2016 DTA Foundation & Dental Lifeline Network Grant

Improving Oral Health Care for Medically Compromised or Special Needs Patients
Grant Guidelines and Criteria

Dental Trade Alliance Foundation

The core purpose of the Dental Trade Alliance Foundation is to broaden oral health care awareness of and increase access to oral health care for those in need.

- We are focused on oral health, access to care and its connection to overall health.
- We will manage our resources to drive innovation and stimulate creative projects in a sound and fiscally responsible manner.
- We will measure the results of our projects by their long term impact on oral health care awareness and access for those in need.

The vision of the DTA Foundation is to be a premier foundation in oral health care uniting the dental industry to create and attract innovative solutions, leverage and expand resources to fund unique and promising initiatives that achieve measurable impact and facilitate real change. The industry will recognize the results of this important work and notice substantially improved access to oral health care for those in need.

Dental Lifeline Network

The Dental Lifeline Network (DLN) is a national nonprofit organization that provides access to dental care and education for people who can't afford it and:

- have a permanent disability
- who are elderly; age 65 or older, or
- who are medically compromised.

Dental Lifeline Network provides these services through a national network of direct service programs that involve 15,000 volunteer dentists and 3,600 volunteer labs.

DLN Mission

Dental Lifeline Network is a national charitable organization whose mission is to improve the oral health of people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically compromised and have no other way to get help.
In 2013, the DTA Foundation and the Dental Lifeline Network joined forces to create a grant program to specifically support projects that provide access to comprehensive dentistry for society’s most vulnerable individuals with disabilities or who are elderly or medically compromised and have no other way to get help.

View the DTA Foundation/Dental Lifeline Network Grant Recipients:

2013 An innovative Approach to Interprofessional Oral Care for the Elderly
2014 Improving Oral Health of Medically at-risk or Special Needs Patients
2015 C.O.P.E (Comprehensive Oral Health Promotion & Education) with Cancer

The DTA Foundation will fund $25,000 for one project per year, whereby the grant recipient has submitted a project proposal specifically related to providing access to comprehensive dentistry for society’s most vulnerable individuals with disabilities or who are elderly or medically compromised. The project proposal must be innovative in nature and be able to demonstrate how it would be sustainable and replicable once established.

A medically compromised patient is a person for whom oral health is a prerequisite to receiving medical treatment. This could include people who may be waiting on an organ transplant but need dental clearance before they can be placed on the list.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each proposal that is accepted will be funded up to a maximum of $25,000. Applications are welcome from, but not limited to, dental organizations, dental schools, universities, government and/or community based non-profit groups for programs located in the United States and its territories.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Applications submitted for consideration for this grant must be for projects that provide access to comprehensive dentistry for society’s most vulnerable individuals with disabilities or who are elderly or medically compromised and have no other way to get help.

It is suggested that the majority of the requested project funds will be used for supplies, materials or new personnel not presently on the project staff. Grant funds are not to be used to offset current staff salaries or overhead, the DTA Foundation will look favorably upon projects that indicate budgetary contributions of their own resources to the project. A planned project evaluation of the proposed scope of work should be a component of any grant submission.

It is both DTA Foundation’s and Dental Lifeline Network’s priority is to award a grant to a project that can leverage additional funding and expansion in other geographic areas. Programs that are solely local in scope and do not appear to be reproducible nationally or over a greater population, thus limited to attracting additional outside funding for future years, are considered to be outside the scope of current funding parameters.
Grants will be ranked and awarded based on the following areas:

- Project provides access to comprehensive dentistry for society’s most vulnerable individuals with disabilities or who are elderly or medically compromised and have no other way to get help;
- Innovation, originality, and creativity;
- Ability of program to attract additional funding following pilot completion or build-up;
- Sustainability of the program past the funding period;
- Ability to use project as a model program for expansion in other geographic areas;
- Project should be a pilot project, not an ongoing project;
- Potential impact on target audience or goal.

We do not fund:

- Existing dental clinics
- Ongoing projects
- Mobile dental vans
- Staff salaries (unless it is a new position that is part of a new innovative project)

The DTA Foundation Grants Committee will take the lead in the evaluation of submitted requests for funding. The DTA Foundation will seek guidance in its evaluation of programs for the DTA Foundation/DLN grant from the DLN in collaboration with the Santa Fe Group.

Completed Grant applications and all required attachments must be submitted electronically to the DTA Foundation no later than May 25, 2016.

Only applications submitted in an electronic format utilizing the official DTA Foundation Grant application form will be considered. You must indicate on the application that your project is focused on the medically compromised/special needs patient by clicking on the DTAF/DLN option on the first page of the application. Note: You will need to be concise in your answers as each question has a specific amount of space for your reply. You will receive email notification that your application has been received. Do not submit the same application multiple times.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than September 15, 2016.

Grant Award Requirements

- Once funded, the DTA Foundation requires the project director(s) to acknowledge the support it received from DTA Foundation in any project communications, advertising or public relations outreach.
- Grantees should be willing to present descriptions and outcomes of their projects at DTA, DTA Foundation, and DLN functions.
- Grantees will be required to provide project-related program materials, photos and other media to the DTA Foundation Executive Director upon request.
• Funds will be awarded in October, 2016 for use from October, 2016 – December, 2017. A final project progress report must be submitted to the DTA Foundation by March 31, 2018.

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:**

• In order to sign and save the application, you will need to use Adobe Reader. A free download for the most current version of this program can be found here: [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC](http://example.com)

• Completely fill out the application; you can use the tab key to move between fields. Keep in mind your responses must fit in the spaces provided.

• When finished, click the “Sign” field at the end of the document. Follow the on screen instructions to digitally sign the application. If you are unable to digitally sign the form, please call the DTA Foundation office for assistance (703) 379-7755.

• **Attach the grant application, principal applicant or project manager curriculum vitae, IRS letter of determination and project budget to an email as individual electronic files.**

• **Do not submit scanned versions of these documents.** Save them to your local computer separately to send as attachments.