



Building Brighter Futures Community 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.

Each year, the DDF provides financial support through its Building Brighter Futures Community Grants program to various community organizations and programs that promote/provide oral health care for children and/or adults.

This year, DDF will be providing \$150,000 in grants to support programs that focus on improving the oral health of children and/or adults.

Building Brighter Futures Community Grants Guidelines:

In considering Building Brighter Futures Community Grants requests, the DDF evaluates each application on its own merit. Careful consideration is given to each request, and requests are reviewed in terms of general eligibility and conformity with grant guidelines, funds available, and the amount needed to achieve the desired results and program priorities. Also taken into consideration are: programs/activities in which the requesting organization is engaged; the number and type of constituencies served; services offered; accountability and fundraising practices; availability of other funding sources; and past successes.

- Building Brighter Futures Community 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 and Indiana.
- Of particular interest are programs designed to: increase access to dental care for at-risk populations, reduce consumption of sugary foods and beverages; educate about and provide oral health care to pregnant women and their babies; and educate about and improve children's oral health, especially in school-based settings.
- Only one proposal per organization per year will be considered.

Each prior grant recipient must complete and submit a grant reporting form by the grant submission deadline in order to be considered for the Building Brighter Futures Community Grants program.

Recipients may reapply for funds in future years, as long as there is a grant reporting form on file for the previous grant received.

Building Brighter Futures Community 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, creed, gender, age or national origin
- Political organizations or campaigns
- Loans
- Projects developed for commercial or proprietary purposes