

August 2019

Dear District Administrator:

Enclosed are guidelines for the 31st annual **Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Student Mini-Grant** competition. As part of the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) efforts to encourage youth initiatives that promote healthy, resilient, and academically successful learners, we are making these grants available again for the 2019-20 school year.

The amount of these student-driven awards may not exceed \$1,000 each. While proposed projects should primarily focus on AODA, they may also address its relationship to other related youth risk behaviors such as: violence, bullying, alcohol, tobacco/e-cigarette use, suicide, sexual risk behavior and traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety. Students should be directly responsible for the planning process as well as implementation, although adult advisors may guide the students through these processes as appropriate. Only one award may be granted to any student group, although districts and/or buildings may submit multiple proposals. Your district's AODA coordinator may have resources, as well as provide valuable assistance, to enable your students to write competitive mini-grant proposals.

Proposal reviews will be conducted by both DPI staff and various stakeholders. There will be consideration for equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and compliance with program requirements. Applications must be delivered electronically to the DPI by 11:59 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2019. Visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda/mini-grant> to download the application and guidelines. Notification of funding decisions will be made to districts on or around November 22, 2019.

Please share this information with school staff, including classroom teachers and pupil services staff. If you have any questions about this grant process, please contact Brian Dean, education consultant, at brian.dean@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-9677.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Stanford Taylor
State Superintendent

Enclosure

c: AODA Coordinator