

Sexual Violence Prevention 2004 Mini-Grant

Goal

To expand sexual violence prevention efforts of sexual assault centers in Virginia.

Background

VDH currently funds 18 sexual assault centers to do work in primary prevention. This means there are 18 centers who receive no VDH funds to do prevention. VDH has some carryforward money from fiscal year 2003 to allow centers to do small projects in primary prevention in their communities.

Objectives

1. To bring community members together to work to prevent sexual violence.
2. To increase student and community understanding of the dynamics of sexual violence.

Projects

Grants will be awarded to sexual assault centers that find cost-effective, innovative ways to address sexual violence prevention in the community. The projects should be sure to address issues of primary prevention, i.e., preventing a rape before one occurs. This may be different than what your agency is already doing in serving victims' needs. Presentations should focus on not becoming a perpetrator or a victim. A campaign should not simply tell the community about your agency. It should deliver a prevention message.

Sample projects may include, but are not limited to:

1. Designing, printing and delivering sexual violence prevention materials
2. Contracting with an existing sexual assault prevention program to do a training, workshop or conference
3. Creating a peer education program
4. Bringing a recognized speaker or dramatic performance to your community
5. Participating in White Ribbon Campaign
6. Implementing a media campaign

Requirements

1. Grant amounts range from \$1,000-\$3,000.
2. This grant is only open to sexual assault centers not currently under contract with VDH.
3. The proposal must be received in the Virginia Department of Health, Center for Injury and Violence Prevention by February 27, 2004. Late proposals will not be accepted.

4. You will hear if your proposal is approved by March 12, 2004.
5. This is a reimbursement for actual costs award. This means that your agency would make the purchases and submit an invoice with copies of the receipts to VDH.
6. The application will not exceed 5 pages, plus attachments.
7. It may be submitted through the mail, hand-delivered or electronically through email.
8. Projects will be completed and invoiced by October 10, 2003.
9. A written report will be submitted to VDH by October 31, 2003 and in accordance with the mini-grant guidelines.

Application

1. Provide a cover letter clearly identifying the sexual assault center and contact person that is requesting the mini-grant. Include a brief description of the project and the amount requested.
2. Identify the proposed project and identify which VDH objective(s) the proposal addresses.
3. Indicate the proposed strategies for implementing the project and the expected outcomes.
4. Include a plan for evaluating the proposed project.
5. Attach a budget proposal for the project, including a detailed justification for all expenses.
6. Indicate agreement to submit required year-end reports.

Scoring of the Proposal

The proposal will be judged on

1. Use of primary prevention strategies
2. Clarity of description and proposed strategies
3. Accountability in plan for evaluation
4. Reasonableness of cost
5. Innovation of proposal

Questions and Submission

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