

**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**  
**RFA# DBH PFS060815**

**Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success High Need Communities Grant**

**Purpose/Description of Project**

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Prevention Division, is soliciting applications for Community Prevention Networks (CPNs) to implement evidence based prevention strategies in designated high need communities within the District of Columbia. By utilizing funding from the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Partnership for Success (PFS) High Need Communities Grant, CPNs will implement evidence based prevention strategies to include but not limited to: awareness programs, underage drinking campaigns, environmental strategies, advocating for policy changes, etc., in one or more high need communities to prevent underage drinking and marijuana use among youth and young adults.

Each of the eight (8) wards is identified as a “high need community” for prevention. The PFS funding emphasizes the youth and young adult population as ages 12 to 25. The premise of PFS is that changes at the community level, will, over time, lead to measureable changes at the District level. By working together to foster change, the District and funded communities of high need can more effectively begin to overcome the challenges of underlying substance use prevention priorities and avoid underage drinking and marijuana use among youth and young adults.

**Eligibility**

- Existing (in operation for one (1) year or more) Community Prevention Networks (CPNs) currently affiliated with DC Prevention Centers addressing substance use prevention, mental health, or public health.
- Ability to enter into an agreement with DBH requiring compliance with all District of Columbia laws and regulations governing Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Grants (22A DCMR Chapter 44).
- A 501(c)(3), or ability to enlist the services of a fiscal agent to apply for the funding on behalf, if CPN is not 501(c)(3).

**Length of Award**

Grant awards will be made for a period of one (1) year from the date of award. The grant may be continued for up to one (1) additional year based on documented project success and availability of funding. Grant recipients will be expected to begin project implementation on or after October 1, 2015.

**Available Funding**

Approximately \$800,000 is available to fund eight (8) CPNs, up to \$100,000 each under the SPF PFS High Need Communities Grants. Grants will be awarded by DBH using funds provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the SPF PFS.

**Anticipated Number of Awards**

DBH anticipates eight (8) awards in the amount of \$100,000 to represent each of the 8 wards of the District of Columbia.

**Request for Application (RFA) Release**

The RFA will be released Monday, June 8, 2015. The RFA will be posted on the DBH website, [www.dbh.dc.gov](http://www.dbh.dc.gov) under Opportunities, and on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov) under the District Grants Clearinghouse. A copy of the RFA may be obtained from the DBH Office of Fiscal Services, located at 1300 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, from Program Monitor Katherine Cooke Mundle during the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. beginning June 8, 2015.

**Pre-Application Conference**

A pre-application conference will be held at DBH, 1300 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20002, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rm. 340 on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET.

For more information, please contact Katherine Cooke Mundle at [katherine.mundle@dc.gov](mailto:katherine.mundle@dc.gov) or (202) 727-7639.

**Deadline for Applications**

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 4:45 p.m. ET.