



## DELTA DENTAL OF OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2024 FUNDING

Oklahoma City, OK – January 31, 2024 – Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation has announced \$3,551,977 in funding to support 53 free and low-cost dental care programs and clinics, dental education programs, and oral health initiatives statewide.

Funding awarded to statewide and multi-regional 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	\$254,792
DDOKF Mouthguards for Student Athletes Program	To provide high-quality mouthguards free of charge to student athletes throughout Oklahoma	\$264,214
DDOKF Urgent Care Fund	To divert patients with urgent dental needs away from hospital emergency departments by providing financial assistance	\$200,000
DDOKF Dental Care Navigator	To help Oklahomans find access to dental care by guiding them to resources and financial assistance	\$109,014
DDOKF School-Based Sealant Network	To provide dental sealants and oral health education onsite at Oklahoma schools for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students	\$234,388
DDOKF Mobile Dental Outreach	Our community outreach initiative utilizing mobile dentistry	\$47,351
DDOKF Oral Wellness Outreach	To provide oral wellness screenings at community health fairs	\$33,526
DDOKF Diversity in Dentistry Fund	The Delta Dental initiative to increase diversity in the field of dentistry	\$13,892
America’s ToothFairy: Oklahoma Smile Guardian Food Bank Initiative	To establish dental hygiene pantries with oral health supplies and educational material at food pantries across the state	\$33,000
Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment	To provide free dental care and oral health education to low-income elderly, disabled, and veterans through volunteer dentists in a multi-regional area	\$175,000
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	\$16,000
HNC Living Foundation	To provide dental care to low-income Oklahomans with head and neck cancers	\$54,000
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	\$138,000
OU College of Dentistry	For purchase of digital dentistry equipment	\$80,000
OU College of Dentistry	To fund OUCOD Scientific Day and student research project stipends	\$52,500
OU College of Dentistry	Educational Experience Fund: Financial assistance for patients	\$50,000
OU College of Dentistry	To advise high school students on dental careers through a dental club	\$10,000
RAM Oklahoma	For the Remote Area Medical (RAM) free medical, vision, and dental clinic event	\$60,000
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	\$50,000
Grants awarded to programs serving Central Oklahoma		
Crossings Community Clinic: Penn	For its free dental clinic in north Oklahoma City	\$193,000
Crossings Community Clinic: Midtown	For its free dental clinic in central Oklahoma City, formerly known as Good Shepherd Clinic	\$160,000
Gateway to Prevention & Recovery	To provide dental care for its recovery clients in Pottawatomie, Seminole, and Lincoln Counties	\$5,000
Heart and Hand Ministries	To provide free dental care for clients in its transitional living program	\$3,000
Ministries of Jesus	For its free dental clinic in Edmond	\$100,000
Neighborhood Services Organization	For its low-cost NSO Dental Clinic in downtown Oklahoma City and its dental education outreach	\$290,000

Oklahoma City Community College	Delta Dental Reach Higher Scholarship for non-traditional students entering dental-related careers	\$1,000
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
Rose State College	Delta Dental Reach Higher Scholarship for non-traditional students entering dental-related careers	\$1,000
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 and under-insured pregnant women	\$20,000
<b>Grants awarded to programs serving North and NE Oklahoma</b>		
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
Lend a Hand CAN Foundation	To distribute oral hygiene packets and education to the indigent of Tulsa	\$10,000
Morton Comprehensive Health Services	To provide dental care access to homeless patients and low-income uninsured patients	\$16,000
Northern Oklahoma College	Delta Dental Reach Higher Scholarship for non-traditional students entering dental-related careers	\$1,000
OSU Foundation/Pre-Dental Student Organization	To encourage students at OSU to pursue careers in the dental field	\$5,000
Tulsa Community College	Delta Dental Reach Higher Scholarship for non-traditional students entering dental-related careers	\$1,000
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	\$7,000
Tri-County Technology Center	One-time capital grant to refurbish clinic	\$190,000
<b>Grants awarded to programs serving Western Oklahoma</b>		
Western Okla. Family Care Center	For its free dental clinic in Elk City	\$5,000
Western Okla. State College	Delta Dental Reach Higher Scholarship for non-traditional students entering dental-related careers	\$1,000
Western Technology Center	For the WTC/OU Dental Hygiene Program's community health projects in Weatherford	\$4,800
<b>Grants awarded to programs serving Southern Oklahoma</b>		
Compassion Outreach Center	For a new free dental clinic in Ada	\$75,000
Oklahoma Mission of Mercy 2024 Lawton	To fund a two-day free dental clinic event at which volunteer dental professionals provide treatment for about 1,500 Oklahomans in need	\$100,000
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center	For the SOTC/OU Dental Hygiene Clinic, which provides low-cost and free dental hygiene services in Ardmore	\$5,000
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center	One-time capital grant to refurbish clinic	\$50,000

**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](https://www.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](https://www.DeltaDentalOK.org).