



Partner With Us

At the American Institute of Dental Public Health (AIDPH), we are dedicated to advancing a justice-oriented oral health system through science, education, and advocacy. By collaborating with AIDPH, you join a community committed to addressing oral health disparities and promoting health equity. We invite grantmakers, foundations, funders, organization and industry leaders, and researchers to partner with us in advancing our mission and yours. This document includes ideas and examples of ways you can collaborate, fund, and support AIDPH.

Our Projects and Partners

AIDPH knows how to work with an array of partners and funders, all the way from conceptualizing and writing grant proposals to consulting on complex evaluations for project efficacy. Building from our established models and frameworks, we develop personalized and tailored programming to meet the needs of our communities, collaborators, and clients. Here's a selection of grants and contracts we've been awarded for our work, ranging from multi-sector programming, state contracts, federal grants, and community-engaged research projects:

Partner	Description of Grant, Award, or Contract
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	Awarded funding to build capacity for community-engaged research
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health – National, USA	Grant funding awarded to develop advocacy materials for expanding Medicaid for people with disabilities
Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Awarded contract to evaluate outcomes, access, and quality of care for IDD populations in TN
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board	Contract provided to develop peer-reviewed publications and community research for Indigenous oral health
Delta Dental Foundation of Iowa – Iowa, USA	Grant funding to develop a state veteran oral health plan
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health – National, USA	Contract funding awarded to develop research and education in veteran oral health
Health Resources and Services Administration – National, USA	Contract funding through the University of Nevada Las Vegas to support predoctoral education in rural oral health
National Network for Oral Health Access – National, USA	Contracted project to develop best practices in veteran oral health for Federally Qualified Health Centers
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health – National, USA	Contracted project to develop veteran oral health research with an emphasis on value-based and integrated care
Health Resources and Services Administration – National, USA	Grant funding for post-doctoral student education in dental public health (catalyst funding to begin AIDPH)

Grantmakers, Academic Partners, Foundations, and Funders

Support Research Programming

Support our mission by contributing to our diverse programming. Our community-engaged research model and mixed-methods approaches help improve access to care, quality of care, and innovative delivery in oral health. This model integrates AIDPH's research expertise with the lived experiences and established trust of the communities we serve. By co-designing research strategies with community partners, we ensure our work is grounded in real-world experiences and fosters genuine partnerships.



Project Example: A [research foundation](#) funding community-engaged research capacity building

Expand Education Programming

We utilize our Empowering Transformation for Community Health (ETCH) model to expand leadership and educational programs. The ETCH model incorporates adult learning principles to enhance personal and professional development while complementing traditional academic pursuits. By focusing on transformative learning experiences, ETCH aims to shift mindsets, foster leadership skills, and promote social change.



Project Example: A federal partner supporting a [Rural ECHO program](#) to advance capacity building in rural oral health

Build the Capacity of the Oral Health Workforce

AIDPH was founded on the principles of investing in the oral health workforce. We believe that all oral health professionals play a crucial role in advancing access to care, improving the quality-of-care delivery, and reducing oral health disparities. This theme spans our research, education, and advocacy programming for partners to build a comprehensive strategy in addressing workforce needs, starting with educational and academic spaces into continuing education and professional development.



Project Example: Developing CEUs or other customized educational programming through the AIDPH Academy

Establish Endowment Funds

Additionally, establishing an endowment fund with AIDPH can ensure the sustainability of oral health initiatives, provide scholarships for research, or fund specific positions within our organization. Funders can support annual award stipends for periods of five to ten years, demonstrating a long-term commitment to our goals.

Organization and Industry Leaders

Join Our Corporate Leadership Council

By joining our [Corporate Leadership Council](#), your organization will be at the forefront of driving change in dental public health. As a member, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded leaders and contribute to strategic initiatives aimed at improving access to oral health care. This partnership also provides visibility for your company as a champion of health equity, enhancing your reputation and social impact.

Drive Innovation for Population Health

Through our mixed-methods approach, AIDPH brings an independent sector perspective to pilot testing innovative interventions and technologies with scaling up in mind. Our focus on population health means that we act on the community level while thinking at the national level. Industry leaders prefer to work with AIDPH as a nonprofit that produces independent analyses with strategic recommendations for growth and implementation.



Project Example: *An industry partner pilot testing technology in an underserved community working with AIDPH to analyze outcomes and strategic recommendations*

Design Customized Leadership and Continuing Education Programs

Leverage our expertise to design and implement customized leadership and continuing education programs tailored to your organization's needs. These programs can provide your staff with the latest knowledge and skills in oral health care, leadership, and community engagement. By investing in these programs, your organization can enhance its workforce capabilities while demonstrating a commitment to health equity.



Project Example: *A partner organization hiring AIDPH to develop customized leadership programming or design and facilitate a learning collaborative*

Sponsor Educational Content and Campaigns

Showcase your dedication to oral and public health education by sponsoring the development of educational content such as webinars, workshops, and awareness campaigns. These initiatives can highlight your company's commitment to health equity and provide valuable information to diverse audiences. Sponsoring such content positions your organization as a leader in promoting health education and advocacy.



Project Example: *Partnering on [LGBTQIA+ OH Week](#) to drive awareness and engagement*

Research and Consulting Services

Engage in Strategic Planning

AIDPH has an array of expertise in strategic planning, ranging from implementing deep-dive analyses of program design and recruitment to designing interactive and engaging events. Building from our ETCH model of engagement and education, AIDPH has a unique method of identifying gaps, building consensus, and facilitating a path for solutions.



Project Example: Designing and implementing a [statewide summit](#) for strategic planning in veteran oral health

Partner on Community-Engaged Research

Collaborate with AIDPH on community-engaged research projects to ensure the integration of community voices and experiences. Our community-engaged research model emphasizes the co-design of research strategies with community partners, fostering genuine partnerships that are grounded in the lived experiences of those most affected by health inequities. This approach not only enhances the relevance and impact of our research but also supports community empowerment and ownership of health initiatives.



Project Example: Working with our [Oral Health Community Advisory Board](#) to design research

Utilize Mixed-Methods Models of Evaluation

Utilize our expertise in mixed-methods models of evaluation to comprehensively assess and improve your programs and initiatives. By combining quantitative data analysis with qualitative insights, our evaluations provide a holistic understanding of program effectiveness and areas for improvement. This approach ensures that your initiatives are informed by evidence and tailored to meet the specific needs of your target populations.



Project Example: Partnership with Harmony Health Foundation to assess I/DD in Tennessee using quantitative data analysis and stakeholder interviews

Conduct Comprehensive Needs Assessments

Conduct comprehensive needs assessments with AIDPH to understand and address the specific oral health needs of various populations. Our needs assessments employ a variety of methodologies to gather detailed information on health status, service gaps, and barriers to care. This data-driven approach enables the development of targeted interventions that effectively address the unique challenges faced by different communities.



Project Example: Developing a comprehensive report on the state of veteran oral health in Iowa



Why Partner with AIDPH?

AIDPH brings extensive experience and expertise in community-engaged research, continuing education, leadership development, policy advocacy, and narratives for social change. **Our collaborative approach ensures our efforts are impactful and rooted in community needs – and our thought leadership in the oral health space brings innovative ideas to the table within a diverse collaborator network.**

We are committed to advancing health equity and fostering genuine partnerships that build community power. By working with AIDPH, you join a network dedicated to creating healthier, more equitable communities through innovative solutions and collaborative action.

Contact Us

Join us in our mission to advance oral health equity and justice. For more information on how to work with us, please email Annaliese Cothron at cothron@aidph.org.
