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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 grant funding to the four Tribal Nations in the state to support local substance abuse prevention efforts targeting underage drinking and adult binge drinking. Although underage drinking and adult binge drinking 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 \$259,669 per Tribe and will allow each Tribe to assess their community, develop a plan, and implement evidence-based strategies tackling underage drinking and adult binge drinking.

"We are excited to hear that the Tribes in North Dakota all have grants that will help develop infrastructure for effective and sustainable substance abuse prevention," said Scott Davis, Executive Director of the N.D. Indian Affairs Commission.

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 Tribes, states, and communities in building solid foundations for delivering and sustaining effective substance abuse prevention.

Grantees include:

- The Boys and Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes
- Spirit Lake Tribe
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Community College/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

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

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