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## ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION 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

Oral Health Education Grants seek to improve oral health care through funding innovative educational programs that build the following healthy habits:

- Brushing teeth
- Flossing teeth
- Visiting a dentist

**Please note the PRIMARY focus of your project should be education in one or more of these areas.**

### Grant Overview

Oral Health Education Grants seek to increase oral health knowledge and empowerment through community partnerships that reach underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansas residents of all ages, ethnicities, genders, and socio-economic statuses in Arkansas.

- Oral Health Education Grants range from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 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
- Oral Health Education Grant funding is for one calendar year
- Eligible organizations may be funded for an Oral Health Education Grant only once per year
- Final reports for previously funded Oral Health Education Grants must be submitted before a new application is made
- Funding requests must have an oral health impact and benefit underserved, uninsured, and/or uninsured Arkansans
- Must use evidence-based programming with a process for measuring any change in oral health knowledge and/or behavior (such as a pre and post-program assessment)

### **Funds May Be Used For:**

- Program specific administrative/staffing costs
- Equipment and supplies specific to the delivery of the program
- Programmatic, operational expenses (facility rental, utilities, travel, marketing, 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
- 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 Oral Health Education Grant programs

### **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
- **Evaluation Information**
  - 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.
  - Data collection from participants is essential. Please include 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.) and the change in knowledge and/or behavior that occurred as a result of your program.  
Feel free to use this [Oral Health Pre and Post Program Survey](#) and modify it as needed.
  - Describe how your project will lead to knowledge, social and/or 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.



### 2024 – 2025 Oral Health Education Submission Deadlines

Submission Deadline	Evaluation Date	Decision Notification Date
<b>September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<b>September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

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