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COMMUNITY GRANTS INFORMATION

Our Mission

Transforming oral health through collaboration, innovation, education, and service.

Each year, Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation (DDARF) supports initiatives that prioritize oral health issues through education and treatment. We are committed to health equity and encourage community-based programs in Arkansas to apply for grants for programs designed to improve oral health.

Grant-Making Focus

DDARF Community Grants support projects focused on increasing access to treatment and preventative care, and services promoting good oral health practices.

It is the intention that this funding will help organizations do one or more of the following:

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

Please note the PRIMARY focus of your project should be treatment or prevention-based. Projects with a primary focus on education should be submitted through our [Oral Health Education process](#).

Grant Overview

Community Grants seek to increase access to oral health care through community partnerships by funding preventative services and/or treatment for underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansas residents of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socio-economic statuses in Arkansas.

- Community Grants range from \$2,500 up to \$40,000 per organization
- 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
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis year-round and subject to DDARF Board approval quarterly
- Community Grant funding is for one calendar year
- Eligible organizations may be funded for a Community Grant only once per year
- Final reports for previously funded Community Grants must be submitted before a new application is made
- Funding requests must have an oral health impact and benefit underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansans

Funds may be used for:

- Program specific administrative/staffing costs
- Capital needs (equipment, supplies, one-time expenses)
- Dental clinic treatment expenses/supplies
- Programmatic, operational expenses (facility rental, utilities, travel, marketing, training etc.)

Typically Not Funded

- Direct dental staff salaries or payments to cover dental treatment
- Individuals – grants must be awarded to an eligible organization
- Fundraising events/sponsorships
- Private foundations and endowments
- Reduction of organizational debt
- Excessive salary costs, travel, or incentives/gifts
- Programs that discriminate on any basis

Who/What We Fund

DDARF will prioritize grant requests that incorporate the following (as applicable):

- 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 (template provided in the application)
- Active collaboration among organizations, schools, and/or healthcare providers
- Organizations that have an understanding of the needs of the community served
- 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.

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

1. Oral disease prevention
2. Dental treatment

All project proposals should include:

- A thoroughly complete **Application**
- Complete **Implementation Plan** (template included in application)
- Complete **Budget Form** and Narrative (template included in application)
 - Identify funding already secured or solicited

Program Evaluation

If approved for funding, 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:

- Regular check-in calls/site visits (as applicable)
- 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 have the ability to monitor, assess, and document the impact of the change(s) being sought, strategies being used, and the progress being made



2024 - 2025 Community Grant Submission Deadlines

Submission Deadline	Final Evaluation Date	Decision Notification Date
December 27th, 2024	February 7th, 2025	February 10th, 2025
March 21st, 2025	May 30th, 2025	June 9th, 2025
June 27th, 2025	August 8th, 2025	August 18th, 2025
October 10th, 2025	November 21st, 2025	December 5th, 2025

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