and ensure sustainability

TA will support QIF Project implementation:

Start up and launch

- Build foundational knowledge
- Identify strategies
- Establish processes for data reporting

Ongoing implementation

- Implement emerging best practices
- Share lessons learned from QIF cohort

Planning for project end

- Plan for sustainability beyond period of performance



Technical Assistance Resources



TA Webpage Details



[QIF-DNDD Notice
of Funding
Opportunity](#)

[TA Presentation
Slides and
Recording](#)

[Sample Budget
Narrative with
Staff Justification
Table, Summary of
Contracts, and
Other Documents](#)

[Frequently Asked
Questions \(FAQs\)](#)



Technical Assistance Contacts



Application Questions

- [BPHC Contact Form](#)
- Under Funding > Applications for NOFO > QIF

Grants.gov Questions

- Katherine Rutledge
- krutledge@hrsa.gov

Budget Questions

- [Grants.gov Support Center](#)
- support@grants.gov
- 1-800-518-4726



Thank you!

QIF Technical Assistance Team

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