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Grants help students avoid AODA issues

MADISON —Sixty-six school districts throughout Wisconsin have received funding that will help reduce or prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among their students through a competitive grant program.

The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program Grants provide funding to public schools to teach skills and supply information aimed at preventing alcohol and illegal drug use. Both individual school districts and consortium projects, in which clusters of neighboring schools work together, received competitive grant awards. The state-funded grants totaled \$885,700 and went to 45 projects serving students in 66 Wisconsin school districts.

2017-18 AODA Program Grants	
Funding	\$885,700
Projects	45
Districts Impacted	66

“This grant funding gives school districts support to address alcohol, drug abuse, and school safety concerns,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Though data show that we’ve made tremendous progress in curbing alcohol use, Wisconsin’s underage drinking rates are still quite high compared to the nation. Grant-funded activities that curb drug use will help improve the school climate, making schools safer and more welcoming for all kids.”

Many of the projects receiving AODA grant funding provide a comprehensive approach to prevent or eliminate the use of alcohol and illegal drugs among students, using multiple strategies and linking resources from home, community agencies, and the school. Grants may be renewed for one additional year of funding through the 2018-19 school year.

Results from the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), given last spring to 2,067 students in 43 public schools, who are representative of the state’s ninth- through 12th-grade students, showed that alcohol use is down about 24 percentage points from 2001, though 30 percent of students report using alcohol in the past 30 days and 18 percent report binge drinking (down 16 percentage points from 2001).

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Survey data show students who were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the past 12 months, was down 8 percentage points from 2001 to a little over 18 percent. Marijuana use in the past 30 days continues to drop and is at 16 percent; 9 percentage points lower than in 2001. Smoking cigarettes is also down since 2001 by 25 percentage points to 8 percent. Two new questions on the YRBS survey indicate future work is needed in the areas of electronic cigarette usage, which is at 11 percent and, most concerning, prescription pain medication misuse, which stands at slightly over 11 percent.

“Our kids show amazing insight and independence, but are still in need of adult guidance to find their way to a healthy, productive future,” Evers said.

The Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) AODA program, first authorized under Chapter 331, Laws of 1979, is designed to help local school districts utilize their staff and program resources to develop comprehensive AODA programs. Funding for the AODA competitive grants is authorized as part of the state's biennial budget.

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NOTES: A list of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Program grant recipients is attached. [More information about the state's AODA program](https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda) can be found online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda>. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-33.pdf>.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Grants

2017-18 Awards

CESA 1

Arrowhead Union High School	\$15,000
Kenosha Unified School District	\$25,000
Milwaukee Public School District	\$45,000
Racine Unified School District	\$25,000
West Allis-West Milwaukee School District	\$25,000

CESA 2

Beloit School District	\$25,000
Deerfield Consortium (Deerfield and Cambridge)	\$8,000
Delavan-Darien School District	\$15,000
Janesville School District	\$25,000
Lake Mills Area School District	\$15,000
Madison Metropolitan School District	\$25,000
Marshall School District	\$14,744
Mount Horeb Area School District	\$13,000
Oregon School District	\$25,000
Sun Prairie Area School District	\$25,000

CESA 3

CESA 3 (Belmont, Cuba City, Darlington, Pecatonica, Prairie du Chien, River Valley, and Riverdale)	\$25,000
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CESA 4

Black River Falls School District	\$15,000
Galesville-Etrick-Trempealeau School District	\$15,000

CESA 5

CESA 5 (Cambria-Friesland, Columbus, Fall River, Pardeeville, Portage, Randolph, Rio)	\$25,000
Lodi School District	\$15,000
Marshfield Unified School District	\$25,000
Sauk-Prairie School District	\$14,852

CESA 6

Appleton Area School District	\$25,000
Beaver Dam Unified School District	\$25,000
Fond du Lac School District	\$25,000
Little Chute Area School District	\$15,000

CESA 7

Green Bay Area Public School District	\$25,000
Manitowoc School District	\$25,000
Sheboygan Area School District	\$25,000
Two Rivers Public School District	\$15,000

CESA 8

Clintonville School District	\$15,000
Oconto Falls Public School District	\$15,000

CESA 9

Athens School District	\$15,000
DC Everest Area School District	\$25,000
Lac du Flambeau School District	\$15,000
Lakeland Union High School	\$15,000
Northland Pines School District	\$15,000
Tomahawk School District	\$15,000

CESA 10

Osseo-Fairchild School District	\$15,000
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CESA 11

Boyceville Community School District	\$15,000
Ellsworth Community School District	\$15,000

CESA 12

CESA 12 (Butternut, Chequamegon, Drummond, Hurley, Mellen, Mercer, Solon Springs, and Washburn)	\$25,000
Maple School District	\$14,995
Northwood School District	\$15,000
Phillips School District	\$15,000