



2021 Community Education Grants

Funding Summary: 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.

Community Education Grants range from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 and seek to improve oral health care through funding innovative programs that build the following healthy habits:

- Brushing teeth
- Flossing teeth
- Visiting a dentist

2021 Grant Cycle Timeline:

Application Opens: Monday, March 1, 2021 / 9:00 AM

Application Closes: Friday, April 30, 2021 / 5:00 PM

Evaluation Period: Monday, May 3, 2021 – Friday, June 11, 2021

Funding Notifications: Monday, June 14, 2021

Eligibility: Applying organizations must be an Arkansas-based nonprofit or community organizations holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, governmental agencies, school, or educational facility that provides charitable dental treatment to the community they serve. The Foundation cannot award grants to individuals. Only one proposal per organization is eligible. Grants are limited without exception to tax-exempt organizations.

Funding can be used for the following:

- Operational Expenses
- Dental Supplies/Equipment
- Supplies specific to the delivery of the program
- Non-Dental Staff Salary

Funding Restrictions:

Grants not funded include requests for:

- Dental staff salaries
- Excess administrative and salary costs, travel, or incentives/gifts
- Fundraising events/sponsorships
- Private foundations and endowments
- Deficit financing and debt retirement
- Projects that will not be implemented within one year
- Programs that discriminate based on race, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status

Grantees will have specific reporting requirements, program assessments and will be expected to maintain consistent communication with the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation. The Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation may require each organization to submit receipts and invoices to validate expensed funds.

All project proposals should include:

- A thoroughly complete **Application**
- Complete **Implementation Plan** (using the included form)
- Complete **Budget Form** and Narrative (using the included form)
 - Identify funding already secured or solicited
- **Evaluation Information**
 - Program evaluation approach including intended outcomes, qualitative and quantitative measurement data to be tracked and reported, and if an outside evaluator will be utilized
 - Data collection from participants – a detailed explanation of what data you collect from those you serve (i.e., pre/post-project surveys, in-take forms, patient progress tracking records, etc.)
 - A description of how your project will lead to social and behavioral change for participants related to brushing, flossing, and seeing a dentist
- Preference will be given to education programs using **evidence-based approaches**; click [here](#) for a list of evidence-based Oral Health Care resources