

Strategic Prevention Framework: Partnerships for Success 2018 Grant Profile



Grant Info

- **Type of Grant:** Discretionary Grant
- **Area of Focus:** Substance abuse primary prevention
- **Purpose of Grant:** The purpose of this grant program is to address one of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities-- underage drinking among persons aged 9 to 20.
- **Start and End Date of Grant:** 09/29/2018-09/30/2023
- **Amount of Award (all years):**
 - **Federal Award Amount:** \$11,300,000 over 5 years, \$2,260,000 per year
 - **State Award Amount:** \$0
- **% Match Required:** None
- **Source of Funding:**
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
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Overview

- The Partnerships for Success 2018 provides funding to 20 communities to reduce rates of underage drinking among youth and young adults ages 12-20.
- The communities were selected based on a set of indicators that identified them as high need. The communities receiving PFS funds are Burrillville, Bristol, Central Falls, Charlestown, Cranston, East Greenwich, East Providence, Hopkinton, Johnston, Lincoln, Middletown, Narragansett, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, Portsmouth, Richmond, Warren, Warwick, Woonsocket. The communities will implement a set of comprehensive, evidence-based practices and policies to address the priority problem. The anticipated total reach is 56,479 individuals ages 12-20.
- RI expects to see a **15%** percent total reduction in underage drinking for youth and young adults ages 12-20 as measured by the National Drug Use and Health Survey (NSDUH)



Required Activities

SPF-PFS grant funds must be used primarily to support infrastructure development, including the following types of activities:

- Conduct needs assessment activities to assess the local contributing factors of underage drinking in high-need communities.
- Use the SPF to identify and select comprehensive, data-driven substance abuse prevention strategies to continue to accomplish the following goals:
 - 1) preventing the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse;
 - 2) reducing substance abuse-related problems;
 - 3) strengthening prevention capacity/infrastructure at the state, tribal, and community levels;
 - 4) leveraging state/tribal-wide funding streams and resources for prevention;
 - 5) implementing a comprehensive prevention approach, including a mix of evidence-based programs, policies, and/or practices that best address the selected prevention priority(ies); and
 - 6) identifying TA and training needs and the development of responsive activities.
- Build capacity in communities of high need to address underage drinking among persons aged 9 to 20 and up to two additional, data-driven substance abuse prevention priorities (marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.) in the state/tribe
- Collect and report annual state/tribal and community-level data to determine progress toward addressing SPF-PFS prevention priority(ies)



Approach

- Strategies implemented will include educational strategies such as delivery of evidence-based curriculum in school settings, environmental strategies addressing social and retail access, and/or a workplace intervention aimed at employers of young adults ages 18-20 that fit the culture and context of their community.
- Each of the 6 funded Regional Prevention Coalitions will update their needs assessment to include data specific to youth and young adults ages 12-20 and will develop an implementation plan based on this update.
- Funding will also be used to continue the work of two state level workgroups, the State Epidemiology and Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and the Evidence Based Practices Workgroup (EBPW).



Approach (Cont'd)

- The state will monitor and evaluate activities including tracking progress of any approved capacity building activities and implementation of the approved evidence-based practices through the IMPACT Prevention Data Platform. Aggregated IMPACT system data will be used to meet requirements associated with SAMHSA's Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS), the federal performance reporting system.
- The state and community level evaluation team will collect, examine and analyze various process and outcome measures related to the implementation of the evidence-based practices by sub-recipients. The RI Student Survey (RISS) will be implemented biennially. The RISS is a 54-item risk and prevalence survey administered as a condition of funding in all public middle and high schools in the 20 identified high-need communities. The CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey (targeting college students) and/or the RI Young Adult Survey (targeting 18-20 year old's) may be implemented up to biennially as well.

