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## **Delta Dental Foundation commits \$100,000 COVID-19 emergency assistance fund for North Carolina**

**Raleigh, North Carolina-** In this time of change and uncertainty, safety-net dental clinics are being asked to do more than ever before.

The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF), an affiliate of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina, recognizes that and announced on Tuesday the creation of a \$100,000 COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund to support clinics in North Carolina.

The fund will help address needs faced by safety-net dental clinics in North Carolina, which work with vulnerable populations and provide emergency dental services.

“There is an unprecedented level of need in our nonprofit community,” said Curt Ladig, CEO of DDNC. “We are aware that our oral health care providers are facing critical needs and are struggling right now. This fund is designed to help meet the greatest needs of our communities as we work together during this uncertain time.”

Safety-net dental clinics play a critical role in treating the underserved, uninsured and the Medicaid population, typically the demographic most likely to use the hospital emergency room if they have a dental emergency. However, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that hospital emergency rooms not be overwhelmed with patients who could be treated elsewhere, which is why the DDF’s COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund is being established to help alleviate this burden.

Grant recipients across the state will be announced in the coming days. For more information on the Delta Dental Foundation, visit: [nc.deltadental.com/ddf](https://nc.deltadental.com/ddf).

### **About the Delta Dental Foundation**

The Delta Dental Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization established in 1980, which serves as the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. The foundation’s goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science, and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs. For more information, visit [nc.deltadental.com/ddf](https://nc.deltadental.com/ddf).

### **About Delta Dental of North Carolina**

Delta Dental of North Carolina is a not-for-profit dental service corporation created in 1970 to provide dental benefits throughout the state. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. It does so by providing affordable access to oral health care with the largest network of providers, including two out of every three dentists, in North Carolina. For more information, visit [nc.deltadental.com](https://nc.deltadental.com).