

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA)

Frequently Asked Questions

Can private and/or choice schools apply?

No. The statute authorizing the grant program identifies eligible applicants as school boards (districts), charter schools, and consortia. However, private schools may collaborate with school boards, charter schools and consortia.

How is a consortia defined for this grant?

Eligible applicants, as indicated above, can apply individually or as a group, or consortium. The statute allows CESAs to be a consortium but only if it is a group of school boards. Applicants cannot apply under both, meaning if they apply under a consortium they cannot also apply individually.

What is the performance period for the grant?

AODA is a competitive bi-annual grant program and the awards are issued annually with start/end dates of July 1 – June 30. AODA funding is an annual state allocation and funding cannot be carried over into the next fiscal year.

How much are the grants?

Grant amounts are based on K-12 public school enrollment from the third Friday of September count to determine appropriate funding levels as:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>K-12 Enrollment</u> | <u>Maximum Annual Award</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MPS | 80,000+ | \$45,000 |
| Large | ≥3,000 | \$25,000 |
| Small | <3,000 | \$15,000 |

What can AODA funds be used for? Funds can be used to:

- Salary and fringe for an AODA Coordinator.
- Fund student or staff training in AODA activities that are evidence based (e.g. life skills, 2nd steps, etc.).
- Support staff coaching of evidence-based practice.
- Support evidence-based programming around substance use, suicide prevention, mental health literacy, bullying prevention, and social and emotional development, and stigma reduction.
- Support youth generated programs, pupil assistance programs, peer programs, student clubs and drug-free alternatives.
- Pay for indirect services such as staff or parent training or co-facilitation of group activities.
- Provide resources that may be necessary to team across agencies to support families and to support personnel to assist parents and guardians to access treatment services and assist them through the challenges of doing so.

Explain the supplement not supplant requirement.

To supplement not supplant means that, in general, districts may not use AODA funds for the cost of activities if the cost of those activities would have otherwise been paid with state or local funds in the absence of the grant program funds.

What if we have multiple projects or sites we want to fund? Do we submit multiple applications?

Eligible applicants can only submit one application. If you do have multiple projects you want to fund, you need to include them in your one plan.