

Youth Alcohol, Marijuana, and Stimulant Substance Use Prevention Mini-Grants Subgrant Solicitation

Overview & Purpose

Southwest District Health, funded through the SPF-PFS Partnerships for Success Grant awarded October 1, 2023 – September 31, 2028 through the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is accepting applications from schools, school districts, behavioral health care providers, non-profit community organizations, faith-based organizations, and youth-serving professionals serving Health District 3 to support, implement and/or expand community-led strategies to build community connection through supporting the development of resilient youth, families, and communities, and to prevent youth use of alcohol, marijuana, and stimulants among young people in Southwest Idaho. By supporting projects focused on positive youth development, community connection, education, and resilience, these funds will support positive youth experiences and wellbeing, and the prevention of youth substance use.

The purpose of the Youth Alcohol, Marijuana, and Stimulant Substance Use Prevention Mini Grant is to support local communities in their efforts to reduce youth substance use. Eligible opportunities for funding must be community-led initiatives to implement evidence-informed substance use prevention programs, and to implement environmental and/or policy changes that address community specific needs. These projects must directly address alcohol, marijuana, and/or stimulant use amongst youth aged 10-19. The goal of this funding opportunity is to: Increase district wide community capacity to prevent youth substance use by providing trainings, evidence-informed prevention curricula and projects, and youth, parent, and community education.

Funded projects will be selected based on the number of applications received, funding availability, and program priorities.

Background

This funding aims to reduce youth substance use (alcohol, marijuana, and stimulants) in Health District 3 (Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties) and prevent or delay first use.

Key strategies include:

1. Increasing awareness of substance use risks among youth, parents, and communities.
2. Correcting misperceptions about peer substance use and strengthening prevention messaging.

3. Raising the perceived risk of substance use among both youth and adults.
4. Reducing youth access to substances.

The initiative also focuses on building protective factors by:

5. Supporting youth resiliency and positive development.
6. Expanding access to evidence-based prevention education for youth and parents.
7. Increasing the number of trained facilitators and prevention professionals.
8. Providing training for educators, coaches, and youth-serving staff.

Additional priorities include:

9. Expanding diversion programs offering prevention education as an alternative to suspension.
10. Increasing participation in prevention curricula.
11. Enhancing community environments (e.g., signage, lighting in high-risk areas).
12. Strengthening regional prevention capacity across youth-serving systems.

Subgrant Activities

Allowable activities for this Subgrant are described below, applicants can submit proposals for one or all these initiatives, anticipated funding amounts will range between \$1,000 – \$10,000 per organization based on budget proposed by applicant and activities selected. Limited funding exceptions to exceed \$10,000 may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of SWDH. **If funded, recipients will enter into a formal agreement with SWDH. Recipients must adhere to the agreement as written and cannot begin any reimbursable activities prior to an agreement being finalized.**

All subgrantees will be required to:

- Submit quarterly reports pertaining to their program/activity
- Have all program staff participate in a prevention training (examples include webinars, self-paced learning modules, or in-person prevention training) as designated by SWDH. All requests will be reasonable and developed in partnership with the subrecipient.
- Submit monthly invoices. SWDH will provide invoice and invoice detail templates.
- Participate in an onboarding and mid-implementation call, and maintain regular communication with SWDH agreement monitor, in phone calls or emails.
- Submit a project summary upon completion of their activities. All reporting documentation will be provided to the subgrantee by SWDH.
- Have youth participants in program complete the SWDH PFS retrospective survey upon program completion.

Eligible Categories & Activities

Category: Evidence-Informed Parent, Family, or Youth Programs:

Evidence-informed primary prevention programs for parents, family, or youth. These programs are focused on positive youth and family development, which support youth and families in building skills that support healthy choices and relationships.

Evidence Informed Parenting Programs

- [Positive Action](#)
- [Botvin Lifeskills](#)
- [Strengthening Families](#)
- [Active Parenting of Teens](#)
- [Creating Lasting Family Connections Program](#)

Evidence Informed Youth Programs

- [Positive Action](#)
- [Botvin Lifeskills](#)
- [Guiding Good Choices](#)
- [Too Good for Drugs](#)
- **If the above activities are selected, in addition to applying the awardee is expected to:**
 - Plan for, staff, and recruit participants for the program.
 - Utilize award funds to purchase the required materials for the program (cost varies by program).
 - Become trained curriculum facilitators (if required and not already trained).
 - Deliver and implement the program with fidelity as written by the program creator.

