Funding FAQs

How will grants be evaluated?
Grants will be evaluated based on the following (out of 100%): level of financial need and impact of COVID-19 on dental services (45%), patient population and severity of oral health disparities (45%), and other considerations (10%).

How much funding will be distributed?
The total funding amount is still being finalized. Applications received from clinics will help in determining available funding.

What is the maximum grant award?
The size of grant awards is still being finalized and the applications from clinics will help determine the grant awards.

What can the grant funds be used for?
1. Operational sustainability of existing dental clinics including dental clinic overhead costs, needs and staff retention.
2. New equipment to address COVID-19 related needs (e.g. intra-oral camera for teledentistry services, patient and provider safety, including PPE, etc.)

What will grant funds not support?
Expansion of existing dental clinics or construction of new dental clinics; support or expansion of dental education programs.

Will the grant have reporting requirements?
Yes, but they will be minimal and will include a short narrative on how the grant funds were used and what innovations have come about due to COVID-19. A template will be distributed to grantees.

Why are the applications due so soon?
Recognizing that clinics have lost significant amounts of revenue for over 8 weeks and with the reopening of dental scheduled for May 18, we want to ensure funding is distributed as quickly as possible to help dental clinics stay open.

Where is the funding coming from?
The funding will be provided by Arcora Foundation. The Foundation is fully funded by Delta Dental of Washington.

When are applications due?
Priority will be given to applications received by May 26, but applications will be considered on a rolling basis after that time. If you cannot complete the application by May 26, but intend to apply, please contact Chad Lennox, clennox@arcorafoundation.org.

When will funding be disbursed?
Early June.
What if I have more questions?
Please contact Chad Lennox, clennox@arcorafoundation.org. Due to the anticipated high volume, we will do our best to respond within 2 business days.