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**N.D. Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Seeks Proposals for Recovery Mini-Grants**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division is requesting applications from eligible organizations for the Recovery Mini-Grant Program, which funds projects that promote recovery for adults with substance abuse addiction disorders. The proposal deadline is Feb. 16, 2012, at 4 p.m. central time.

The department is interested in increasing options to improve community support for recovery from substance use disorders. This mini-grant program is part of a larger statewide effort to develop a recovery-oriented system of care, which is individualized and builds on the strengths and resiliencies of individuals, families, and communities. The goals are to achieve abstinence and improve health, wellness, and quality of life for those with alcohol and other drug addictions.

Written applications must focus on ways to build upon the strengths of persons in recovery, to increase opportunities to contribute to the recovery community, or find innovative ways to support persons in recovery. This grant program strives to increase non-traditional recovery support services in North Dakota, including employment assistance, child care, care management, educational sessions, community recovery events, support groups, mentoring, and housing support. Innovative and creative approaches to support recovery are highly encouraged in the written application.

Projects should focus on adults with substance use disorders. Information about the grant funding is online at <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/csd/spo/services/bidder/listCurrentSolicitations.htm>. See solicitation number 325-12-09-002.

“A person’s recovery from substance use disorders is strengthened by relationships and environments that provide hope, empowerment, choices, and opportunities,” said JoAnne Hoesel, director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division. “These grant funds will be used in North Dakota communities to provide opportunities that promote people reaching their full potential as individuals and community members, regardless of the difficulties they have faced in their past.”

Eligible North Dakota organizations are encouraged to apply. They include non-profit organizations, community, county, regional, multi-county, or statewide organizations, non-tribal and tribal government entities, and faith-based organizations.

A review committee will evaluate qualifying proposals and award a total of \$100,000 to organizations who meet the criteria set by the division. The funding will be available from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

For more information on the grant application process, contact Dawn Pearson of the N.D. Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division at 701-328-8750, toll free 1-800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or [dpearson@nd.gov](mailto:dpearson@nd.gov).

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