

Understanding people's experiences with and preferences for post-abortion contraceptive care

2024 Request for proposals

Purpose

The ability to receive contraceptive care when, how, and where people want it is a critical component of [contraceptive access](#). For some people, this includes being able to obtain contraceptive care at the time of their abortion.

Unfortunately, many healthcare organizations that provide abortion face [challenges](#) providing contraceptive care due, in part, to lack of clear policies around billing, which stem from federal and state restrictions on abortion and insurance coverage of abortion.

Against the backdrop of these structural constraints, research on people's experiences with and preferences related to contraceptive care at the time of their abortion can serve as an important catalyst for advocacy and policy change. As such, the Society of Family Planning is offering the *Understanding people's experiences with and preferences for post-abortion contraceptive care* funding opportunity. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to generate evidence that can be used to shift advocacy and policy in support of contraceptive access at healthcare organizations that provide abortion.

The deadline for proposals is January 15 at 8:59 pm PT/11:59 pm ET. Awards will be announced in March 2025 and funds will be available for immediate use.



Research focus

We invite research proposals that explore people's experiences with and preferences related to contraceptive care at the time of their abortion. Proposals should be focused on exploring this topic in the post-*Dobbs* period. Proposed research can focus on any contraceptive method(s) or component of contraceptive care (eg, contraceptive counseling, insertion procedures, contraceptive products) at the time of abortion, so long as those choices are clearly named and justified in the proposal.

In addition, teams should define and justify the population the research is focused on. Teams should bring attention to how that population's experience with contraceptive care is shaped by social location (eg, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, gender, age, health, and geography), federal and state policies on abortion, and insurance coverage of abortion care.

Proposed research must be positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to influencing advocacy and/or policy efforts focused on expanding access to contraceptive care at healthcare organizations that provide abortion. Please note that projects exploring post-abortion contraceptive care at the clinician or healthcare organization level or projects developing or evaluating interventions are not aligned with the purpose of this funding opportunity.

Teams must be attentive to the Society's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement](#) and should seek to uphold [equity-informed principles for contraceptive access research](#) throughout the research process. If proposed research uses quantitative data related to race and racism, please be attentive to [recommendations](#) for working with these data.



Funds and duration

We invite proposals for research studies with budgets up to \$75,000 that can be completed within 12 months of award. We anticipate supporting up to three 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 on people's experiences with and preferences related to contraceptive care at the time of their abortion in the US.

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 eligible 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/3ZKjDBC): <https://bit.ly/3ZKjDBC>

Application submission opens on

October 10, 2024 and closes **January 15, 2024**



Review process (continued)

Methods (40%)

The Society seeks to fund methodologically sound and rigorous projects.

Impact (15%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that are positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to influencing advocacy and/or policy efforts focused on expanding access to contraceptive care at healthcare organizations that provide abortion.

Relevance (15%)

The Society seeks to fund projects focused on people's experiences with and preferences for contraceptive care at the time of their abortion in the post-*Dobbs* period.

Equity (10%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that are informed by the [equity principles](#) developed by the [Coalition to Expand Contraceptive Access](#).

Study population (10%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that include a clear justification for a specific population focus and a thoughtful explanation of how the population's experience with contraceptive care is shaped by social location, as well as state and federal abortion policy, and insurance coverage of abortion.

Team (10%)

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 7.

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 influencing advocacy and/or policy efforts focused on expanding access to contraceptive care at healthcare organizations that provide abortion.

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).

Study population: Describe the specific study population. The study population must align with the research question(s) and be specifically defined and justified. Proposals must bring attention to how the population's experience with contraceptive care is shaped by social location, as well as federal and state policies on abortion, and insurance coverage of abortion.

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 shapes the proposed project's design, feasibility, and impact. Please refer to these [recommendations](#) for information about positionality. 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.

Equity principles: Describe your plans for upholding [equity-informed principles](#) throughout the research project.

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](#).

Submission deadline

The deadline for proposals is January 15, 2025 at 8:59 pm PT/11:59 pm ET. Awards will be announced in February 2025 and funds will be available for immediate use.

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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