

# **Notice of Funding Opportunity**

## **SFY2026**

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS BG) for Primary Prevention Programs

SFY2026 Application Period: February 10 - March 22, 2025

SFY2026 Award Period: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Application Release Date:** February 10, 2025 – 8:00 AM (local time)

**Application Due Date:** March 22, 2025 – 5:00 PM (local time)

Funding Agency Idaho Office of Drug Policy (ODP)

Funding Opportunity Title: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block

Grant (SUPTRS BG) for Primary Prevention Programs

**Funding Description:** The SUPTRS BG Primary Prevention funding aims to support

organizations with the implementation of evidence-informed primary prevention programs and strategies that are designed to address specific, locally identified drug and alcohol-related challenges.

This application is to be used by eligible applicants seeking funding to:

 provide substance misuse primary prevention services directly to youth, young adults, adults, parents, families, and other at-risk

individuals of Idaho; and/or

employ environmental strategies designed to reduce the impact of

substance misuse at the community level.

**Anticipated Total Funding Available:** \$1,500,000.00

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 50

**Grant Recipients Notified:** June 1, 2025

Grant Award Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

**Application Submission:** Applications must be completed and submitted online though

Neighborly, ODP's online grant management platform. The application link, and additional application guidance, can be found on the <u>SUPTRS</u>

BG Application Information webpage

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include any public or governmental entity (including

tribal entities), such as counties, cities, schools and school districts, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as non-profit entities such as community-based organizations, behavioral health nonprofits,

coalitions, and youth- and family-serving organizations. Federal regulations (Section 90.135, HHS) prohibit the awarding of Block Grant

funds to any entity other than a public or non-profit entity.

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#### **GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### A. Purpose

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy (ODP) is pleased to announce the state fiscal year 2026 (SFY2026) funding opportunity for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS BG) for Primary Prevention Programs. The SUPTRS BG is federally appropriated funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The purpose of the SUPTRS BG Primary Prevention funding is to support organizations with the implementation of evidence-informed, community-driven primary prevention programs and strategies at the state, county, and community-levels that are designed to address specific, locally identified drug and alcohol-related challenges.

This funding opportunity is specifically for *primary prevention* activities and may not be used for substance abuse treatment or recovery services. Primary prevention is defined as programs and strategies that focus on, and provide services to, individuals who have not been identified as needing treatment. Primary prevention efforts take a proactive, 'upstream' approach by educating and supporting individuals and communities to delay the onset of substance use and to prevent the emergence of substance misuse behaviors and the development of substance use disorders.

The overall focus of SUPTRS BG grant funded programming includes:

- 1. Create, maintain, or expand a comprehensive system of primary prevention services that are community-driven, strategically focused, evidence-informed, and culturally relevant to Idaho's individuals, families and communities.
- 2. Delay the initiation of youth substance use, prevent the development of substance misuse behaviors, and prevent the onset of substance use disorders to ultimately reduce the incidence and impact of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse-related problems on Idaho communities.

Eligible applications will propose efforts and activities that focus on the implementation of evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs and practices that align with one or more of SAMHSA's six identified prevention strategies: prevention education programs, positive alternatives, information dissemination, community-based processes, environmental strategies, and problem identification and referral. Specific types of primary prevention programs and strategies that are eligible to be funded via this grant award are detailed in *Section I.B.III. Programs and Activities Eligible for Funding* on pages 4-7 of this document.

SUPTRS BG funds are awarded as grants via a competitive application process on an annual basis. This funding opportunity is for SFY2026:

- The SFY2026 application period is February 10 March 22, 2025
- The SFY2026 grant award period is July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025.

#### B. Detailed Funding Scope and Expectations

#### B.I. The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)

The SUPTRS BG application follows the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), which was developed by SAMHSA to provide prevention planners with a comprehensive approach to understanding and addressing the substance misuse problems in their states and communities. To learn more about the SPF and substance misuse prevention, review these resources:

- A Guide to SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- Focus on Prevention: Strategies and Programs to Prevent Substance Use

#### B.II. Primary Prevention

ODP and federal block grant regulations require that the SUPTRS BG for Primary Prevention funds be expended solely on primary prevention efforts. The primary prevention of substance misuse involves programs and strategies for individuals that are <u>not</u> identified as in need of treatment and includes activities that shift focus 'upstream' to educate and support individuals and communities to delay the initiation of substance use and prevent the development of substance misuse behaviors and the onset of substance use disorders. This funding may not be used for substance misuse intervention, treatment, or recovery.

