



# Olympic Area Agency on Aging

## Request for Proposals

### Rural Health Equity Grants for Clallam County

**Issue Date: January 26, 2023**

**Due Date: February 24, 2023**

**Amount: Maximum Amount of \$75,000 per project**

**Contract Period: May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024**

#### **RFP Overview:**

This RFP was created in response to a grant awarded to the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), health equity is when every person can attain his or her full potential. This means that no one is disadvantaged because of his or her social position or other socially determined circumstances. Health inequities show up in several ways in a person's life. This could include differences in how long people live, how well they live, how often and how sick they get, and the level of treatment they can access.

The goal of this grant is to assist rural and underserved people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, improving health equity in our community by addressing COVID-19 health impacts. Projects should advance health equity in our communities and work to reduce COVID-19 related health disparities, improve and increase testing and contact tracing for rural populations, and improve local capacity and services to prevent, control, and recover from COVID-19 infection and transmission among populations who are rural and underserved.

**Note:** Proposals serving Jefferson county are also allowable under this RFP. Please contact Ingrid Henden ([ingrid.henden@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:ingrid.henden@dshs.wa.gov)) with questions.

If all of the funding is not awarded, this RFP may extend beyond the initial due date.

## **Application:**

The application packet must be completed with all requested attachments included in the packet submission (attachments are not required to be on separate pages).

The application and budget proposal can be downloaded from the O3A website (<https://www.o3a.org/contracting/special-opportunities/>).

If any items are missing from your application packet, review of your proposal may be delayed until after the initial awards are issued.

Common questions about the RFP are answered in the FAQ guide on the [O3A website](#).

## **Qualifications:**

1. Proposer must be an individual, partnership, or legally incorporated entity, eligible to do business in Washington State.
2. The contract signatory must be able to successfully pass a criminal history check. Some criminal convictions may disqualify a person from being the contract signatory. See the disqualifying list at: <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-113>
3. Proposer must not be debarred from receiving Federal or State funds.
4. Upon entering a contract, proposer will be asked to provide proof of General Liability insurance; other insurance requirements may be required subject to the type of program. O3A & DOH must be listed as additional insureds.

## **Selection Criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated and scored according to how well the project improves health equity, the feasibility of the implementation plan, and how well the program meets the county needs for programs.

O3A staff will complete the initial review to ensure that proposals meet the qualifications and submittal requirements. Proposals will be evaluated and scored by the O3A Advisory Council Allocations committee.

If funding is not available for all proposals, the O3A Advisory Council Allocations committee will recommend which proposals should receive funding and the amounts.

If your proposal does not meet the scoring criteria, a 'Did Not Qualify' (DNQ) score will be provided. Proposals who receive a DNQ will be allowed to re-submit their proposal after initial awards are issued, if there is still funding available.

Technical Assistance: Technical assistance is available from O3A staff to develop your proposal; if you have a project idea but need help to further refine it, contact our office.

**Please complete the following items and submit them to Ingrid Henden, [ingrid.henden@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:ingrid.henden@dshs.wa.gov) at Olympic Area Agency on Aging. For questions call Ingrid Henden at 360.207.1025.**

- **Application**
- **Required attachments (Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)**
- **Project Budget Proposal**