State Substance Abuse Prevention Grant

After reading this information, if you are interested in applying for SSAP Funds please reply to this e-mail and I will e-mail this year's electronic Grant Application which will be ready by April 8, 2013. **The deadline for SSAP Grant Submissions will be by 5:00 p.m. Friday May 17, 2013.**

The purpose of the State Substance Abuse Prevention Account at USOE is for:
(1) substance abuse prevention and education;
(2) substance abuse prevention training for teachers and administrators; and
(3) school district, charter school or consortia programs to supplement, not supplant, existing local substance abuse prevention efforts in cooperation with local substance abuse authorities.

As defined by Board Rule, Utah's Substance Abuse Prevention Program is "Prevention Dimensions". Funds which remain at the Utah State Office of Education is for the purpose of:
(1) Purchasing educational materials to support and supplement existing Utah's Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Prevention Dimensions.
(2) Encourage and support statewide substance abuse prevention training for school district/charter school teachers and administrators.
(3) Promote Utah's Substance Abuse Prevention Program and encourage its classroom use by Utah educators.
If a district doesn't apply or doesn't receive a SSAP Grant, they are still able to receive benefits from these funds in the form of Prevention Dimensions' teacher trainings and Prevention Dimensions Materials which teachers can use in their classroom.

Districts/Charter Schools or Consortia are eligible to apply for these funds. With the limited amount of funding, ($300,000) only applications that propose projects or programs consistent with the Utah Substance Abuse Prevention Guiding Principles shall be considered for funding. (Districts/Charter Schools or Consortia can only apply up to $40,000—Previous grant awards ranged from $1,500-$36,362)

Applications shall address the following:
(a) the applicant's intention to collaborate with the local substance abuse authority and community groups within the school district, including shared plans and strategies for activities and intervention;
(b) the applicant's plan for professional development and teachers' use of Prevention Dimensions materials within their classrooms;
(c) the use of funds to implement applicant's plan;
(d) teacher reports of classroom Prevention Dimensions implementation and plans for classroom monitoring visits;
(e) applicant's enhancement of Prevention Dimensions with additional substance abuse prevention activities and strategies; and
(f) applicant's implementation of Prevention Dimensions with other school-based behavioral/health or coordinated school health initiatives.

Applications that propose programs, activities or strategies not tied directly to Utah's Substance Abuse Prevention Program and substance abuse prevention efforts will not be considered.

Directions for Potential SSAP Grantees

1. **If interested in applying respond to this e-mail by Monday, April 8, 2013 requesting SSAP Electronic Grant Application and additional Grant Guidelines.**
2. **Meet with Local Substance Abuse Authority and Local Advisory Council**
3. **Assess current Prevention Dimensions status, other substance abuse school-based and community-based prevention efforts.**
4. **Determine how SSAP Grant funding can enhance these efforts and provide services where there are gaps in prevention efforts.**
5. **Complete electronic fillable SSAP Application**
6. **Obtain necessary SSAP Grant Signatures**
7. **E-mail completed SSAP Grant Application to verne.larsen@schools.utah.gov before 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2013.**

Gang Prevention/Intervention Grantee Meeting

Wednesday April 24, 2013
Utah State Office of Education Conference Room #241
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Please RSVP, by responding to this e-mail so I will know how many copies of materials I will need to make.

In order to be eligible to apply for this year's funding someone from your District/Charter School will need to attend. (Recently we held a meeting in St. George as part of the Student Services Conference. If you attended that meeting you are eligible to apply, but I want you to know you are invited to this one as well.)

At the meeting we will have a couple presentations on current Gang Prevention/Intervention Programs being implemented. We will also discuss the timeline and process for this year's RFP and go through the 2013-14 Gang Prevention Application. I hope to see you there. Have a great weekend.

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