



# Texas DHA Foundation/ADHA Institute Community Service Grant

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## **Purpose**

The Healthy Start for Texas Teeth Community Service Grant will foster collaborative efforts between individuals or local components of the Texas DHA and community agencies servicing underserved populations. The grant will provide the preventive benefits of fluoride varnish for underserved populations in Texas.

One \$1,000 grant will be awarded annually. The length of funding commitment will not exceed one year. The funds will be used toward the purchase of supplies and other expenses to support the program.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants who are licensed dental hygienists or students pursuing a dental hygiene degree are eligible. Current ADHA Institute Board of Directors and ADHA Institute Board of Trustees may not apply for the Healthy Start for Texas Teeth Community Service Grant. Members of the Research Grant Review Committee may not apply as principal investigators, but may do so in another capacity (i.e., secondary investigators, mentors, etc.). These individuals will not be involved in the review process for their own proposal.

## **Specific Grant Requirements**

- TDHA components, Texas hygienists, and/or dental hygiene students (partnered with registered hygienists) are eligible to apply.
- Grant monies are for community-based fluoride varnish programs for underserved populations.
- Minimum number of varnish applications is 2 per person within a 12 month period.
- Minimum number of participants to receive varnish is 200.
- Maximum administrative costs for the program must not exceed 25% of total award amount.
- Fluoride varnish program must include an educational component.
- Program must include a collaborative partnership between 3 or more entities (e.g. TDHA, Head Start, and Dental Hygiene School).
- Program must demonstrate an effort to refer participants to a dental home.
- Current ADHA Institute Board of Directors, ADHA Board of Trustees and members of the Research Grant Review Committee may not apply as principal investigators.

## **Important Dates:**

February 28 – Application due date  
April/May – Committee meets to choose winner  
July – Notification letters sent to applicants  
July/August - Disbursement of grant check



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## The Healthy Start for Texas Teeth Community Service Grant Application Selection Criteria and Information

### Selection Criteria

The ADHA Institute of Oral Health Research Grant Review Committee will use the following unweighted selection criteria to evaluate applications:

1. **Significance.** *The proposed project will be reviewed for its significance by determining the extent to which the project –*
  - a. Clearly describes and documents the need for the proposed project.
  - b. Identifies specific needs in the current delivery of community services and addresses how the proposed project will fill the identified needs.
  - c. Offers a creative approach to increasing the public's oral and general health.
  
2. **Outcome Measures.** *The proposed project will be reviewed by evaluating the extent to which the project –*
  - a. Identifies appropriate outcome measures that will provide a means for evaluating how the project is meeting its stated objectives.
  - b. Has an ongoing evaluation system that can provide quantitative or qualitative evidence to all parties of interest, the benefits obtained by participants as a result of participating in the project.
  - c. Demonstrates sustainability once the grant has come to an end.
  
3. **Feasibility.** *The proposed project will be reviewed in terms of feasibility to the extent which the project –*
  - a. Exhibits a logical and sound planning process as a means toward implementing the project.
  - b. Follows a timeline appropriate to the goals and outcomes to be achieved.
  - c. Involves key personnel (i.e., community dental hygienists, faculty, and researchers) who are qualified to undertake project activities.
  - d. The requested budget adequately supports the proposed activities.
  - e. Protocol is consistent with state and federal laws regulating research with human subjects and infection control procedures.

### Selection Procedures

The ADHA Institute of Oral Health Research Grant Review Committee will evaluate applications using unweighted criteria. The Institute Board believes that the use of unweighted criteria is most appropriate, because it will allow the reviewers maximum flexibility to apply their professional judgement in determining the strengths and weaknesses of individual applications.



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### Specific Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be an active member.
- Dental hygiene faculty members are not eligible for this grant program. Although these individuals can oversee the program and submit the application, the project must be completed by individual members.

All materials sent to the Texas DHA Foundation/ADHA Institute Community Service Grant competition must be typed in either Arial or Times New Roman font at 10 or 12 point size.

Only the material required will be allowed. Additional items such as video cassette tapes, brochures, and photographs will be discarded and not returned.

Each project may be submitted only once during the course of the year, and if not funded, may not be resubmitted until the following grant competition. More than one entry from an applicant will be allowed, but only if each application shows merit, and if they are not deemed duplicates.

For each grant cycle, projects that are allowable will be those either continuing in the year previous to the date in which the award is given (e.g., a project which began in 2013, but which is continuing through the year 2014 would be eligible for the 2014 - 2015 grant cycle) or one which begins in the year before the date in which the award is given (e.g., a project which began in 2013).

The decision of the Research Grant Review Committee will be final, and is not something which may be appealed by an applicant.

The ADHA Institute for Oral Health reserves the right to not distribute grant monies if qualified applicants cannot be found, or if funding is not available.