Category: Environmental & Policy Projects:

Includes projects related to decreasing the number of available places for consumption or use of substances by increasing signage, lighting, and information regarding legal consequences in areas of identified underage substance use. Environmental projects must be accompanied by an evidence-informed policy modification approved by SWDH. Modifications must be an official update to a rule, law, or formal procedure. This may include a community or county ordinance, school policy, law enforcement procedure or practice, etc.

If this activity is selected, the following key activities are expected:

- A high-risk area within the community will be identified and evidence (qualitative and/or quantitative) will be provided to substantiate need.
- A proposal for a specific environmental intervention (adding signage, lighting, and information regarding legal consequences) in an area or areas of identified underage substance use will be submitted to SWDH (if not fully submitted in application).
- The recipient will provide a quote for the project. If the project is contracted with a third party, the contact information and a direct quote from the partner organization who will

- complete the project will be submitted to SWDH prior to finalizing a contract (a budget will need to be submitted with the original application).
- Financial costs associated with the project that exceed the awarded funds will be paid for by the recipient of the subgrant.
- Submit four six-month reports on the project (SWDH will provide a template). The reports will be submitted over two years.
- Maintain regular communication with the agreement monitor, in the form of phone calls or emails.
- Funding can include:
 - Materials (lights, signage, etc.) and labor personnel costs.
 - Project coordinator preparation and reporting time *, OR, to support youth engagement and involvement with environmental project activities. *Only applicable to contracted personnel.
- Evidence informed policy change examples:
 - School policy to require evidence-based screening tools to be used
 - Local provider/hospital implements new screening tool
 - Ordinance requiring Alcohol Server Training
 - Ordinance requiring alcohol-free community events
 - Ordinance lowering Blood Alcohol Content limit
 - “Law enforcement implements new procedures for conducting bar-walkthroughs looking for over-intoxication or fake IDs.”
 - New requirements for obtaining a liquor license (roped off areas, security, drink sizes, family sections, alcohol-free, etc.)
 - “New restrictions/notifications for DUIs”
 - “Court requires community service or participation in an evidence-based class”

Category: Other Evidence-Informed activities or Alternative Prevention Programs:

- **Other Evidence-Informed activities:*** Activity or curriculum must be associated with or accompany an evidence-based activity and directly address one of the following priority areas: alcohol, marijuana, and/or stimulant use prevention. Examples of “other” activities that are eligible for support include extracurricular activities (that integrate substance use education), Town Halls, Youth Community Projects, Lunch-and-Learns, Sticker Shock campaigns, mentoring, etc.
 - **Funding can include support for:**
 - Instructor or volunteer training (must be approved by SWDH).
 - Personnel costs associated with training, program implementation, and reporting.
 - Materials for curriculum (Evidence-based program examples: Positive Action for Parents or Youth, Botvin Lifeskills for Parents or Youth)
 - Resources for activities/activity support.

- If this activity is selected, the following key activities are expected:
 - Plan for, staff, and recruit participants for the program.
 - Utilize award funds to purchase the required materials for the program (cost varies by program).
 - Become trained curriculum facilitators (if required and not already trained).
 - Deliver and implement the program with fidelity as written by the program creator.
 - Have program participants complete a post-program retrospective survey developed by SWDH (when applicable).

Alternative Prevention Programs: Includes programs that are alternatives to suspension, including programs that can be used as requirements for participation in sports or other extracurricular activities, and/or part of a prevention focused substance use and health education program. Programs include evidence-informed programs like the [3rd Millennium Prevention & Intervention Program](#) and [Prevention Plus Wellness \(PPW\) Programs](#).

- **3rd Millennium Prevention & Intervention Program and Policy:** Evidence-based prevention and intervention educational program offered online. This program can be used as a prevention curriculum in the classroom, or as an alternative to suspension or detention. Courses are appropriate for middle school – college-aged students, as well as parents and educators. <https://web.3rdmil.com/>.
- **If this activity is selected, the following is expected:**
 - Recipient will receive an academic year (2026-2027) of unlimited access to 3rd Millennium prevention and intervention courses, OR a predetermined number of referral-only intervention courses.
 - Recipient will develop and implement school-wide policy changes to reflect options for alternatives to suspension.
- Have program participants complete a post-program retrospective survey developed by SWDH (when applicable).
 - Funding can include:
 - Unlimited prevention & intervention courses (\$3,000 is the cost for one school) OR referral only intervention courses (up to \$75 for each individual referral – subgrant amount dependent on estimate of per year referral). Please use previous year's suspension referral as basis for funding request if requesting referral only.
 - Resource or personnel costs for outside of standard school hours supplemental programs or activities outside of standard school hours.
 - *If a school district applies for a HS and would like to add a MS – an additional \$1,000 in funds may be requested for an unlimited MS subscription.

