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N.C. Nonprofits Can Now Apply for \$5K to Promote & Provide Oral Care for Children

Delta Dental of North Carolina will provide special accommodations to WNC

RALEIGH, NC: The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF), the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of North Carolina (DDNC) is seeking applications from community-based oral health nonprofit programs and organizations in North Carolina for its 2025 Smiles for Kids grant program.

The DDF will direct funding to organizations across the state that focus on children’s oral health, particularly among populations with little or no access to care. In 2024, the DDF granted \$150,000 to 44 North Carolina nonprofits under the Smiles for Kids program, which benefited approximately 56,000 children. To view the full list of last year’s grant recipients, click here: [Smiles for Kids Grants | Delta Dental of North Carolina](#).

“Tooth decay is the most common, chronic childhood disease, but we know that the dental services and oral health education Smiles for Kids grantees provide can help prevent it,” said Curt Ladig, chief executive officer of Delta Dental of North Carolina. “This year, we are focused on making it easy for our neighbors in Western North Carolina to bring these funds into their communities by simplifying the application for funding and personally reaching out to our partners in the impacted areas to assist them with the process.”

Upon submission, the DDF will evaluate each application based on factors such as the program’s focus on children, potential impact on the community, measurable results and the level of local community support it attracts. The DDF is accepting applications now through Sunday, January 5, 2025. For applications, grant guidelines and more details, visit www.deltadentalnc.com/smilesforkids.

About Delta Dental Foundation

The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The DDF is dedicated to developing and enhancing partnerships and programs to improve oral and overall health and health equity. For more information, visit www.deltadental.foundation.

About Delta Dental of North Carolina

For more than 50 years, Delta Dental of North Carolina has championed healthy smiles across the state as North Carolina’s leading dental insurer. A member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, DDNC is part of the largest dental insurance network in the nation, covering more than 80 million Americans. DDNC is pleased to provide both dental and vision insurance administered by VSP® Vision Care to businesses as part of their employee benefits, and directly to individuals and families. Our mission is to improve the oral health and the overall well-being of the communities we serve. Learn more about Delta Dental of North Carolina at www.deltadentalnc.com and DeltaVision® at www.deltadentalnc.com/deltavision.

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