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Local Funding Awarded to Combat Underage Drinking and Adult Binge Drinking

Bismarck, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has awarded funding to 22 local public health units across the state to support local substance abuse prevention efforts targeting underage drinking and adult binge drinking. Although rates have been decreasing, North Dakota still ranks second in the nation for past month binge alcohol use according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2010-2011; ages 12 and older).

Awards range from \$129,834 to \$605,894 per public health unit. Funding will allow each participating public health unit or tribe, in collaboration with their community partners, to assess their community, develop a plan, and implement evidence-based strategies tackling underage drinking and adult binge drinking.

"I think it is an incredible opportunity for our community," said Robyn Litke Sell of Fargo-Cass Public Health. "The focus areas that have been selected are very appropriate, and I'm very excited to work with community partners to address underage drinking and adult binge drinking."

Funding is provided through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), an infrastructure grant program of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This grant supports states, communities, and Tribes in building solid foundations for delivering and sustaining effective substance abuse prevention.

Grantees include:

- Cavalier County Health District
- Central Valley Health District
- City-County Health District
- Custer Health Collaborative (including Emmons, Kidder, and rural Burleigh counties)
- Dickey County Health District
- Fargo Cass Public Health
- First District Health Unit
- Foster County Public Health

- Grand Forks Public Health Department
- Lake Region District Health Unit
- LaMoure County Health Department
- Nelson-Griggs District Health Unit
- Ransom County Public Health
- Richland County Health Department
- Rolette County Public Health District
- Sargent County District Health Unit
- Southwestern District Health Unit
- Towner County Public Health District
- Traill District Health Unit/Steele County Public Health Department
- Upper Missouri Health District
- Walsh County Health District
- Wells County District Health Unit

For more information on grantees visit: www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention.