



Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation

Foundation Grant Application Process

Our Mission — “Everyone deserves a healthy smile.”

The mission of the Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation (DDVAF) is to improve the oral health and subsequently, the overall health of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia. By directing our philanthropic dollars and efforts solely on oral health initiatives, we can make tangible progress toward improving oral health and creating healthy smiles for all Virginians. This document identifies the general guidelines applicable to the Foundation’s grant-making process.

Funding Priorities

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation awards grants to programs which emphasize access to oral health care, education or research. Funding is provided for new initiatives, to sustain ongoing treatment of existing programs, start-up funding or one-time events that include one or more of the following criteria:

- **Access to oral health care** — Initiatives focus on breaking down the barriers that prevent uninsured or underinsured individuals from accessing oral health care and/or the delivery of care in their communities. Examples include, but are not limited to, initiatives that increase the number of dental patients seen, provide for additional dentists and dental staff, purchase dental equipment or eliminate barriers that keep patients from keeping appointments. Additional initiatives for consideration include those organizations that seek to increase the overall number of dentists practicing in Virginia, particularly in rural, underserved areas.
- **Oral health education** — Initiatives focus on providing oral health education to the public with a special focus on low-income individuals and children as well as enhancing educational initiatives for those pursuing a career in oral health.
- **Advances in oral health through research** — Initiatives focus on improving oral health through medical, educational and behavioral research.

Grant Eligibility

The following entities may apply for a grant:

- Any public agency or private, non-profit holding a 501(c)(3) tax-exemption;*
- Any organization with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt fiscal sponsor; or
- An applicant for federal tax-exemption under 501(c)(3).

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Types of Projects Eligible for Funding

- Continue or expand dental treatment services
- Dental equipment or supplies for dental safety net clinics
- Oral health educational materials or programs
- Fluoride varnish applications
- Fluoride equipment

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The DDVAF accepts applications from September 1 – September 30, 2019. Grant applications must be received on or before September 30, 2019. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The Foundation reviews proposals and makes grant decisions in the fall and distributes funds in December, 2019.

Required Documentation to Accompany the Grant Application

- _____ Completed Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation Grant Application
- _____ Evidence of the applicant's tax-exempt status**
- _____ A current, detailed operating budget for the specific program for which you are requesting funds

To be considered for funding, applicants must complete and submit a grant application and required documentation. The application and required documentation can be submitted electronically at DeltaDentalVA.com/ddvafoundation.aspx, or complete and print the PDF document and fax to 540-776-8106 or mail to Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation, 4818 Starkey Road, Roanoke, VA 24018.

**If the applicant is a free clinic or a community health center, it must be a member in good standing with either the Virginia Association of Free Clinics or the Virginia Community Healthcare Association.*

***You are not required to re-submit the Required Documentation items if you have submitted them with applications in previous years.*

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation may request additional information after receipt of your application.