#### B.III. Programs and Activities Eligible for Funding

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- 1. Identify substance misuse problems, and the related harmful behaviors, that are being experienced locally; determine the perceived root causes, risk factors, and protective factors associated with the identified substance misuse problems; and provide supporting data that substantiates the existence of the identified problems, causes, and associated factors.
- 2. Request funding to implement promising and evidence-informed programs and practices at the state and/or local level to address the identified substance misuse issues, and related risk and protective factors, to delay the onset of youth substance use initiation and/or reduce the risk of substance misuse behaviors. Eligible funding requests should include the proposal of activities in one or more of the following six CSAP Prevention Strategies:
  - 1) <u>Direct Service Education Programs</u> focuses on interactive, two-way communication between instructors/facilitators and participants of evidence-informed direct-service programs and curriculums that are aimed at increasing knowledge and improving critical life and social skills to prevent substance abuse. Example activities include:
    - Youth-focused Evidence-Informed Programs school and non-school-based educational programming that emphasizes skill-building in areas such as decision-making, refusal skills, critical analysis, communication, resiliency, and stress/self-management.
    - ii. Parent and Family-focused Evidence-Informed Programs focus on strengthening family bonds and fostering a supportive environment. Provide parents with education and tools to increase positive parent-child engagement and help them effectively communicate with their children about the risks of drugs and alcohol and establish consequences.
    - iii. Evidence-informed programming for an identified at-risk population to address an identified substance misuse issue and the related factors.

- 2) <u>Alternatives</u> focuses on providing activities that exclude alcohol and drug use to offer constructive and healthy alternatives to substance use, particularly for youth and other at-risk populations. These activities are designed to reduce risk-taking behaviors, reinforce protective factors, and promote mental wellness. Example activities include:
  - Mentoring Programs providing youth with structured mentoring opportunities to receive guidance and support from peers and/or caring adults to reduce risk factors associated with substance misuse.
  - ii. Youth or Adult Leadership Development Initiatives focus on cultivating abilities and fostering personal growth to boost protective factors and mitigate risk factors associated with substance misuse.
  - iii. Positive, Structured Social Engagement Opportunities such as community service projects, volunteer opportunities, or drug and alcohol-free activities.
- 3) <u>Community-Based Processes</u> focus on enhancing the ability of the community to more effectively implement prevention efforts. Example activities include:
  - i. Needs Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation collecting and analyzing data to identify substance use problems, risk factors, protective factors, community resources, and gaps in services and using that data to develop a prevention plan that outlines goals, evidence-informed activities, and performance metrics. Regularly evaluating the effectiveness of prevention efforts to ensure desired outcomes are achieved and identifying areas for improvement.
  - ii. Community Mobilization and Capacity Building can involve providing training for stakeholders to support the implementation of prevention programs, as well as coalition activities that involve local stakeholders (such as parents, educators, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits) to collaborate and implement and participate in prevention efforts such as health fairs, public awareness events, and other activities that promote healthy behaviors and alternatives to substance use.
- 4) Environmental Strategies focus on changing the norms and conditions within communities to reduce the risk factors and increase the protective factors associated with substance misuse. These strategies aim to influence the broader population rather than targeting individuals directly. Key components include:
  - i. Policy Implementation and Enforcement enacting and enforcing laws such as social host liability, restrictions on alcohol sales, and zoning regulations to limit access to substances.
  - ii. Changing Community Norms addressing cultural and social norms that promote substance use. Implementing public awareness campaigns to raise awareness about substance misuse issues and consequences and correct misperceptions about substance use norms.
  - iii. Reducing Access to Substances encouraging drug-free environments in schools, workplaces, and community events and limiting retail and social access to alcohol and other drugs through measures like ID checks, restricting sales hours, or banning alcohol at certain events.
  - iv. Environmental Design modifying physical spaces to discourage substance use, such as redesigning venues to reduce risky behaviors or increasing visibility of law enforcement in high-risk areas.
- 5) <u>Information Dissemination</u> focuses on increasing awareness and knowledge about substance use, misuse, addiction, and their effects on individuals, families, and

communities. It is characterized by one-way communication from the source to the audience, with minimal interaction between the two. This strategy also promotes awareness of available prevention programs and services. Example activities include:

