

## **ISDS Foundation Offers \$25K in Grants**

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The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2010 round of community grants. This year, the ISDSF will award \$25,000 in grants to causes that promote and encourage improved oral health in Illinois. All applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Proposals will be evaluated based on audience/community impact, feasibility of the project's success, potential for continuing after the ISDS Foundation grant monies have been expended, and project potential to achieve the goals and mission of the ISDS Foundation.

The grant project, which began in 2006, attracts the interest of many organizations that are actively working to expand access to oral health care services to needy individuals around the state.

Applications are scored according to the following guidelines:

- Originality, creativity, and innovation.
- Potential for, or history of, continuous program operations.
- Community involvement including volunteer support.
- Potential impact on a target community or audience.
- Potential enhanced efficiency by which oral health services are delivered.

All applicants must be endorsed by an ISDS component dental society. The applicant must reside in Illinois and the project must be designed to benefit Illinois residents. For further information and to obtain a grant application, visit [www.isds.org/isdsfoundation](http://www.isds.org/isdsfoundation) and click on Helping Communities, or contact Tess Fyalka, ISDS Foundation Program Director, at 800-475-4737. Grant awards will be announced in September.

The ISDS Foundation Community Grants initiative is made possible because of the generous support of ISDS Foundation donors. The ISDS Foundation is a philanthropic and charitable organization that enhances health by securing contributions and providing grants for sustainable programs in dental education, access to care for needy persons, and assistance for dentists and their families in need.