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DELTA DENTAL AWARDS 16 IOWA AGENCIES OVER \$88,000 FOR ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS

JOHNSTON, IA (June 1, 2011) – The Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation has awarded \$88,082 to 16 Iowa agencies to improve the oral health of Iowans.

The oral health grants are part of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation’s ongoing mini-grant program. Grant applications from Iowa agencies 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 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’s mission is to support and improve the oral health of Iowans,” said Donn Hutchins, president of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation. “The mini-grant program is a great example of how the Foundation can support a wide variety of oral health projects throughout the state that make a measurable difference in the oral health of Iowans.”

The agencies being awarded mini-grants by the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation in May 2011 include:

- **Cedar Rapids, Visiting Nurse Services** - \$2,000 for oral health and I-Smile™ education and promotional items.
- **Coralville, The Iowa Children’s Museum** - \$10,000 for renovating the dental clinic exhibit and educational sessions.
- **Council Bluffs, Family, Inc.** - \$2,750 to fund materials for oral health screenings and fluoride varnish.

- **Creston, MATURA Action Corporation** - \$10,000 for school-based sealant programs.
- **Des Moines, Children and Families of Iowa** - \$5,000 for oral health education and preventive care for teens in substance abuse/mental health treatment.
- **Des Moines, Drake University Head Start** - \$1,000 for a welcome visit dental kit.
- **Des Moines, Visiting Nurse Services** - \$5,600 for a continuing education course about dental public health needs.
- **Dubuque, Crescent Community Health Center** - \$3,000 for educational materials and oral health tools.
- **Grimes, Special Olympics Iowa, Inc.** - \$10,000 for oral health screenings and education during the Specials Olympics Events.
- **Knoxville, Marion County Public Health Department** - \$10,000 for equipment.
- **Marshalltown, Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.** - \$5,561 for oral health equipment and tools.
- **Ottumwa, River Hills Community Health Center** - \$2,670 to fund supplies for in-school sealant and varnish program.
- **Sioux City, Siouxland Community Health Center** - \$5,000 for preventive care and oral health education.
- **Urbandale, Primary Health Care, Inc.** - \$5,000 to attend the National Primary Oral Health Conference.
- **West Des Moines, Iowa CareGivers Association** - \$8,000 for an oral health session at the Annual Iowa CareGivers Conference.

For more information on the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation's mini-grant program, visit the Delta Dental website at www.deltadentalia.com and select Public Benefit Program.

Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. 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 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 56 million people in more than 95,700 employer groups.

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