

Press Release: \$5000 Grant to McLean County Dental Society

The John M. Scott Health Care Commission has awarded a \$5000 grant to the McLean County Dental Society in honor and memory of local oral surgeon, Dr. Stephen N. Doran. Dr. Doran died while on a mission trip to Haiti in late 2018. The Bloomington City Council, as trustee of the Scott Trust, approved the award.

Dr. Doran served on the Scott Commission for several years and was a strong advocate for oral health care for vulnerable populations in our community. His dedication and commitment to improving the oral health of persons in McLean County is the reason for honoring him.

Grants funds are to be used for the provision of emergency dental care for those unable to pay for services and for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for dental practices during this pandemic time.

The Oral Surgery practice that Dr. Doran founded holds a twice-a-year extraction clinic; funds may also be used for the provision of supplies for these clinics.

Judge John M. Scott was a contemporary of Abraham Lincoln; he left a generous gift to help with health care needs of the citizens of McLean County. The annual interest from the nearly \$13 million trust fund is used to determine the annual budget. An all-grants format was implemented in 2018; grants are provided to local non-profit agencies who provide health related services to residents of McLean County. The Commission is made up of medical providers and persons with financial and grant expertise; all have an interest in assuring Judge Scott's legacy provides assistance to those Judge Scott intended to serve.