



Health and economic outcomes, post-*Dobbs*

2024 Request for proposals

Purpose

Abortion access is critical for the [health and economic well-being of pregnant people](#) and their families. While some of the immediate impacts of the *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling have been documented, its impact on population-level health and economic outcomes are just beginning to be explored. These outcomes are particularly important to understand given the potential for *Dobbs* to further entrench health inequities for people whose access to care is constrained by systems of oppression.

To that end, the Society of Family Planning is offering the *Health and economic outcomes, post-Dobbs* funding opportunity. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to generate evidence on how the *Dobbs* decision has impacted health and economic outcomes at the population level.

The deadline for proposals is September 12, 2024, at 8:59 pm PT/ 11:59 pm ET. Awards will be announced in November 2024 and funds will be available for immediate use.



Research focus

We invite proposals that leverage existing quantitative data to document population-level health and/or economic outcomes of the *Dobbs* decision. Primary data collection will not be supported as part of this funding opportunity. Teams may explore outcomes at the state, multi-state, or national level. If teams intend to make comparisons between states, they must bring careful attention to the breadth of [state-level policies](#) enacted in the wake of the *Dobbs* decision (eg, bans, severe restrictions, policies intended to expand access).

Proposed research must be positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to changes in public policy and/or health service delivery. We encourage proposals to be as specific as possible in describing the path from research to change, recognizing that change may be differently defined in each project and that pathways to change are constrained in the current environment. Teams must be attentive to the Society's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement](#) and how they can be part of bringing that vision to life in their work.

Funds and duration

We invite proposals for research studies with budgets up to \$75,000 that can be completed within 12 months of the award. We anticipate supporting up to five research projects via this funding opportunity. Funding is also available to cover processing fees associated with two open-access publications, provided the work is published within two years of grant completion.

Eligibility

Grants will be made to organizations on behalf of a named principal investigator (PI). Grants are limited, without exception, to tax-exempt organizations. Applicants do not need to be members of the Society. Funding is limited to projects focused in the US.

Application submission opens on

July 10, 2024 and closes September 12, 2024



Review process

All proposals will undergo peer review using specific criteria. The goal of peer review is to make recommendations for enhancing the research proposal and to identify the projects with the greatest potential impact. The funder of these awards may also be involved in the selection of grants; this helps ensure that the research funded through the Society is one of many strategic components working together to strengthen the family planning sector.

All proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria. For more information about the review process, please see the [proposal review guide: https://bit.ly/4cl6J0i](https://bit.ly/4cl6J0i)

Methods (60%)

The Society seeks to fund methodologically sound and rigorous projects that leverage existing data.

Impact (20%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that are positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to changes in public policy and/or health service delivery.

Team (20%)

The Society seeks to fund projects where the team composition is an asset to the project, including teams that bring together individuals with diverse skill sets, backgrounds, and perspectives. The Society also prioritizes study teams that elevate the expertise and skills of Black and Indigenous researchers and researchers of color.

Additional review considerations (not scored)

Reviewers are also asked to provide feedback on the reasonableness of the proposed budget and period of support; however, these factors are not scored.

Proposal instructions

1. Online application form:

Includes contact and demographic information for the PI, and contact information for the institution, study team, and parties responsible for accounts payable and grants management if the project is funded. The [application form is linked here](#), and on page 6.

2. Summary (250 words):

Provide a brief summary of the proposed project. This information may be used in our newsletter and website and for other educational and promotional purposes should the application be funded.

3. Proposal narrative (7-9 pages):

All proposals should include:

Background: Describe the issue and justify how the proposed research project will produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to changes in public policy and/or health service delivery.

Research question(s): Include the question(s) that will be answered through the proposed project.

Methods: Describe the research methods that will be used to answer the research question(s) at hand, with attention to: how health and/or economic outcomes will be defined and measured, the data sources that will be examined, the time period spanned by the proposed data, and, if applicable, how covariates will be defined and measured. The rationale for the proposed data sources must be justified and proposed subgroup analyses, if applicable, must be clearly named.

Timeline: Describe the timeline for conducting research activities. Data collection and analysis must be feasible to complete within 12 months of receiving the award.

Team composition: Team composition must be an asset to the project, including teams that bring together individuals with diverse skill sets, backgrounds, and perspectives relevant to the proposed project. Elaborate on the expertise and skills of the individuals composing your study team. Describe how the positionality (eg, the social and political context that creates your identity in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability status) of the team has shaped the proposed project's design, feasibility, and impact. Note that the Society prioritizes study teams that elevate the expertise and skills of Black and Indigenous researchers and researchers of color.

Use of research results: Narrate the target audience(s) with whom you plan to share your research findings, the actions you would like them to take in response to your findings, and the desired outcomes.

References: Works cited should be listed as an appendix to the proposal; reference page is not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.



Proposal instructions (continued)

4. Budget and budget narrative:

Studies should be \$75,000 or less. The budget narrative must provide sufficient detail to assess feasibility and suitability in the peer review process and must justify the relevance of requested resources to the project's success. Additional secured or requested funds for the proposed project must be named, if applicable. Direct project costs include personnel, research expenses (eg, equipment, supplies, travel, materials), activities related to use of research results, and other related costs. Indirect costs are permitted at no more than 20% of total direct costs. For subcontracts and sub-awards, the budget itself may include the 20% indirect cost charges, but the subcontract total may not be included in the main budget when calculating the overall indirect cost charges. Budget documents should be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.

5. Team information:

NIH-style biosketches are encouraged for all established scientists. Professional resumes are encouraged for those whose careers have not focused on research. Team members can submit the format that works best for the individuals on the team; however, each submitted biosketch or resume should not exceed 10 pages in length. These documents must be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.

6. Tax exempt status:

Proof of the agency/institution's tax-exempt status determination letter must be included as an appendix and is not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative. Documentation should also be included for subcontracts with tax-exempt organizations that exceed 20% of the budget. These documents must be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.



Required formatting


Please use a font size that is at least 11 points and 1.5 line spacing. Upload all materials as a single PDF file. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the [online application portal](#).

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Questions

The Society welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification around or assistance with any components of the application. Please contact Grants@SocietyFP.org.



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