



2022 COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

Mission of Delta Dental of Arkansas

The mission of the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation is to improve the oral health of all Arkansans. We support initiatives that prioritize oral health issues through education and treatment and are committed to health equity.

Grant-Making Focus

The Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation (DDARF) Community Grants support transactional projects and services promoting good oral health practices and increasing access to dental care. It is the intention that this funding will:

- Address oral health treatment, education, and prevention services
- Increase access to oral health services to underserved Arkansans
- Promote collaboration across a wide range of health providers in Arkansas

Grant Overview

Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation's Community Grant program provides statewide support to communities and nonprofit organizations focusing on oral health education and services to underserved and uninsured Arkansas residents. Community Grants seek to increase access to oral health care through community partnerships by funding preventative services and/or treatment for underserved individuals of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socio-economic statuses in Arkansas.

- Community Grants range from \$2,500 up to \$30,000.
- Applicants must be an Arkansas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, government agency, school, or charitable dental treatment facility - we do not provide grants to individuals
- Eligible organizations may submit only one Community Grant proposal per grant opportunity
- Oral health programs must benefit underserved, uninsured, and/or uninsured Arkansans

Proposals for Community Grants must address one or more of the following:

1. Dental disease prevention
2. Oral health education
3. Dental treatment

Funds may be used for:

- Program specific administrative/staffing costs
- Capital needs (equipment, supplies, one-time expenses)
- Dental clinic treatment expenses
- Programmatic operational expenses

Who/What We Fund

DDARF will prioritize grant requests that incorporate the following:

- Demonstrated operational and financial stability
- A clear oral health focus
- A project plan detailing how and when the program will be carried out and who will be responsible for each task
- Ability to monitor, assess, and document the impact of the change(s) being sought, strategies being used, and the progress being made
- Active collaboration among organizations, schools, and dental and/or healthcare providers
- Inclusion of diverse groups
- Referral protocols that link individuals needing dental care with a source of dental care
- Wrap-around support that links participants to other social services
- Initiation of oral health programs in counties where none or few exist
- Previously funded organizations that have submitted complete Interim and Final Reports

[Click here](#) for a list of previously funded Community Grant programs

Typically Not Funded

- Direct dental staff salaries
- Individuals
- Fundraising events/sponsorships
- Private foundations and endowments
- Reduction of organizational debt
- Excessive salary costs, travel, or incentives/gifts
- Programs that discriminate on any basis

Dental Clinic Funding

DDARF seeks to fund charitable dental clinics that check insurance eligibility, verify insurance and/or refer insured to billing dental clinics. [Click here](#) to check dental clinic funding eligibility.

Program Evaluation

Grantees will have specific reporting requirements and will be expected to maintain consistent communication with the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation. Reporting requirements may include:

- Submission of receipts and invoices to validate expensed funds
- Interim and final program evaluation including outcomes and tracked qualitative and quantitative measurement data
 - Programs should collect data from participants (i.e., pre/post-project surveys, in-take forms, patient progress tracking records, etc.)

2022 Grant Cycle Timeline

Monday, June 21, 2021 9AM	Grant application opens
Friday, August 20, 2021 5PM	Grant application closes <i>Applications received after 5:00 PM will not be considered</i>
August 23rd – November 2021	Applications reviewed by Evaluation Committee and Board
December 2021	Grant award recipients contacted and announced
Early January 2022	Programs to start January 2022 upon receipt of all grant agreement files