

**NH Department of Education  
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Federal Grant Program  
Title IV of P.L. 107-110  
Redistribution of 2007 Funds**

## **SDFS Competitive Grant**

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING DUE  
May 23, 2008**

**Project Duration  
Upon Approval through September 30, 2008**

<b>THE FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED AND DISBURSED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2008</b>
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Safe and Drug-Free School (SDFS) funds may be used for research based programs and activities proven to be effective in preventing or reducing risk factors contributing to adolescent drug use and violence prevention. The Safe and Drug-Free Schools State Grant Program provides federal assistance to schools for programs that

- prevent violence in and around schools;
- prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs;
- involve parents and communities; and
- are coordinated with related Federal, State, and local activities.

The State Grant Program supports Goal 4 of the “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, to ensure that *“all students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning”*”.

Activities supported by Safe and Drug-Free Schools must meet standards for effective and promising prevention programs as established by the U.S. Department of Education Principles of Effectiveness enacted in July 1998 and revised under NCLB in 2001. Principles of effectiveness include:

- Use of data to identify and prioritize needs
- Establishment of goals and specific measurable action steps to attain them
- Implementation of programs based on scientifically based research
- Use of data on risk and protective factors in program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Consultation with parents in application development and program implementation

The redistribution of funds from the 2006-2007 SDFS Grant has been targeted to address high need areas of:

- Abuse of Rx/OTC drugs (prescription and over the counter drugs) and
- Suicide Prevention

Local education agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, and the Joint Maintenance Agreement are eligible applicants. *Contracts with outside agencies to provide services are permitted.* It is anticipated that grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 will be awarded through this process. Please direct questions regarding this application to Deborah Connell at (603) 271-3769 or email [dconnell@ed.state.nh.us](mailto:dconnell@ed.state.nh.us)

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this grant application is to redistribute funds from the 2006-2007 Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant to address priority areas of Rx/OTC drugs (prescription and over the counter drugs) and suicide prevention.

### **Eligibility**

Local education agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, and the Joint Maintenance Agreement are eligible to apply for these funds.

### **Priorities**

1. Emerging research has identified an alarming trend in adolescent use of Rx/OTC (prescription and over the counter) drugs. A national awareness campaign has been launched. There is a need for New Hampshire school districts to:

- gather and analyze data regarding the incidents of illegal use of Rx/OTC drugs in the schools and community and
- develop local action plans focused on accomplishing specific performance measures which utilizes baseline data and includes specific activities and timelines.

2. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education have formed a partnership and alliance with the NH Council for Suicide Prevention to promote awareness that suicide is a leading cause of death for adolescents nationally and in New Hampshire. This is a high need priority concern. The NH Council for Suicide Prevention has created a series of public information segments about suicide that will be broadcast during 2008. It is important that local communities and schools collaborate to provide activities that promote the awareness of indicators and suicide prevention strategies to accompany this information campaign.

### **Funds May be Used for the Following Authorized Activities:**

Safe and Drug-Free Schools funds may be used within these targeted activity areas provided that they are consistent with the Principles of Effectiveness. Authorized activities include:

- age appropriate and developmentally based activities that teach students about the dangers of emerging drugs
- family and/or community activities designed to set clear expectations against use of illegal substances and appropriate consequences for such behaviors

- dissemination of drug prevention information to schools or communities to be served
- professional development and training for school personnel, parents, and/or community members in mentoring, prevention education, early identification, intervention, and referral services
- community-wide planning and activities to reduce illegal drug use

LEAs may use funds:

- to contract for assistance with data collection, analysis, and development of an action plan
- to pay teacher stipends for work outside of contractual obligation to participate in the crafting of an action plan

**NOTE: Activities may take place through the summer and early September.**

Collaboration with local agencies, Community Prevention Coalition Centers and Department of Health and Human Services initiatives is encouraged.

**To submit a proposal please complete the following:**

- LEA Information
- Description of Need
- Proposal Template
- Program Assurances (attachment) signed and dated by the Superintendent
- OBM Form 1 (attachment)

Submit to:  
 Michelle Mosa  
 Bureau of Integrated Programs  
 Program Assistant for IV  
 Department of Education  
 State Office Park South  
 101 Pleasant Street  
 Concord, NH 03301-3860

**LEA Information**

Name of District (LEA):

Project Manager/Position/Title:

Email address:

Phone:

## **Guide for completing the SDFS Application:**

### **Description of the Need (Less than one page)**

Using local data provide a clear and detailed description of the need to be addressed.

### **Proposal Template**

#### **Activities**

Provide a clear, concise description of the strategies or activities to be implemented in order to address the identified needs. Include a timeline and key personnel to be involved.

#### **Target Group**

Specify the population(s) to be engaged in the strategies and activities described above.

#### **Measurable Outcomes**

Describe the anticipated outcomes.

#### **Budget**

List budget items associated with the proposed activities. Be specific about what is being purchased such as consultant fees, stipends or materials.

### **Program Assurances**

Program Assurances (attachment) signed and dated by the Superintendent.

### **OBM Form 1**

OBM Form 1 must be signed and dated by the authorized signatory within the District/SAU in blue ink. The project end date must be no later than September 30, 2008. *All funds must be obligated and disbursed by September 30, 2008.*

### **Additional Information**

#### **Evaluation Requirement**

A report on the measurable outcomes is due within 15 days of the end of the project period.

#### **Review Criteria**

The following criteria will be used to review proposals:

- Clear description of need
- Activities address priority areas
- Anticipated outcomes are measurable
- Budget contains sufficient detail to support expenditures
- Collaboration with local agencies and state and federal initiatives

## PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

### PRIORITY AREA #1 Rx/OTC Drugs

- gather and analyze data regarding the incidents of illegal use of Rx/OTC drugs in the schools and community and
- develop local action plans to include specific activities, expected outcomes and timelines

Authorized Activity	Description of Activity/Target Group	Measurable Outcomes	Budget
Age appropriate and developmentally based activities that teach students about the dangers of emerging drugs			
Family and/or community activities designed to set clear expectations against use of illegal substances and appropriate consequences for such behaviors			
Dissemination of drug prevention information to schools or communities to be served			
Professional development and training for school personnel, parents, and/or community members in mentoring, prevention education, early identification, intervention, and referral services			
Community-wide planning and activities to reduce illegal drug use			

**PRIORITY AREA #2 Suicide Prevention**

- Provide education to improve recognition of at risk behaviors
- Foster the development of suicide prevention efforts

<b>Authorized Activity</b>	<b>Description of Activity/Target Group</b>	<b>Measurable Outcome</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Professional development and training for school personnel, parents, and/or community members in mentoring, prevention education, early identification, intervention, and referral services			