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Council Seeks Proposals for Alcohol and Drug Prevention Projects Targeting Minors

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor’s Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol, through the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, is accepting proposals for grant funding to be used for innovative school or community-based projects that discourage alcohol and drug abuse among North Dakota youth. The proposal deadline is December 6, 2011, at 4 p.m. central time.

Written proposals should focus on community support efforts to help fight underage risky behaviors including substance use by children, adolescents, and young adults. The target audience for the prevention projects is youth ages six to 20 years of age, and proposals must include a parental component. Information about the grant funding is online at <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/csd/spo/services/bidder/listCurrentSolicitations.htm>. See solicitation number 325-11-09-089.

“It is a shared responsibility among parents, schools, and communities to foster strategies that will reduce, postpone, or eliminate problems associated with destructive decisions,” said JoAnne Hoesel, the council’s chairperson. “These grant funds will go to North Dakota communities to help make a difference in the lives of their youth.”

Eligible North Dakota organizations are encouraged to apply. They include schools and school districts, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, community, county, regional, multi-county, or statewide organizations, non-tribal and tribal government entities, and faith-based organizations.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. A grant review committee will evaluate qualifying proposals and award a total of \$100,000 to organizations who meet the established criteria set by the council. The funding will be available from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The Governor’s Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol leads a multi-system prevention effort that draws upon resources and talents at the community, state, and federal levels. The council has launched the campaign of “Not Our Kids,” which supports efforts to prevent substance abuse.

For more information on the grant application process, contact JoAnne Hoesel of the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division at 701-328-8920, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or jhoesel@nd.gov.

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