DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI

IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE
FUNDING GUIDELINES

Organizations should only submit one (1) grant request per organization within the application time frame. Additional requests will not be considered for funding. Grant funding is only guaranteed for a one-year grant term and does not necessarily indicate continuing support in subsequent years.

Grants are generally awarded for:

• Project/Program/Restricted
• Capacity Building
• Equipment
• Preference will be given to proposals showing a dollar-for-dollar level of matching from other sources.

Eligibility

Organizations receiving funding 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 public or governmental entity or academic institution such as a public school or health department.
• Serve individuals in the state of Missouri.

Grant Limitations

Minimum Grant Request: $5,000
Maximum Grant Request: $100,000

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
• 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
Evaluation Criteria

Applications are evaluated using the following six criteria:

- **Mission Fit**
  - Is the proposal dedicated to improving oral health of Missouri residents?
  - Does the proposal focus on underserved areas (at least 35% of those served are uninsured or on Medicaid) in Missouri?
  - Is the proposal designed to benefit those who do not have access to preventative oral health care?
  - Is the proposal designed to focus on a population that cannot access treatment for oral disease?

- **Impact**
  - How many individual Missourians are directly affected by the program/project?

- **Sustainability**
  - If ongoing financial support is necessary, are there other sources of support for the investment?

- **Track Record**
  - Has the applicant demonstrated success?
  - Does the applicant have evidence of its impact on oral health with this project/program or past projects/programs?

- **Financial Health**
  - Does the applicant have a viable business strategy?
  - Is the applicant financially stable?
  - Does the applicant have diversified sources of funding?
  - Does the applicant have financial support from the board of directors?

- **Leadership and Governance**
  - Does the applicant have effective leaders?
  - Does the staff have the necessary expertise and capacity to carry out the project/program?
  - Does the organization have a diverse board that includes civic, community and business leaders?

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