

Minnesota Department of Human Services Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division Request for Proposals for a Qualified Grantee to utilize a collective impact model to implement comprehensive, integrated, evidence-based prevention programs & strategies in local communities to reduce youth alcohol use through community-based Planning & Implementation (P&I) grants.

Purpose: The Minnesota Department of Human Services, through its Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, is seeking proposals from qualified responders to utilize a collective impact model (multiple agencies and sectors of a community working together toward a common goal) to implement Community-Level Interventions (comprehensive, integrated, evidence-based prevention programs and strategies in local communities) to reduce youth alcohol use through community-based Planning and Implementation (P&I) grants. Funded communities will be required to focus on youth alcohol use/abuse as the primary drug of focus. Communities may be allowed to focus on a secondary drug of abuse with justification as determined by community-level data provided by the applicant and approved by ADAD.

Overview: The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division requests proposals to implement comprehensive, integrated, and evidence-based prevention programs and strategies in local communities (community-level interventions) to reduce youth alcohol use as the primary goal.

In order to accomplish this work, the State intends to contract with approximately eight (8) entities to carry out this work within specific communities.

A total of **\$1,555,905** per year from the State's Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant will be awarded for these grants. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and local units of government. These grants require extensive cooperation between ADAD and funded communities.

Task Deliverables: A primary focus of these grants is to strengthen collaboration among community entities to reduce substance use among youth, therefore each responder is expected to strengthen and expand an existing or newly formed Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) prevention community coalition through added membership, a clear vision and mission statement that includes the reduction of youth alcohol and other drug use, bylaws, and by the end of year one a strategic plan with clear goals which can be substantiated with data readily understood by the community. A coalition is defined as a formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug free community. The coalition must meet at least monthly throughout the duration of the grant. .

Specifics (full application emailed to group):

- Woodland Hills/Cambria Hills financed the writing of the grant and will be the fiscal agent if awarded. (cost-neutral to the district save for time spent by staff coordinating and providing information)
- Grant includes money for a Full-time Coordinator and Media Specialist (all costs to fiscal agent).
- District staff provided information and permission to collect data needed for the grant and had direct involvement in application process and coordination.
- (.1) FTE has been budgeted for a district employee to provide direct supervision of Coordinator position.
- Money for a Duluth Public Schools staff to serve as a Youth Group Coordinator or Club Leader
- Letters of support from: Duluth PD, ISD 709, student representatives, and several community org.