



ArkansasFoundation



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2024 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 transactional projects and services promoting good oral health practices and increasing access to dental care.

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

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

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.

- \$500,000 total awards with a funding 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 from June 19th to August 18th, 2023, and must be submitted online (see submission details below)
- Community Grants funding must be used during the 2024 calendar year
- Eligible organizations may submit only one Community Grants proposal per year
- Funding requests must have an oral health impact and benefit underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansans

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

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

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
- 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.

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

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

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 Grant Cycle Timeline

Monday, June 19, 2023, 9AM	Grant application opens online
Friday, August 18, 2023, 5PM	Grant application closes <i>Applications received after 5:00 PM will not be considered</i>
August 21 – November 3, 2023	Applications reviewed by Evaluation Committee and Board
Mid-November 2023	Grant award recipients contacted and announced
Early January 2024	Award payments will be disseminated, and programs start January 2024 upon receipt of all grant agreement files