



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 focusing our support solely on oral health initiatives, we can make tangible progress toward improving oral health and creating healthy smiles for all Virginians. This document outlines the Foundation's grant-making process.

Funding Priorities

The Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation awards grants to programs with an emphasis on one of the following goals:

- **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 to treat more patients, 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.
- **Improving oral health measures and metrics in the state** — Through efforts reducing no-visit population or by providing preventive oral health care such as sealants, fluoride varnish, etc.
- **Addressing social determinants of health/disparity in oral health** — Initiatives that target the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. These include factors like socioeconomic status, education, neighborhood and physical environment, employment, and social support networks, as well as access to health care.
- **Linking oral health to overall health** — Initiatives that focus on educating the public about the critical role of oral health in a person's overall health and wellness.

Funding may be provided:

- For new initiatives
- To sustain ongoing programs
- For start-up funding
- For one-time events

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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).

Types of Projects Eligible for Funding

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

Application Deadlines

The DDVAF accepts applications annually from September 1 – September 30. Grant applications must be received on or before September 30. 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.

**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.

Required Documentation

To be considered for funding, applicants must complete and submit a grant application and the following documentation:

- _____ 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

The application and required documentation can be submitted electronically at DeltaDentalVA.com/ddvafoundation.aspx, or download, print and complete the PDF application and fax it to 540-776-8106 or mail it to:

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