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**DELTA DENTAL AWARDS 15 IOWA AGENCIES  
\$65,760 FOR ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS**

ANKENY, IOWA – December 18, 2007 – Delta Dental of Iowa has awarded \$65,760 to 15 Iowa agencies to improve the oral health of Iowans.

The oral health grants are part of Delta Dental’s Public Benefit mini-grant program. Grant applications are reviewed twice a year in May and October. Mini-grants are intended to support one-time, oral health projects such as workshops or conferences or short-term projects of up to one-year in duration such as a survey, data collection or research study. These grants are also used to stimulate long-term oral health projects and may be combined with funds from other sources.

The agencies being awarded mini-grants by Delta Dental include:

- **University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City:** \$5,000 to provide audio-visual pediatric oral health instructional materials.
- **The Iowa Children’s Museum, Iowa City:** \$10,000 for a new dental clinic exhibit.
- **Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Cedar Rapids:** \$3,000 to assist with oral health educational outreach.
- **Community Health Care, Davenport:** \$2,183 to purchase a portable dental chair for dental screenings.
- **United Way of the Quad Cities:** \$5,020 to promote “Give Kids a Smile Day” in Clinton County.
- **Visiting Nurse Association, Dubuque:** \$4,502 to purchase oral health supplies and gas vouchers.
- **Unity Public Health, Muscatine:** \$2,000 to fund oral health education materials for “Give Older Kids a Smile Day.”

- **Council Bluffs Community Health Center:** \$4,000 to support an expansion of the current dental outreach program.
- **Drake University Head Start, Des Moines:** \$4,000 to support trainings on Healthy Smiles, an oral health education program.
- **Primary Health Care, Inc., Polk and Marshall Counties:** \$4,600 to purchase a Gendex Regular x-ray machine.
- **Iowa Central Community College Dental Hygiene Community Project, Fort Dodge:** \$3,000 to purchase dental supplies, materials and equipment for the Seal the Deal dental sealant program.
- **HCCMS Family Health Services Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health, Denison:** \$5,402 for fluoride rinse for Healthy Smiles program.
- **Mills County Public Health, Glenwood:** \$5,700 to purchase dental supply kits, gas vouchers and educational opportunities for Cavity Free Kids project.
- **River Hills Community Health Center, Richland:** \$6,353 to purchase one x-ray machine and dental equipment for services for an eight-county area.
- **South Winneshiek Community Schools, Calmar:** \$1,000 to support the sealant program.

“Delta Dental is pleased to support agencies that address the oral health needs of their communities,” said Donn Hutchins, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa. “Since the inception of the mini-grant program in 2006, Delta Dental of Iowa has contributed more than \$300,000 to communities across Iowa.”

For more information about Delta Dental of Iowa’s Public Benefit Program visit the company’s Web site at [www.deltadentalia.com](http://www.deltadentalia.com).

*Delta Dental of Iowa supports a number of community benefit programs as part of its not-for-profit mission to improve the oral health of Iowans. In 2006, the company contributed more than \$400,000 to oral health projects in Iowa, benefiting underserved children and the elderly. Delta Dental of Iowa, the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state, is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental member companies. The national association is the largest dental benefits*

*carrier in the nation, providing coverage to more than 50 million people in nearly 88,000 employer groups.*

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