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More than \$65,000 awarded to student-led programs aiming to tackle alcohol, drug, vaping challenges

Grant recipients encouraged to be the change in schools

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction awarded \$65,430 in grants to student groups from across the state for their leadership roles in addressing alcohol, drugs, and vaping challenges in their local schools.

The 78 student-led groups were each awarded funds totaling up to \$1,000 through the DPI's Student Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Mini-grant Program. In its 31st year, the program supports education, prevention, and intervention initiatives designed by students to target substances and other youth risk behaviors such as bullying prevention, healthy choices, and equity.

“Positive peer influence is a powerful prevention tool for many risks and challenges facing students in our schools,” State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor said. “For more than three decades, the Student AODA Mini-grant Program has helped inspire students to be the change. The DPI is proud to support students making these positive changes in their respective schools.”

This year, the DPI's Student AODA Mini-grant Program encouraged applicants to specifically address tobacco and vaping in their efforts in developing initiatives. Thirteen school districts were awarded a combined total of \$11,650 to combat smoking and vaping. Eight of the 13 districts with exemplary programs were also awarded \$6,850 by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Student groups applied for the mini-grants, and are responsible for implementing the proposed programs.

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NOTE: A list of grant recipients follows this news release. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/news/releases/2020/more-65000-awarded-student-led-programs-aiming-tackle-alcohol-drug-vaping>.

Student AODA Mini-grant Program

2019-2020 Grant Recipients

Alma Area Schools

Alma High School: Buffalo County Partnership Council, \$1,000

Arrowhead Unified High School

Arrowhead Unified High School: Peers4Peers, \$800

School District of Athens

Athens Elementary: 5th Grade Bluejay Buddies, \$1,000

Beaver Dam Unified School District

Beaver Dam Middle School: ABC – Anti-Bullying Club, \$1,000

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine S.D.

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine Middle-High School: Healthy Youth Coalition Awareness Program, \$1,000

Birchwood School District

Birchwood High School: Gay-Straight Alliance, \$1,000

Chequamegon School District

Chequamegon High School: Peer Leaders \$900

Chilton Public Schools

Chilton High School: Chilton H.S. Link Crew/Sources of Strength/Suicide Prevention Committee, \$1,000

Chippewa Falls Area Unified S.D.

Chippewa Falls Middle School: Chippewa Falls Middle School Leadership Group, \$1,000

Colby School District

Colby High School: SADD, \$1,000

Denmark School District

Denmark Elementary: Peacekeeping Kids, \$800

Dodgeland School District

Dodgeland Elementary: Junior Coaches, \$1,000

Fond du Lac School District

Fond du Lac High School: Students Taking Action Against Negative Decisions, \$1,000

Frederic School District

Frederic Elementary: RACERS, \$1,000

Freedom Area School District

Freedom High School: Peer Educators, \$1,000

Green Bay Area Public S.D.

Preble High School: Peer Leaders, \$990

Hartford Union High School District

Hartford Union High School: GSA Support Group; GEDO2 Class Project, \$925

Hayward Community School District

Hayward Intermediate: Leadership Crew, \$1,000

Holy Hill Area School District

Richfield Middle School: Raider Leaders, \$1,000

Kiel Area School District

Kiel Middle School: KMS Peer Facilitators, \$1,000

Lac du Flambeau Public School

Lac du Flambeau: Cultural Connections, \$1,000

School District of Lomira

Lomira Middle School: Lomira Middle School Leadership Team, \$1,000

Luck School District

Luck Middle and High School: Student Council, \$700

School District of Manawa

Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School: Little Wolf Jr./Sr. H.S. Choir (\$588); Little Wolf Jr./Sr. H.S. Student Council (\$1,000); FOR Club (\$1,000)

School District of Maple

*Iron River Elementary: Building a Mindful School, \$1,000
Northwestern Elementary: Peer Leaders, \$1,000
Northwestern Middle: Peer Leaders, \$1,000*

Marshall

Marshall High School: Leadership Class (\$800), FFA (\$625)

Marshfield Public Schools

Madison Elementary: Leadership, \$1,000

Milwaukee Public Schools

*Academy of Accelerated Learning: All the King's Men (\$1,000); GIRL POWER (\$1,000)
Hi-Mount Community School: Hi Mount Peer Mediators, \$600
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy: Gender & Sexuality Alliance (\$1,000); Mindful Mentors (\$1,000)
Milwaukee H.S. of the Arts: Acceptance Alliance (GSA), \$1,000
Milwaukee School of Languages: GSA (\$1,000); Pay it Forward (\$1,000)
Morgandale Elementary: Gender Diversity Club, \$1,000
Morse Middle School: Morse Circle Keepers, \$1,000
Reagan High School: Student Mental Wellness Committee, \$1,000
Riverside High School: Tiger Sisters, \$1,000
South Division High School: Peer Educators and FCCLA, \$1,000
Westside Academy: Leadership Group, \$1,000*

Minocqua J1 School District
Minocqua Elementary: Peer Mentors,
 \$1,000

Mount Horeb Area School District
Mount Horeb High School: Link Crew
 \$1,000

Norris School District
Norris Academy: Learner Leader Liaison,
 \$850

North Cape School District
North Cape Elementary: Bully Busters
 \$1,000

School District of North Fond du Lac
Horace Mann High School: Student
 Ambassador, \$1,000

Northland Pines School District
Northland Pines Middle and High School:
 CAST: Peer Mentoring Program, \$1,000

School District of Omro
Omro High School: SADD/Drama
 Troupe, \$1,000
Omro Middle School: Omro Middle
 School Peer Leaders, \$1,000

School District of Osceola
Osceola High School: Osceola Inclusive,
 \$1,000

Osseo-Fairchild School District
Osseo-Fairchild High School: Above
 and Beyond, \$900

Peshtigo School District
Peshtigo Middle School: Healthy Youth
 Coalition, \$1,000

Phillips School District
Phillips Elementary: GATE, \$1,000

Rib Lake School District
Rib Lake High School: Culture of
 Champions Leadership Club, \$500
Rib Lake Middle School: Culture of
 Champions Leadership Club, \$500

River Valley School District
River Valley Middle School: Safe and
 Healthy Club, \$990

School District of Shell Lake
Shell Lake High School: Student
 Council, \$500

Siren School District
Siren High School: AODA/Red Ribbon,
 \$1,000

Slinger School District
Slinger High School: Student Council,
 \$1,000

Spencer School District
Spencer High School: BLAST, \$1,000

Spooner Area School District
Spooner Middle School: CLC-After
 School Drama Club, \$1,000

Stratford School District
Stratford Elementary: Elementary
 Empathy (CFO) Group, \$800
Stratford High School: Student Senate
 – Senior Officers, \$562

Suring Public Schools
Suring Elementary: Junior High
 Student Council, \$1,000

Two Rivers Public School District
Two Rivers High School: FACT (\$750),
 Student Government (\$1,000)

Waterloo School District
Waterloo High School: Gender
 Sexuality Alliance, \$900

Watertown Unified School District
Douglas Elementary: Kindness team,
 \$1,000

School District of Waukesha
Waukesha North High School: Peers 4
 Peers, \$800

West Allis-West Milwaukee S.D.
Nathan Hale High School: SADD,
 \$1,000

West Bend School District
West Bend East and West High Schools:
 Biomedical Innovations, \$500

School District of West De Pere
West De Pere Middle School: Peer
 Helpers, \$1,000

Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
Lincoln High School: Cool to be Kind,
 \$1,000