Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation Mission

The mission of Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is to support the improvement of oral health for communities and residents of Arizona. The Foundation has focused resources across the state to promote oral health and prevent dental disease since 1997.

Grant Making Focus

Oral health is a part of a person’s overall general health, yet dental care remains the most frequently cited unmet health care issue for many people in this country. In Arizona school children have levels of tooth decay that far exceed those in at least 40 states. Consequences of tooth decay in children result in undue suffering, pain, and disease which can affect speech and language development, learning, attention in school, and lead to increased absenteeism. Early dental disease prevention strategies can help.

The Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation (DDAZF) Grants Program supports programs and services promoting good oral health practices, and increasing access to safe and effective preventive measures. It is the intention that this funding will:

- Help translate proven approaches into greater and more widespread practice
- Foster innovative projects and programs, paving the way for new and creative approaches toward positive impact
- Identify more effective ways to increase access to care to reach underserved and uninsured children
- Promote collaboration across a wide range of health providers in Arizona
- Encourage and advance the integration of oral health and overall health

Grants Overview

Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation Grants Program provides support to communities and organizations statewide focusing on oral health promotion and dental disease prevention programs serving pregnant women, and children through 18 years of age.

Types and Range of Grants

- Organizations may apply for one-, two- or three-year grants ranging from $1,000 to $25,000 per year
- Funds support programs, capital, equipment, supplies, or matching/challenge grants
- Organizations may submit only one proposal
- Organizations may apply for grants in the following program areas:
  1. Increased Access to Preventive Dental Health Services
     Grants are considered for programs providing direct prevention services, oral health instruction, screenings, exams, education and/or training. These funds are not intended for restorative dental services for example, fixing decayed teeth.
     To facilitate oral health instruction/presentations for children, some samples of oral health curricula and activities for children have been identified and are available on our website at https://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation, under “Foundation Resources”.
2. Community-Based Groups and Partnerships Addressing Local Oral Health Projects

These grants can cover staffing and other costs for local collaborative groups offering oral health community activities. A few examples of eligible programs in these areas are:

- Programs serving pregnant women specific to their oral hygiene
- Programs providing oral health instruction and services to parents/caregivers for infant dental care
- Programs increasing knowledge, awareness and/or screening for oral cancer, substance use or tobacco prevention for youth
- Oral health coalition start-up and expansion in Arizona counties

For more program examples, please visit our website at www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation for a list of previously awarded grants.

Who We Fund

The Foundation funds 501(c)(3) organizations in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Public schools, federally recognized Indian tribes and their component agencies, and governmental entities are also eligible. Faith-based organizations that are registered charities or incorporated non-profits are eligible to apply for funding provided the program or project is not religious in nature.

What We Fund

In general, DDAZF favors grant requests that incorporate some or all of the following:

- Demonstration of operational and financial stability
- Active collaboration (when appropriate) among organizations, schools, dental and/or healthcare providers
- Inclusion of diverse groups
- Demonstration and reporting of measurable, meaningful outcomes
- Screening protocols that link individuals needing dental care with a source of dental care
- Initiation of dental sealant programs/services into existing programs, particularly in counties where none exist
- In the case of previously funded organizations, those that have submitted complete and timely Interim and Final Reports

Who/What We Don’t Fund

- Individuals
- Restorative dental services
- Sponsorship or attendance at conferences
- Religious activities
- Reduction of organizational debt
- Direct lobbying or influencing of elections
- Duplication of existing services
- Fundraising campaigns and expenses

How to Apply

All application materials are available on Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation’s website at http://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/community-grants/

Applications and all accompanying materials should be sent via email no later than 5:00 PM (firm) Thursday, September 3, 2015 to deltag foundation@deltadentalaz.com

Any applications received after 5:00 PM (DDAZF timestamp) will not be considered.
### 2016 Grant Cycle Timeline

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The Foundation is pleased to offer **Grant Workshops** prior to the application deadline. Attendance is strongly encouraged, but not required. The purpose of these Workshops is to benefit potential grantees by highlighting new information about the grants process, to serve as a resource for grant ideas, and to assist with the grant application. A call-in (teleconferencing) opportunity will also be available. For dates and locations of the Grants Workshops, please contact us or visit our website at [https://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/](https://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/)

The Foundation may request additional information and/or a site visit from applicants during the review process. Site visits may also be conducted by Foundation Board and staff throughout the grant period. These visits are used to obtain or gather information, evaluate progress, and to serve as a resource to the grantee.

If you need assistance in planning any segment of your proposed program, or if you have questions regarding the instructions and application process, you are strongly encouraged to contact Judy White RDH, MPH, Oral Health Program Officer, prior to submitting a full application. Ms. White welcomes your questions and she can be reached at 602-588-3923, or via email at jwhite@deltadentalaz.com.