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**DELTA DENTAL AWARDS 15 IOWA AGENCIES OVER  
\$70,000 FOR ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS**

ANKENY, IOWA – July XX, 2008 – Delta Dental of Iowa has awarded \$70,236 to 15 Iowa agencies to improve the oral health of Iowans.

The oral health grants are part of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation’s 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 Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation funds oral health projects throughout the state that make a measurable difference in the oral health of Iowans,” said Donn Hutchins, president of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation. “We are proud to support these agencies and the communities they serve.”

The agencies being awarded mini-grants by the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation include:

- **Children and Family Urban Ministires, Des Moines:** \$255 to provide floss and toothpaste for underserved children attending the Back to School Health Fair.
- **Drake University Head Start, Des Moines:** \$3,000 to fund the Healthy Mouth Healthy Smiles Project, which teaches underserved children the benefits of having a healthy mouth.
- **Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) – Linn County, Hiawatha:** \$1,500 to fund the I-Smile Dental Homes project and \$3,000 to fund the Head Start Oral Health Project.
- **Iowa Care Givers Association, West Des Moines:** \$8,000 to fund the Oral Health Seminar at the Direct Care Workers Conference.

- **Iowa Dental Association, Johnston:** \$5,000 to fund the conference speaker at the IDA Annual Session.
- **Iowa Department of Public Health – Oral Health Bureau, Des Moines:** \$10,000 to provide I-Smile toothbrushes statewide.
- **Marion County Public Health Department, Marion:** \$3,565 to fund the I-Smile Marion county sealant program.
- **Marshalltown Community School District, Marshalltown:** \$3,000 to fund Together We Smile, an oral health education project for schools, families and dental providers.
- **MATURA Action Corporation, Creston:** \$5,850 to fund the I-Smile sealant program.
- **Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program, Des Moines:** \$594 to provide over 1,000 toothbrushes, floss and tubes of toothpaste for underserved children at the McKinley Back to School Health Fair.
- **National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped, Ankeny:** \$2,682 to fund dentist recruitment incentives (DentaCheques) for the Donated Dental Services program in Iowa.
- **River Hills Community Health Center, Ottumwa:** \$3,500 to fund a sealant and fluoride varnish program in Ottumwa schools.
- **Shalom Zone Ministries, Des Moines:** \$1,189.44 to provide over 2,000 toothbrushes, floss and tubes of toothpaste for underserved children at the back to school health fair.
- **Special Olympics, Des Moines:** \$5,000 to fund the Special Smiles Clinic at the 2009 Iowa Special Olympics Games.
- **University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City:** \$14,100 to fund a pediatric dentistry “boot camp” and a community-based dental education program.

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).

*As a not-for-profit, Delta Dental of Iowa invests in oral health projects through the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation that focus on access to care, prevention, education and research. Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. Delta Dental of Iowa is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental plans. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation providing coverage to more than 54 million people in nearly 89,000 employer groups.*

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