

# DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION

*An Affiliate of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana*

## COMMUNITY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM Contribution Request



### Background

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980 by Delta Dental of Michigan, one of the largest administrators of group dental benefits plans in the United States. The Delta Dental Foundation's goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs.

Each year the Delta Dental Foundation provides financial support, in the form of grants, to various organizations.

### Contribution Guidelines

In considering contributions, the Delta Dental Foundation evaluates each application on its own merits. It considers the programs in which the organization is engaged, the constituencies it serves, the 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 communities in Michigan, Ohio, or Indiana.
- Of particular interest are programs designed to promote/improve the oral health of underserved children in at-risk populations.
- Only one proposal per organization per year will be considered.

Although exceptions may be made, in general, the Delta Dental Foundation does not provide grants for building construction or to cover an organization's normal overhead expenses.

The Delta Dental Foundation gives primary consideration to supporting meritorious programs or activities for which other sources of funding are unavailable.

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

### Programs/Projects Considered

The Delta Dental Foundation provides support to programs or projects that help develop and heighten dental awareness among the public and that offer continuing dental education. Careful consideration is given to each request. Each request is reviewed in terms of its general eligibility and conformity with Foundation guidelines, the available funds, the amount needed to achieve the desired results, and program priority.

### Limitations

Grants will not be awarded for the following:

- Capital campaigns, overhead/administrative expenses, endowments, advertising, or fundraising activities
- Individuals (except for individual recipients of the Delta Dental Foundation's leadership award, scholarship, and research grant programs)
- Organizations that discriminate by race, religion, color, creed, gender, age, or national origin
- Political organizations or campaigns
- Loans
- Projects developed for commercial and proprietary purposes