

# ABSTRACT

## SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL

### Section I. BASIC INFORMATION

Proposed Project Title: Oral Health Grant

Grant Source and Agency: CT Department of Public Health

Total Amount Requested: \$50,000.

Due Date of Application:  
6/07/23

System Contact: Sue Peters, APRN, MPH

Telephone #: 475-  
220-1238

Description of Project: Provide a brief description below. Use Section VI to outline specific objectives and strategies relating to goals described in the application.

This will be year 4 as part of an amended 3 year contract with DPH, in which they have awarded an additional \$50K of funding and extended the end date of the original contract by one year through 8/31/2024. This funding is to support the provision of preventive dental care services including sealant applications to enrolled students in our 6 school dental clinics: Troup, King Robinson, Brennan-Rogers, Truman, Hill Central and Barnard schools.

TARGET: Schools/Unit: 6 schools

No. of Students: 3,300 Grade Level(s): PreK-8

Eligibility Criteria: Students must be enrolled by parent/guardian to receive services

### GRANT PERIOD:

From: 9/01/2023

To: 8/31/2024

New

Continuation

### Previous Bd. of Ed. Approval:

Planning

Operational

### Bd. of Ed. Information

Action

Information

Support

Competitive

Entitlement

Grant

PROPOSAL DEVELOPERS:  
Sue Peters, APRN, RN, MPH

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#### ABSTRACT TIMETABLE

Return to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Education FINANCE  
& OPERATIONS Meeting Date 6/20/23  
Board of Education  
Meeting Date: 6/26/23  
Due Date to Grantor: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REVIEW

Grants Manager 

Finance Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Human Resource Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION II: FISCAL INFORMATION**

**PERSONNEL**

# FT	#PT		COST
		Administrators	\$
		Teachers	\$
		Paraprofessionals	\$
		Clerks	\$
		Stipends	\$
1		Others	\$50,000
		Longevity	\$
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**NON PERSONNEL**

	COST
Supplies & Materials	\$
Student Transportation	\$
Staff Travel	\$
Internal Evaluation	\$
External Evaluation	\$
Independent Contractors	\$
Equipment	\$
Other	\$
Indirect Costs, if allowed	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NON- PERSONEL</b>	

**FIXED COSTS:**

Health Benefits	\$0
Pension (Paras & Mgmt.)	\$0
FICA/Medicare	\$0
Workmen's Compensation	\$0
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

- 1) Total Personnel and Non Personnel columns must equal grant total.
- 2) The Abstract budget must be aligned with the Grant Application budget/ED114.
- 3) All applications should budget for staff development (stipends) and evaluation wherever appropriate.

**SECTION IIA: BUDGET EXPLANATION**

The following categories must be explained:

**All Personnel:** explain positions; **This grant will support part of the salary only of one of our dental hygienists to provide dental care and to support the dental programs in all 6 school dental clinics. The benefits and remainder of her salary is paid by another budget.**

**Non Personnel Items:** N/A



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**SECTION IV: PROPOSED PERSONNEL**

List, individually, each position proposed by this grant application. If no personnel, please indicate N/A in the chart below

F/T	P/T	Classification	Position Description	Duration of Proposed Service	Proposed Employee	Current NHPS Employee Yes/No	If Yes Current Employee Number
FT		Registered dental hygienist	Will conduct school-wide screens and provide dental care at least 3 schools	September 1, 2023-June 30, 2024	Alyssa Guarino	Yes	

**V. PROPOSED CONTRACTS**

List individually, each contract that will be prepared by this proposed project. If contractors will not be utilized, please indicate N/A in the chart below.

Proposed Independent Contractor	Brief Description of Service	Proposed Pay Rate	Proposed Total
N/A			

**VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
**Please Answer All Questions -- Use Additional Pages if Necessary**

1. **Please state specific goals for this grant or the grant period.**  
 The NHPS school dental program operates and staffs six licensed school dental clinics to provide enrolled students with both preventive and restorative dental services including cleanings, screenings, fluoride treatment, sealants, x-rays, exams, fillings, extractions, dental education and referrals. The oral health grant funds will be used to provide sealants and screens to students and to use to hire a Dental Hygienist to provide school-wide screens and apply sealants at 3- 6 schools.  
**a. If this is a continuation grant, please detail past year goal performance and accomplishments. Use additional space if needed:**  
 This is the fourth year of an amended 3 year grant, which adds an additional year of funding of \$50,000 to support the salary of a dental hygienist. Despite the pandemic, our dental hygienists accomplished a tremendous amount, as the dental clinics remained open when remote only learning occurred for most of the school year. To facilitate enrollment, we developed an online parent permission form; to increase awareness and education, we created a dental newsletter which was disseminated to staff, families and was posted on our website; to educate students on personal dental care, the hygienists provided oral health lessons for grades K-8 and sent to teachers. Finally, we were able to secure support to expand dental services to Bishop Woods in 2021-2022, and Brennan-Rogers in 22-23 and purchased major dental equipment for these sites.
  
2. **How does this grant address School Reform goals?**  
 Student health and wellness status are directly linked to attendance, ability to learn, performance and even graduation rates. We also know that a leading health reason for students missing school is related to dental care. As part of school reform goals, the SHC/Dental department collaborates with the Youth, Family and community Engagement, the New Haven Health Department, Student Services, social work departments and many community partners to support the “whole” child to help all students to be healthy, stay in school, and to reach their full potential in school and in life. The SHC department/staff have partnered with Youth, Family and Community Engagement and the school nurses the past few years to address and reduce chronic absenteeism as part of the District’s Attendance Matters! campaign, called “Healthy

Attendance Matters! Our dental providers are now also part of the attendance teams and work with the SHCs and school nurses to identify/address dental issues related to absenteeism and provide needed preventive care.

3. **Please explain why this proposal is significant and important in relation to improving student and/or staff performance, as well as any additional pertinent information that is specific and relevant: (Include resume of person(s) providing service for contracts \$10,000 and over)**

The health and dental services provided through our clinics improve attendance, ability to learn, behaviors that interfere with learning, symptoms of trauma, health status and overall wellness. By addressing acute and chronic health/behavioral issues in school by trusted professionals, students are better able to focus and learn and staff can more easily focus on teaching.

**REQUIRED:**

**A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE ABSTRACT.**