Grant Guidelines

The Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO), the charitable arm of the Oregon Dental Association, was founded in 1982 to promote access to dental care for the underserved population of Oregon.

The Dental Foundation of Oregon makes grants to address our mission: “improving oral health for Oregon’s children.” These grants aim to address the following:

A. To provide emergency dental care for children who are disadvantaged and do not have access to care. Projects that demonstrate local support, including volunteer time contributed by dentists and other health professionals, will receive preference.

B. To prevent dental disease through support of programs that provide dental health education to the community and to assist children and low income families to access dental health care. Special attention will be given to projects that teach children and parents the benefits of preventative dental health care, i.e. dental hygiene, fluoride supplements and baby bottle tooth decay syndrome.

Grant amounts do not normally exceed $5,000 each.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- To be eligible, applicants must be non-profit, tax-exempt entities and have submitted required evaluation reports on DFO grants the applicant has received in the past.
- All applicants must be endorsed by a local dental society.
- Funds will not be granted for dental equipment or capital improvements to be placed or used in governmental facilities.
- Funds will not be granted for political purposes.
- Funds will not be granted for goods already purchased, activities taking place before grant decisions are made, or deficit funding.
- Grant applications requesting funding for equipment purchase must include two competitive pricing bids.
- Funds will not usually be granted to support any one program for longer than two years.
- Requests from dental societies should only be for an amount being matched by that society.
- Grants will be made only for projects within Oregon.
- If an organization is awarded a grant by The Dental Foundation of Oregon, the organization must agree to use the funds only for the purpose for which they were intended.
- If the funds were not used for their intended purpose within 12 months of receipt, they are to be immediately returned to The Dental Foundation of Oregon. In no event are the funds to be used for a purpose other the purpose for which they were intended.
- Organizations awarded a grant will be required to submit occasional reports as requested by The Dental Foundation of Oregon.
Deadlines: Grant applications from organizations selected from their Letter of Inquiry are accepted between April 15th and May 17th annually. Applications must be received in the DFO office by May 17th, not postmarked, to be eligible. Grants will be awarded in July.

Application packets, including the DFO Grant Application Form, should be submitted to:

The Dental Foundation of Oregon
P.O. Box 2448
8699 SW Sun Place
Wilsonville, OR 97070

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