Criteria for Evaluation
Clinical Dental Education Innovations Grant FY 2021

The review criteria include, but may not be limited to, the items listed below.

1. **The thoroughness and clarity of the application.**
   *(Maximum score = 10)*
   - Grant Application Form is completed and signed.
   - The application narratives are clear and concise.
   - The application is complete and follows the prescribed format.
   - The application narratives follow font, margin and page number formats.

2. **The applicant’s capacity to provide clinical education to oral health/dental providers.**
   *(Maximum score = 20)*
   - A description of the service area and service area population is included.
   - The applicant’s patient population is described.
   - The projects overall potential to increase access to quality and timely dental care for low income, uninsured, and/or underserved populations.
   - The project’s use of innovative models for clinical dental education.
   - The applicant’s organization provides evidence of collaboration between the communities it serves.

3. **The project description is complete and follows the guidance format.**
   *(Maximum score =20)*
   - The problem statement is clear, concise and patient-driven.
   - The project is intending to address health disparities and improve health equity.
   - There is a clear relationship between the identified problem and the goals, objectives and activities.

4. **The ability to complete the project successfully.**
   *(Maximum score = 20)*
   - Objectives are written in the suggested format and are measurable, including base data to document improvement in outcomes.
   - The work plan includes specific activities to accomplish measurable objectives.
   - The work plan includes a reasonable timeline in which the grant project activities will be accomplished and by whom.
   - The work plan identifies key staff competent to carry out the project objectives.
   - Biographical Sketches are included for key staff relevant to the proposed project.
   - Biographical Sketches indicate competency of staff to complete project activities.
5. The applicant’s budget and budget justification are relevant and accurate.  
(Maximum score = 20)  
- The budget form is accurately calculated.  
- The budget justification narrative is provided in the format described in the guidance.  
- The cost items in the narrative are accurately calculated and match the budget form.  
- The budget clearly relates to the grant project, objectives and activities.  
- The budget does not include extraneous items to the grant project.

6. The applicant’s past performance on grants received through the Clinical Dental Education Innovations Grant has been successful.  
(Maximum score = 10)  

The Minnesota Department of Health may elect not to award any of the clinic grants if applications fail to meet criteria or lack merit. MDH decisions on awards are final.