

1 DATE: April 28, 2026

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3 SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Monique R. Belin, Delegate

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5 **GRASSROOTS ENRICHMENT GRANTS**

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7 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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9 2025H-026 [Procedure] **RESOLVED**, that the Florida Dental Association (FDA)  
10 establish a grant fund to assist local grassroots organization/affiliate  
11 initiatives, support membership recruitment events, support community  
12 service efforts, and offset meeting expenses.

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15 **BACKGROUND:** To this day, our local grassroots affiliates/organizations are still working  
16 hard to regain financial stability from the impacts of COVID on membership and increased  
17 meeting costs due to an increasingly expensive economy. Components such as the Central  
18 Florida District already provide similar funds to their affiliates, which has proven to serve as  
19 useful and beneficial to those who received and utilized these funds. The grassroots local  
20 meetings are often the first and sometimes only experience members have with the FDA.  
21 Through this financial assistance our grassroots level associations can host more impactful  
22 membership recruitment events and keep local dues low.

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24 **STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:** This resolution aligns with FDA strategic priorities related to  
25 increasing member participation, strengthening the value of membership, and strengthening  
26 financial stability. (Objectives 1.1 and 2.2)

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28 **UNBUDGETED IMPACT:** \$10,000  
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