Grant Application Requests – Programs that Improve the Oral Health of Seniors
Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation, Inc.

The Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation is seeking grant applications for calendar year 2015. We recognize that seniors are prone to severe periodontal disease, a condition linked to other serious chronic health disorders including diabetes. We are looking for programs that will help seniors maintain good oral health. The Foundation is looking to fund programs that will accomplish measurable results and will become self-sustaining with very little additional funding from Delta Dental.

While we recognize that oral health disparities (social, ethnic, economic) exist, we know they are preventable. To reduce or prevent disparities, access to quality, culturally competent oral health care must be readily available to people of all incomes, races, locations, and ages.

Grant applications should focus on long-term solutions for improving seniors’ oral health for uninsured and underinsured populations. Examples of some of the types of programs that should apply:

- Dental screening programs that are tied to follow-up dental care
- Oral cancer screening programs
- Mobile dental clinics that visit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior centers
- Improving access to care in underserved areas (removing barriers of transportation, lack of equipment)
- Preventive and restorative dental care
- Integrating oral health promotion and dental care into existing health care and social service programs for high-risk populations
- Programs that allow edentulous seniors to get dentures

Collaboration among local public oral health organizations, community clinics, and senior living facilities is strongly encouraged. Round One Applications must include general program and funding needs information. Round Two Applications must include a needs assessment, comprehensive program information, a vision and a structure for sustainability and growth, program evaluation strategies, and desirable outcomes.

Grant applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Sustainable solutions for improving the oral health of seniors
- Benefits large numbers of people
- Cannot accomplish the goals without outside funding
- Cost, efficiency, and quality

Eligibility:

- Public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Public or government entity such as a municipal health department
- Presence in the states of New Jersey or Connecticut and predominately benefit people in those states

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