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Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly   **SENATE BILL NO. 2356**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

 Senator Dever

 Representative Nathe

1   A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-38 of the North Dakota

2   Century Code, relating to a community dental health grant program for dental clinics; to provide

3   an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

4   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5   **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is

6   created and enacted as follows:

7   **Community dental health grant program.** The state health officer shall administer a

8   community dental health grant program for the distribution of dental health grant funds. The

9   state health officer or the state health officer's designee shall serve as chairman of a committee

10   charged with reviewing applications and awarding grants under this section. The state health

11   officer shall appoint the department's oral health program director and one member from the

12   dental community to serve on the committee. The committee shall evaluate applications for

13   grant funds from nonprofit dental clinics that are exempt from federal taxation under section

14   501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)]. The committee may award a

15   grant to an eligible applicant to purchase equipment required to operate the applicant's dental

16   clinic if the committee determines the applicant has demonstrated needs in the applicant's

17   application. A grant may not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

18   **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the

19   general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $450,000, or so much

20   of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of funding

21   grants awarded under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending

22   June 30, 2011.

23   **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2011, and

24   after that date is ineffective.