

Request for Applications

Oral Health Mini-Grant Project

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation (DDCOF) is seeking applications from Colorado-based non-profit organizations and individuals who aim to improve children's oral health in Colorado. These applications should stimulate the potential for a longer-term project or replication.

Background

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood condition and yet preventable. Nearly half of Colorado's 1.2 million children have experienced cavities by the time they start kindergarten. Potential consequences of untreated decay and painful cavities are lower GPA, more missed school days as well as behavioral problems. There is interest in exploring different innovative ideas and projects that could expose communities to the importance of children's oral health.

DDCOF is improving Colorado's dental health by working to eradicate childhood tooth decay. By supporting projects that increase access to care and address the causes of the disease and impacting systems, we have a unique approach to fighting childhood cavities.

DDCOF works to:

- Reduce tooth decay in Colorado's children
- Fund educational programs that teach good dental habits that target low-income, high-risk children and families
- Support efforts to integrate preventive dental care into medical practices
- Support dental health education for higher education students and providers in a variety of medical fields
- Promote community awareness and focus on prevention
- Highlight the importance of good dental health for pregnant women and children

Mini-Grant Overview

DDCOF is seeking applications from individuals or organizations statewide to design and implement a project that targets one of our drivers of success:

- Increase the public's awareness of and support for oral health
- Improve access to evidence-based dental care
- Secure decision makers' buy-in to the importance of oral health

Applications selected for funding can take no more than one year to complete. At the end

Key Dates

May 22, 2015

Project Overview Teleconference
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
877-820-7831
7529864# as participant code

June 12, 2015

Applications Due
by 5:00 p.m. MDT

August 21, 2015

Notify Applicants of Awards

October 1, 2015

Begin Issuing Letters of Agreement

For additional information,
please contact:

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of the grant period, a summary report will be delivered to DDCOF with implementation details, number of lives impacted, patient stories, and other relevant data. Projects that are longer than 7 months will require an interim status report halfway through the grant period.

Priority in the selection process will be given to applications that:

- Show innovation
- Describe the implementation plan
- Have the potential to become sustainable
- Reach underserved children

Sample Concepts

DDCOF will consider funding unique project applications that integrate oral health and into the community. Concepts that might be funded include:

- Projects that focus on early dental care through one-to-one or small group oral health education with parents of infants 0-12 enrolled in a program (like WIC)
- Give Kids a Smile day transportation costs
- Classroom activity kits for early childhood education centers
- Efforts to increase dental visits among the underserved
- Oral health education for direct care providers
- Dental home projects
- Public-private partnerships that establish programs
- Behavior change efforts that promote drinking water and educate about the negative affects of sugar on oral health

Funding

As part of an abbreviated grant application process, those who wish to apply must illustrate how the project will improve children's oral health. Approximately \$100,000 is available to fund grants through this project. Grant funding amounts will vary between \$1,000 and \$15,000 per organization/individual. The dollar amount per grant will be based on merit as determined by the mini-grant committee.

Applications may include requests for funding projects that take up to one year to complete. Funding is also available for a one time use. The project team can answer questions during the application process.

Grant Application

The Grant Application requires filling out the attached form.

Key Dates

- A project overview and Q/A for interested parties will occur during a teleconference on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MDT
- Applications and budgets are due Friday, June 12, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. MDT, in electronic format (Adobe PDF preferred), to Lisa Konen, lkonen@ddpco.com
- Applicants will be notified of awards on Friday, August 21, 2015
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Application Form

Oral Health Mini-Grant Project

Brief Project Description (300 words)

Briefly describe the grant project.

Target Population (250 words)

Identify what age group/groups your project will serve. Include the demographics of the individuals and the community.

Project Name

Contact Name

Location (Full Address)

Project Start Date

Project End Date

Amount Requested

Attached Budget

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

DDCOF Drivers of Success

This project will:

- ☐ Increase the public's awareness of and support for oral health
- ☐ Improve access to evidence-based dental care
- ☐ Secure decision maker's buy-in to the importance of oral health

Individuals Impacted (130 words)

Estimate how many individuals will impacted by this project (directly and indirectly).

Services Provided (130 words)

Estimate the number of services to be provided (oral health screenings, oral health trainings, etc).

Data Collection (130 words)

How will you collect the data required to report services provided and individuals served?

Organization Background (100 words)

Briefly describe your organization's mission and services provided.

Additional Funding

(100 words)

Have you sought funding from other sources for this project?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If ☒ Yes, explain.