

Delta Dental Community Care Foundation

2021 Montana Giving

In 2021, the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation granted \$120,000 within the state of Montana.

The Foundation partnered with local community organizations to increase access to care, support dental education, fund research that advances the oral health field and respond to disasters or other community needs as they arose.

Montana Partner Spotlight

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way Americans look at health care and public health. Organizations such as Smiles Across Montana (SAM), based in Bozeman, are leading the way in increasing access to care among our most vulnerable populations. Only 40% of Americans see a dentist on a regular basis and there is a radical need for change. SAM is working to transform access to care in Montana by serving indigenous people, seniors in collective and remote locations to provide access to all Montanans through mobile and tele-dentistry programs. Support from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation has been elemental in helping decrease disparities in oral health among Montana's most vulnerable populations.



Since 2011, the Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of California, has awarded more than \$80 million across 15 states and the District of Columbia in the form of:

Access to care grants are awarded to organizations working to increase access to quality dental care for underserved children, seniors and adults.

Education and research grants provide funding for oral health research and scholarships for students pursuing the dental profession.

Community Giving grants support local nonprofits, including organizations promoting social justice, chronic disease and disaster relief.

Montana organizations the Foundation supported in 2021:

Bullhook Community Health Center Inc.

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Glacier Community Health Center Inc.

Cut Bank

Smiles Across Montana LLC

Bozeman