

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
**COMMUNITY DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**  
**Grant Guidelines**

**APPLICANTS**

Community-based organizations or coalitions seeking funding for neighborhood based events that provide education, prevention, and/or intervention related to drug and alcohol abuse, including the violence and other consequences that these substances can cause.

**DURATION**

The performance period for the grant cannot exceed 12 months from the award date. The OAG must approve the grant applications and a grant agreement must be signed prior to the grant project beginning.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To educate the public, especially children, about the dangers of illegal drugs and alcohol, along with related law enforcement and recovery activity.
- To prevent drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause by encouraging interaction, collaboration and cooperation among community groups, parents, educators, students, businesses, and law enforcement agencies.
- To help develop and expand community groups and grassroots organizations dedicated to fighting drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause.
- To facilitate innovative, age appropriate drug and alcohol prevention programs.
- To increase engagement & strategic collaboration among high risk populations & community-based organizations.
- To establish safe zones that promote social cohesion helping to foster a healthy community environment.
- To encourage and teach positive conflict resolution and healthy sustainable alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause.

**FUNDING**

The OAG will generally award grant funding on a reimbursement basis. The Office of Attorney General may, in its sole discretion, provide partial or full payment upfront if the Applicant demonstrates significant financial hardship.

Applicants cannot charge participants for anything directly funded through this grant program. Expenses incurred prior to the grant approval and execution of a grant agreement are not reimbursable.

Applicants will not be awarded more than one grant in a 12 month period.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Non-profit organizations, government entities, community groups, and parent groups are eligible for grants up to \$2,000.
- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization or a governmental department or agency for applications seeking grant funding over \$2,000.
- The applicant's event/strategic initiative/project must be dedicated to:
  - Reducing the demand for drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause;
  - Preventing drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause through educational programming; or
  - Providing an alternative to drug and alcohol abuse and the violence and other consequences these substances can cause.
- Applicants must carry out all activities funded by this grant program within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Applicants with demonstrated community involvement are preferred.
- Applicants will provide data highlighting anticipated length of project, number of people served, and how they plan to engage the target population.
- Applicants are encouraged to provide two letters of support from school administrators or teachers, respected community organizations or local government entities with which the Applicants have worked with previously. These letters must be on official letterhead.
- Applicants must secure matching funds of a minimum of 10% of the event or project costs from non-OAG resources. The Office of Attorney General may, in its sole discretion, waive or reduce the requirement for matching funds if the Applicant demonstrates significant financial hardship.

## **PROCESS**

- Applications are reviewed by the Office of Attorney General on a rolling basis.
- The Office of Attorney General will contact the Applicant if its grant application is approved.
- Applicant will be required to sign a grant agreement.
- Applicant will be required to register as a Pennsylvania vendor after an award is granted.