- **Prevention Plus Wellness (PPW) Programs:** For example, the **SPORT PPW** program for youth, an evidence-informed “single session substance use prevention program designed to increase health-enhancing behaviors including physical activity, sports participation, healthy eating, getting adequate sleep, and practicing stress control”. This program can be implemented in any setting including school, community, health care, sports, recreation, juvenile justice, home, and others.
 - Receive a one-year subscription to the program (cost varies by program).
 - Plan for, staff, and recruit participants for the program.
 - Utilize award funds to purchase the required materials for the program (cost varies by program).
 - Become trained curriculum facilitators (if required and not already trained).
 - Deliver and implement the program with fidelity as written by the program creator.

Consult the additional resources prior to proposing an “other” activity.

- [Prevention Tools: What works, what doesn't](#)
- [– Evidence-based practices selection and planning workbook](#)
- [Substance Use Prevention Resources for Youth and College Students](#)
- [Substance Use Prevention, Youth.gov](#)
- [Idaho evidence-based programs and practices](#)
- [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#)
- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#)
- [Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center \(SAMHSA\)](#)

Category: Prevention Professional Development:

Youth-serving and prevention professionals are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend trainings or conferences. By participating in trainings, the participant will be better prepared to positively support the youth they work with and prevent youth substance use. Youth are also eligible to apply for prevention training and development opportunities. Prevention professional development opportunities are eligible for a maximum of 2 training opportunities, and \$5,000 in funding (total) each year.

If this activity is selected, the following key activities are expected:

- Utilize training to acquire prevention skills and better serve young people in region 3.
- Participant will attend the full training from start to finish. If the participant does not attend (and does not provide 72-hour advance notice), the participant will not be reimbursed for the fees associated with attending.
- Participate in a debrief activity or survey with the PFS coordinator.
- Participate in a 6-month post-event survey.
- Funding can include:
 - Idaho Prevention Conference
 - Other prevention focused conferences (subject to review and approval)

Funding Availability

Maximum funding per organization will be based on activities selected for the 2026-2027 year. The maximum amount of funding available is \$10,000 per organization per year. Limited exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of SWDH. Funding amount will be determined based on application score, and multiple additional factors assessed after applications have been received.

Funding amount may be negotiated between Southwest District Health and the grantee organization.

Eligible Applicants

Funds for this opportunity are available to schools and organizations serving residents of Idaho's Health District 3 region: Adams County, Canyon County, Gem County, Owyhee County, Payette County, and Washington County. Funds awarded may be used to support other projects funded by local, state, or federal sources. Priority may be given to applicants who have not previously been funded by SWDH's PFS grant and/or to applicants who are serving rural populations

Funding Restrictions

- Recipients may not use funds to host one-time events unless the event is a component of a larger prevention project. Details need to be provided in the grant application to be considered.
- Recipients may not use funds to purchase environmental detection sensors unless a comprehensive response, policy, and prevention education plan is included in the application.
- Recipients may not use funds for food or beverage purchases.
- Recipients may not use funds for sporting events, promotional swag items (e.g., t-shirts, keychains, items to give to students/public, etc.), or other forms of entertainment.
- Recipients may not use funds for detox, treatment, or recovery services.
- Recipients may not use funds for leasing beyond the project period.
- Recipients may not use funds for equipment purchases over \$5,000.
- Recipients may not use funds for the purchase or construction of any building or structure.
- Recipients may not use funds for housing or other residential mental health and/or substance use treatment.
- Recipients may not use funds for direct payments to individuals to induce them to enter services or encourage attendance and/or attainment of prevention goals.
- Recipients may not use funds for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sterile needles, syringes, or pharmaceuticals.
- Funds may not be used to supplant expenditures from other Federal, State, or local sources.
- Funds may not be commingled.
- Funding may not be used for lobbying activities. Unallowable activities include: Spending federal funds to influence an officer or employee of any agency or Congressional member/staff regarding federal awards; Using grant funds provided to non-profit organizations or institutions of higher education to influence an election, contribute to a partisan organization, or influence enactment or modification of any pending federal or state legislation; or Expending federal funds to influence federal, state, or local officials or legislation.

