



DELTA DENTAL OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INITIAL 2023 FUNDING

Oklahoma City, OK – January 31, 2023 – Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation has announced \$2,365,300 in funding to support 50 free and low-cost dental care programs and clinics, dental education programs, and oral health initiatives statewide.

Funding awarded to statewide programs		
DDOKF Community Outreach and Education Programs	For oral health educational programs provided free of charge to Oklahoma schools: Captain Supertooth for grades PK-3 and MouthScience for grades 3-6	\$145,000
DDOKF Mouthguards for Student Athletes Program	To provide high-quality mouthguards free of charge to student athletes throughout Oklahoma	\$240,000
DDOKF Dental Care Navigator & Urgent Care Fund	To divert patients with urgent dental needs away from hospital emergency rooms by providing resource navigation and financial assistance	\$125,000
DDOKF School-Based Sealant Network	To provide dental sealants and oral health education onsite at Oklahoma schools for 2 nd and 6 th grade students	\$275,000
DDOKF Pre-Dentistry Scholarships	To establish scholarship endowments at state universities with pre-dentistry tracks or programs to assist students seeking a career in dentistry	\$100,000
Oklahoma Mission of Mercy	To fund a two-day free dental clinic event at which volunteer dental professionals provide treatment for about 1,500 Oklahomans in need	\$150,000
America’s ToothFairy: Oklahoma Story Time Smiles Initiative	To establish dental hygiene pantries with oral health supplies and books at twenty libraries across the state	\$11,000
Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment	To provide free dental care, dentures, and oral health education to low-income elderly, disabled, and veterans through volunteer dentists	\$150,000
Dental Lifeline Network	To provide free dental care and dentures for Veterans	\$15,000
HealthCorps	To provide dental health education to teens in Oklahoma schools	\$10,000
HNC Living Foundation	To provide dental care to low-income Oklahomans fighting head and neck cancers	\$50,000
OU College of Dentistry	For dental and dental hygiene student scholarships	\$108,000
OU College of Dentistry	For its Community-Based Dental Education Externship Program	\$100,000
OU College of Dentistry	To fund OUCOD Scientific Day and student research project stipends	\$41,500
Reach Higher	To provide scholarships for students at two-year colleges seeking dental field careers	\$5,000
Special Olympics Oklahoma	For the Special Athletes Healthy Smiles program	\$2,000
Sterling Angel of Smiles	To provide free dental care to indigent residents of long-term care facilities	\$25,000
Grants awarded to programs serving Central Oklahoma		
City Care, Inc.	To provide dental care to its homeless clients	\$5,000
Crossings Community Clinic	For its free dental clinic in north Oklahoma City	\$31,500
Gateway to Prevention & Recovery	To provide dental care for its recovery clients in Pottawatomie, Seminole, and Lincoln Counties	\$5,000
Good Shepherd Ministries	For its free dental clinic in downtown Oklahoma City	\$155,000
Ministries of Jesus	For its free dental clinic in Edmond	\$61,000
Neighborhood Services Organization	For its low-cost NSO Dental Clinic in downtown Oklahoma City and its dental education outreach	\$120,000
ReMerge of Oklahoma County	To provide dental care services through its female incarceration diversion program serving pregnant women and mothers of minor children	\$17,500
Smile for Good Foundation	For its Grill Guard mouthguard access and education program	\$10,000
WaterRock Ministries	For its free dental clinic in central Oklahoma City	\$10,000
Variety Care Health Centers	To provide dental care access for low-income pregnant women and uninsured children	\$10,000

Grants awarded to programs serving Northeastern Oklahoma		
Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma	For its free dental clinic in Tulsa	\$130,000
Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS)	To provide dental care and dentures for low-income, elderly and disabled patients in the 918/539 area codes through the service of volunteer dentists	\$140,000
Morton Comprehensive Health Services	To provide dental care access to homeless patients and low-income uninsured patients	\$16,000
RAM Oklahoma	For the Remote Area Medical (RAM) free medical, vision, and dental clinic event in Tulsa	\$20,000
Tri-County Technology Center	For the TCT/OU Dental Hygiene Program and Volunteer Dental Clinic, which provide free and low-cost care for qualifying patients	\$6,000
Grants awarded to programs serving Western Oklahoma		
Western Okla. Family Care Center	For its free dental clinic in Elk City	\$5,000
Western Technology Center	For the WTC/OU Dental Hygiene Program's community health projects in Weatherford	\$4,800
Grants awarded to programs serving Southern Oklahoma		
Compassion Outreach Center	For a new free dental clinic being established in Ada	\$50,000
Hearts that Care Volunteer Clinic	For its free dental clinic in Lawton	\$10,000
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center	For the SOTC/OU Dental Hygiene Clinic, which provides low-cost and free dental hygiene services in Ardmore	\$6,000

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation is the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and a leading contributor to dental health and education-related projects and initiatives statewide. Our organization is funded entirely by proceeds from Delta Dental of Oklahoma. Since 1998, Delta Dental of Oklahoma has contributed more than \$36 million to produce and support programs across the state. For more information, visit DDOKFoundation.org.

Delta Dental of Oklahoma is the leading provider of dental benefits in the state. Delta Dental of Oklahoma serves more than one million eligible members and more than 9,450 Oklahoma-headquartered companies. Delta Dental of Oklahoma established its Foundation to advance our company's not-for-profit mission throughout the state. For more information about Delta Dental of Oklahoma, please visit DeltaDentalOK.org.