

Frequently Asked Questions: Mini-Grant

1Q: How much are the grants?

1A: Maximum of \$1,000 each.

2Q: Can a district submit multiple applications?

2A: Yes. Each district/school building can apply for multiple mini-grants. A student group (e.g., student council) can only apply for one. Some districts receive multiple mini-grants.

3Q: Can we still apply if we have an AODA grant?

3A: Yes. Receipt of AODA, or any other state or federal grant is not taken into consideration when funding decisions are made. Applications will be considered on the basis of their individual merit.

4Q: What are the chances of getting a mini-grant?

4A: Your chances are increased by submitting multiple applications and by following the application guidelines, which specify the priorities of the program. The first priority of the program is that the projects be student written and student driven.

5Q: What types of activities are most likely to receive funding?

5A: The reviewer priorities are: high youth involvement, targeting of AODA or other risk behavior (e.g., suicide, violence, sexual risk behaviors, anti-bullying, tobacco use, etc.), and an educational value that continues beyond the life of the grant. As with all grant programs, the applications that show signs of being well thought-out and that have organized implementation plans are most likely to receive funding.

6Q: What activities should be avoided?

6A: Low priority is given to the following activities: single events, food, prizes, and trinkets. Purchase of capital objects is prohibited. **No more than 20% of the total requested amount can be spent on incentive items. Incentives include: trinkets, food, t-shirts/clothing, water bottles, etc. as a reward).**

7Q: What is the difference between prizes/trinkets and capital objects?

7A: Prizes/trinkets are typically very inexpensive and are distributed/used up during the course of the grant activities and while give a low priority, are allowed. A capital object is something that has uses beyond the grant activities (e.g., a computer) and is prohibited.

8Q: When can we begin the project?

8A: Funded projects can be started as soon as the funded notification letter from the DPI is received, which is estimated to be in December. Grant Awards will be back-dated to July 1, 2022. Activities not requiring funding or those that have a secondary funding source may begin at any time.

9Q: Can the money be carried over?

9A: No. Funds must be spent and/or encumbered by the end of May for reimbursement to occur.

10Q: The guidance document says the applications are to be student written and driven. Can elementary schools apply?

10A: Yes. We understand that a different level of advisor guidance is needed for students at the elementary level than for those at the high school level.

11Q: Can private schools apply?

11A: No, private school may partner with a public school, but the applicant must be the public school and the maximum amount is still \$1,000.