

# PROPOSAL FOR ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

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Healthy & Safe Communities Committee

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## Background:

Opportunity for grant dollars

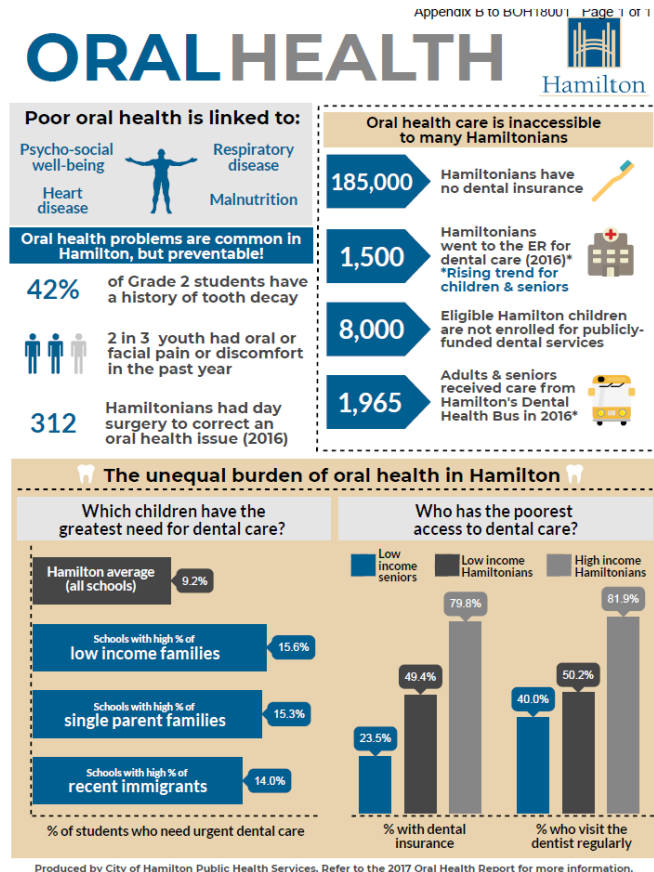
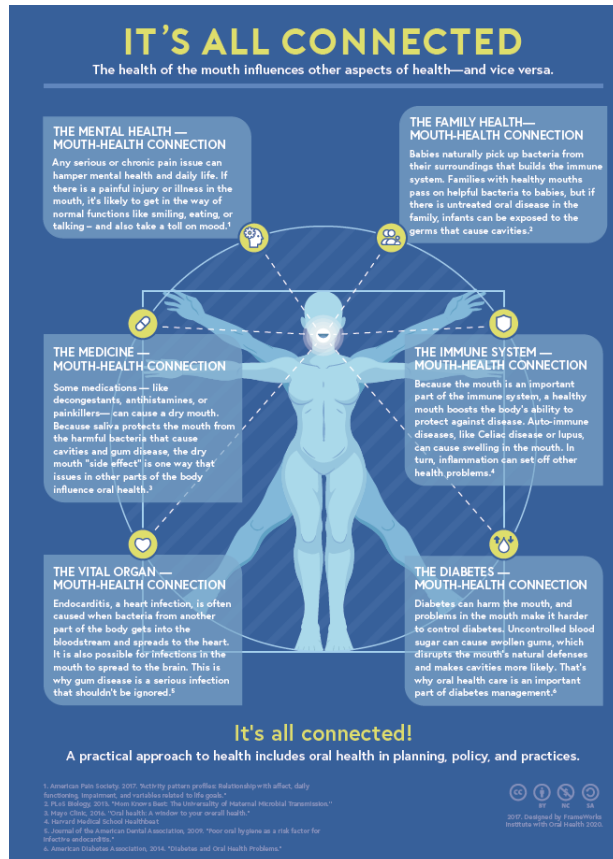
Funder interest in investing to improve oral health and mental health

Priority enhancements determined with community foundation and based on local data, needs and impact



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## Local Context and Evidence:



## Local Context

### Current Services:

- Emergency dental and denture treatment through Ontario Works
- Partial denture coverage for low-income residents
- Limited capacity on Healthy Families Dental Health Bus
- Limited pro bono work

### Current Opportunities:

- Expanded dental and denture treatment for Ontario Works' clients, including access to preventative oral health care
- Enhanced denture coverage for low-income seniors
- Increased capacity on the Dental Health Bus
- Increased collaboration with community partners

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### The proposed enhancements include:

- Increase access to dental services on the Dental Health Bus (350 clients/year)
- Initiate a “Smile with Confidence” pilot program with Ontario Works clients (100 clients/year)
- Enhance supplemental denture coverage for eligible low-income seniors (100 clients/year)
- Increase access to grant dollars for community partners and grassroots programs
- Endowment with the Hamilton Community Foundation for future investment
- Evaluate of impact of enhancements

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## Recommendations:

- a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or his designate, be authorized to accept the Proposal for Oral Health Program Enhancements, with funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the period 2018 – 2021 from Hamilton Community Foundation;
- b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or his designate, be authorized execute the Investment Plan Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Community Foundation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the Public Health Services - Healthy Families Division Dental Bus program complement be increased by a 0.2 full-time equivalent Dentist and 0.2 full-time equivalent Dental Assistant during the length of the investment (2018-2021). This agreement would include the reporting requirements for the funds.



# QUESTIONS?