

To: Prospective Grantees

From: South Dakota Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program

Date: January 4, 2013

Re: Community Coalition Capacity Building Mini Grants

The South Dakota Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program is excited to offer a funding opportunity for those working to create healthier communities through improving local tobacco prevention and control efforts and strengthening community leadership. This funding opportunity will include a mini grant up to \$5,000 and is available on a first come, first serve basis. Funds can be used to cover the costs associated with a grant facilitator stipend, community education, and community engagement. Technical assistance will be furnished along with the mini grant to provide practical tools designed to strengthen community partnerships and enhance the collaboration needed to apply for future funding.

If approved for funding, you will be asked to participate in a half-day technical assistance and training event that will be held at Kings Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am – 12:00pm. This hands-on workshop will provide you with the tools needed to assist in helping your coalition reach its fullest potential. Reimbursement to cover the cost of attending the training will be available to attendees and will be provided separately from this grant.

In addition to the half-day training event, you will also be asked to participate in a series of training webinars and technical assistance calls. The webinar trainings will focus on identifying and implementing evidence-based strategies to address local tobacco prevention and control needs and building and maintaining strong community alliances.

Lastly, the South Dakota Tobacco Control Program will be hosting a K-12 Toolkit Training on the afternoon of March 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Spring Tobacco Prevention Institute on March 6<sup>th</sup>, both held at the Kings Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre. We invite you to extend your stay beyond the half-day capacity building training event to participate in these valuable trainings. Please note that attending the K-12 Toolkit Training and the Tobacco Prevention Institute is not mandatory to receive this mini grant. However, it is strongly encouraged and offered free of charge. Reimbursement to cover the cost of attending both trainings will also be available.

If you are interested in learning more about this mini grant opportunity, please click on the following link to access the application <http://doh.sd.gov/Tobacco/>. The application must be submitted to Sarah Quail ([s.quail@voa-dakotas.org](mailto:s.quail@voa-dakotas.org)) **by 5:00pm CT on January 18<sup>th</sup>**.