Partnerships for Success funds are governed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Health and Human Services (HHS) Awards, 45 CFR Part 75. Full guidelines can be found at the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations](#). Sub-recipients are responsible to follow all funding requirements of 45 CFR Part 75. If you have questions about whether costs are allowable, please contact the subgrant monitor.

Subgrantees spending \$750,000.00 or more in federal funds during the Subgrantee’s fiscal year shall have a Single Audit performed according to 2 CFR 200.500-521 (previously OMB A-133) and shall provide proof of spending. Entity shall comply with subaward, and executive compensation reporting requirements as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Applicant acknowledges the Single Audit requirements according to 2 CFR 200.500-521 (previously OMB A-133), FFATA, and any specific grant requirements.

Expected Funding and Subgrant Award Timeline

Activities funded by this process are anticipated to commence in October 2026, and no later than April 30, 2027, and be completed by September 10, 2027. All projects are based upon Southwest District Health funding availability.

<i>Friday, July 10, 2026</i>	<i>Subgrant Solicitation announced</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 3:30 to 4:30 pm (MT)</i>	<i>Conference call for Q & A Email tara.woodward@swdh.id.gov for conference call information by 3 pm on Tuesday, July 21.</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 19, 2026 5:00 pm (MT)</i>	<i>Priority application deadline. Any applications received after this date will be considered based on funding availability. The application will be closed after all available funding has been awarded.</i>
<i>Monday, September 21, 2026</i>	<i>Priority deadline applicants will receive an update on their application by Monday, September 21, 2026.</i>
<i>October 2026 – April 2027</i>	<i>Activities are anticipated to commence no earlier than October 1, 2026 and no later than April 30, 2027.</i>
<i>Friday, September 10, 2027</i>	<i>Funds must be spent, and activities must be completed</i>
<i>Friday, September 17, 2027</i>	<i>Final reports and invoices must be received</i>

Application & Scoring

All applications must be submitted online via the application link:
https://swdhidaho.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_aqTEzcWEDZpcOmW

A PDF copy of the application is available for preview with this solicitation or upon request by emailing Tara Woodward, the Southwest District Health Partnerships for Success Coordinator at tara.woodward@swdh.id.gov.

Priority applications are due by 5:00 pm (MT) on Wednesday, August 19. Each section of the application has an assigned point value for scoring.

Evidence-Informed Parent, Family, or Youth Program, Environmental & Policy Projects, Other Evidence-Informed Alternative Prevention Program

Application Section	Points Possible
<i>Need</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Reach of proposed intervention</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Implementation/Community resources available</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Potential barriers and/or challenges</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Internal capacity</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Engagement and promotion</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Sustainability of proposed intervention</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Evaluation Plan</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Priority counties (rural or frontier designation)</i>	<i>10 extra points</i>
<i>Not previously funded</i>	<i>15 extra points</i>
<i>Letter of Support</i>	<i>Not scored</i>
Total Points	125 (150 with extra points)

Prevention Professional Development

Application Section	Points Possible
<i>Role & Need</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Training Need</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Priority counties (rural or frontier designation)</i>	<i>10 extra points</i>
<i>Not previously funded</i>	<i>15 extra points</i>
Total Points	30 (55 with extra points)

The entity will be required to provide their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and must affirm their understanding that no entity, as defined at 2 CFR Part 25, Subpart C, may receive award of a subgrant unless the entity has provided its UEI number.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of at least three people. Applications will be scored based on compliance with the application guidelines and capacity of the organization to achieve the funding goals. Funding determinations will be made after all funding requests are received and reviewed after the August 19, 5 PM deadline.

Conference Call for Q & A

There will be a virtual conference call on Wednesday July 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm (MT) for all interested applicants to ask questions related to this subgrant solicitation. To participate in the call, please email Tara Woodward at tara.woodward@swdh.id.gov by Tuesday, July 21, 2026 by 3:00 pm (MT).

Notification of Subgrant Funding

All applicants who have applied by the priority deadline (August 19, 2026) will be notified by email by September 21, 2026.