



Community Mini-grants Program

Guidelines

The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.

This year, the DDF will provide \$200,000 in grants to support programs that focus on improving the oral health of children and/or adults.

Community Mini-grants Guidelines:

In considering Community Mini-grants requests, the DDF evaluates each application on its own merit. It considers the programs in which the organization is engaged, the constituencies it serves, services it offers, its accountability and its fundraising practices, and the level of local community support it attracts.

- Community Mini-grants are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per grant.
- Grants must be dedicated to local not-for-profit programs designed to promote oral health in Michigan, Ohio or Indiana.
- Of particular interest are programs designed to: increase access to dental care for at-risk populations, oral health care and education to pregnant women and their babies, and to improve children's oral health, especially in school-based settings.
- Organizations are able to apply for both cycles, but may only be awarded one grant per calendar year.

Grant recipients may reapply in future years, as long as a report detailing use/impact of the grant monies is provided with the application.

Programs/projects considered:

Each request is reviewed in terms of its general eligibility and conformity with the grant guidelines, the amount needed to achieve the desired results, and program priority.

Community Mini-grants will not be awarded to/for the following:

- Capital campaigns, salaries, overhead/administrative expenses, endowments, advertising or fundraising activities
- Individuals
- Organizations that discriminate by race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, disability, veteran status or national origin
- Political organizations or campaigns
- Loans
- Projects developed for commercial or proprietary purposes