



Delta Dental Mini Grant Guidelines

Our Mission

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

Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation (DDARF) provides grants that help people in Arkansas have healthier mouths. **We can only fund projects that focus on oral health.**

Aim of the Mini Grants:

Our Mini-Grants are designed to support projects that plan to:

- Help to prevent oral health issues.
- Educate people about the importance and impact of good oral health and hygiene.
- Assist people in accessing treatment.

About the Mini Grants:

- The maximum funding available is \$2,500.
- Each organization is eligible to receive one Mini Grant in a 12-month period.
- We accept applications year-round.
- The deadline for consideration each month is the first Friday of the month.
Applications received after the first Friday will be reviewed the following month.
- A committee reviews applications on the second Thursday of every month.
- We will tell you by email if your application is approved.
- You will need to provide a final report no later than 30 days after the end of the project.

Who Can Apply?

To apply for a Mini Grant, your organization must be:

- A registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, a government agency, a school, or a charitable dental clinic such as an FQHC.
- Located and registered in Arkansas (if your organization is nationwide, you will need to have a registered Arkansas branch or chapter).

- All funding will be used within the state of Arkansas.
- We do not give money directly to individuals.
- Once you receive a Mini Grant, you must wait 12 months and submit your final report before applying for another.

How funding can be used:

You can use the grant money for things like:

- Paying program or administrative staff salaries for their time spent on the oral health piece of the program.
- Buying equipment, supplies, consumable items, or for one-time costs.
- Denture lab fees.
- Daily costs to run your program.
- Educational supplies and materials.
- Curriculum for education.

What funding cannot be used for:

We do not fund any of these areas:

- **Paying dentists or hygienists salaries directly, or paying other dental providers.**
- **Covering the cost of treatment, billable procedures, co-pays, or deductibles**
- Giving money to individuals.
- Fundraising events or sponsorships.
- Private foundations or endowments.
- Paying off your organization's debt.
- Excessive salaries, travel costs, or gifts.
- Programs that treat people unfairly because of who they are.

Toothapalooza projects

If you want to host a Toothapalooza activity, here are some ideas for projects. You can also come up with other ideas, but if you need a place to start, we wanted to provide some ideas. You can see the full instructions for each activity in the Toothapalooza Playbook (linked [here](#)).

Activity 1 – Free Dental Checks: Offer free dental screenings and fluoride varnish for your community. This activity aims to teach people about good oral health and encourage them to get preventative care.

Activity 2 – Dentist for a Day: Help your community learn that going to the dentist is a positive experience, and help them overcome any fears. It's important for their health all through their lives.

Activity 3 – Corn Cob Smile: Teach your community why it's so important to floss their teeth.

Activity 4 – Let's Get Flossin'!: Show your community the correct way to floss.

Activity 5 – Sealants Activity: Teach about the importance and benefits of sealants and how they can stop cavities.

How We Decide:

We look at a few things when we review applications:

- How clearly you explain your project.
- How much your project will help people in Arkansas have healthier mouths?
- What our staff and Board think about your project.

Our funding decisions are final.

If your project is not funded, we will contact you with feedback explaining our decisions, and you can reapply.

2025 Mini Grant Important Dates

Here are the dates for when to send in your application, when we look at it, and when you'll hear back:

Submission Deadline	Evaluation Date	Decision Notification Date
January 3	January 9	January 10
February 7	February 13	February 14
March 7	March 13	March 14
April 4	April 10	April 11
May 2	May 8	May 9
June 6	June 12	June 13
July 4	July 10	July 11
August 1	August 7	August 8
September 5	September 11	September 12
October 3	October 9	October 10
November 7	November 13	November 14
December 5	December 11	December 12

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If you have any questions about our grants, send an email to foundation@deltadentalar.com