

## Oral Health Grant FAQs

### 1. How do I access the application?

Our application is available online through [Foundant](#), our grant management site.

### 2. What organizations are eligible to apply?

Organizations requesting support must:

- Be a public charity classified as exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- Be a governmental entity or academic institution such as a not-for-profit school or health department.
- Serve individuals in the state of Missouri.

In addition, applicants must provide the following financial documentation:

- All applicants are required to submit a financial statement for the recent fiscal year.
  - Organizations in existence for more than five years and with operating income of \$500,000 or more are required to submit audited financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year.
  - Organizations with annual income under \$500,000 or founded within the last five years must submit an independent review of their financial statements, completed by a Certified Public Accountant.
- If an organization does not have an audit or independent financial review, they may only apply for a maximum grant amount of \$25,000.
- Organizations submitting a completed financial audit or independent financial review are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000.

### 3. What are the key dates?

#### Oral Health Grant Cycle

- LOI deadline: June 18, 2024
- (If LOI is approved) Application Deadline: July 2, 2024
- Application Review: July 2024
- Charitable Giving Meeting and Approval: August 2, 2024
- Announcement of Grantees: August 2024

\*Please note: Your Letter of Inquiry (LOI) will be reviewed within two weeks of submission to determine if the program/project is ready to move forward with a full application. The LOI due date is the final date LOIs can be submitted to be considered for the grant cycle.

### 4. How can funds be used by grantees?

Grants are generally awarded for:

- Project/Program/Restricted
- Capacity Building
- Equipment
- General Operating

- Preference will be given to proposals focused on increasing access to care in rural, dental health professional shortage areas.
- Preference will be given to proposals showing a dollar-for-dollar level of matching from other sources.

**5. Are there any limitations to how a grant can be used?**

Grants are generally not awarded for the following:

- Direct payment or reimbursement to individuals for dental services
- Projects or programs not related to improving oral health in Missouri
- Religious purposes
- Lobbying, political or fraternal activities
- For-profit organizations
- Endowment funds
- Individuals
- Existing deficits
- Retroactive funding for projects that have been complete or will be complete prior to the grant decision date
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or military status.

**6. If I applied last year, can I apply again this year?**

Yes, absolutely. You will have an opportunity in the application to tell us how your ideas and initiative have evolved since last year.

**7. What are you looking for?**

We welcome grant requests that have a clear oral health focus and incorporate one or more of the following:

- Demonstrated operational and financial stability,
- A project plan detailing how and when the program will be carried out and who will be responsible for each task,
- Ability to monitor, assess, and document the impact of the change(s) being sought, strategies being used, and the progress being made,
- Active collaboration among organizations, schools, and dental and/or healthcare providers,
- Inclusion of diverse groups,
- Wrap-around support that links participants to other social services,
- Initiation of oral health programs in counties where none or few exist, and/or
- Previously funded organizations that have submitted complete interim and/or final reports.

**8. Do I have to report back to Delta Dental of Missouri about my grant?**

In order to receive your funds, you are required to submit a signed electronic grant agreement. We also require a 6-month grant outcome report and a final outcome report one year after the grants is awarded.

**9. When can I expect funding?**

If awarded, funds will be released within 3 weeks of your online grant agreement submission.

**10. Can I contact Delta Dental of Missouri to discuss my grant ideas?**

Yes! The Delta Dental staff welcomes discussions with potential applicants. You can email [charitablegiving@deltadentalmo.com](mailto:charitablegiving@deltadentalmo.com) to schedule a meeting with our team.