- i. Media Campaigns
- ii. Dissemination of printed and electronic resources
- iii. Community outreach events
- 6) Problem Identification & Referral focuses on identifying individuals that either have risk factors that make them high-risk for substance misuse or individuals that have already engaged in illegal/age-inappropriate substance use, and to assessing if their behavior can be reversed through education and, if so, addressing their behaviors through prevention education. It should be noted, however, that this strategy does not include any activity designed to determine if a person is in need of treatment. Example activities include:
  - i. Employee and Student Assistance Programs work and school-based initiatives aimed at identifying at-risk staff or students and providing prevention education and referral services to address risky behaviors.
  - ii. Prevention Screening and Referral Services involves screening individuals who have engaged in illegal or age-inappropriate substance use (e.g., first-time alcohol or drug use) to determine if their behavior can be reversed through prevention education. This does not include treatment assessments or diagnosis.



Organizations may request funding for up to five (5) different programs or activities in the application. The number of programs an applicant requests funding for will not have an impact on the likelihood of being awarded funds.

## B.III. Applicant Expectations Applicants are expected to:

- **Collaborate** with existing prevention efforts, community stakeholders, and organizations representing diverse populations which include youth, parents, seniors, military families, etc.
- Implement Evidence-Based, Evidence-Informed, and Promising Programs and Practices: All proposed activities MUST be based on and guided by sound principles of prevention science principles that have been demonstrated through evaluations to effectively reduce risk factors, enhance protective factors, and achieve the desired outcomes of decreased substance use and misuse. The following is a list of resources that can provide more information on evidence-based programs and strategies:
  - ODP Resources:
    - Idaho's Evidence-Based Practices Dashboard
    - Idaho's Evidence-Based Practices Selection & Planning Workbook
    - ODP's Prevention Resource Library
  - SAMHSA Resources:
    - Selecting Best-Fit Programs and Practices: Guidance for Substance Misuse
       Prevention Practitioners
    - Finding Evidence-based Programs and Practices
    - Evidence-based Practices Resource Center
  - Additional Resources:
    - Blueprints Programs for Healthy Youth Development

- CrimeSolutions Programs and Practices, National Institute of Justice
- Excellence in Prevention Strategy List, The Athena Forum
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs
- National Mentoring Resource Center
- **Identify the Proposed Activities Prevention Strategy and IOM Category:** Each proposed activity should fall under a <u>SAMHSA Prevention Strategy</u> and <u>IOM Category</u> and applicants will be expected to identify the Strategy and IOM Category within the application.
- Participate in Data Collection and Performance Measurement:
  - Quarterly Grant Activity Reports all grantees are required to collect data and report on program implementation, participant attendance and demographic information, and any other required data via four quarterly reports. Grantee reporting is mandated so that ODP can meet its obligations under the Federal SUPTRS BG requirements.
  - Use of ODP Program Evaluation Tools all grantees implementing evidence-based direct service curriculums are required to utilize ODP-provided program evaluation tools, such as participant surveys.
  - Records all records and documents related to the grant award, including but not limited to fiscal records, shall be available for review, audit, and copying by ODP, and by state and federal inspectors or auditors for the period of 3 years, beginning July 1, 2025. As a state entity, ODP is subject to the Idaho Public Records Act, Idaho Code title 74, Chapter 1.
- Engage in Workforce Development Efforts & Obtain Necessary Credentials: To increase qualified providers of substance misuse prevention services, at least one staff member in each agency or organization awarded SUPTRS BG funds to deliver substance misuse prevention programs/services from ODP must hold a Provisional Prevention Specialist (PPS) and/or Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) certification at the time of award (or obtain a PPS within 120 days of award date). Additional information about these Certifications can be found <a href="here">here</a>.
   Note this is a requirement for organizations once they are awarded funds, an entity is not
  - required to actively hold a PPS or CPS credential to be eligible to apply for, and be awarded, SUPTRS BG funds.
- Attend Grantee Meetings and Trainings: Grantees must be available for a minimum of one site visit by ODP per year. In addition, grantees are responsible for all news and information emailed and posted on: <a href="https://prevention.odp.idaho.gov/provider-information">https://prevention.odp.idaho.gov/provider-information</a>

#### II. GRANT APPLICATION & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

#### A. Accessing and Submitting the Application

**Applications** <u>must</u> be completed and submitted online. The Grant Application Portal is hosted by Neighborly Software and is accessible via any internet-connected device. While the Neighborly software will work with any modern web browser, the recommended browsers include Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Firefox.

The Neighborly Application Portal Link is: <a href="https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ODPIDAHO/participant">https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ODPIDAHO/participant</a>. The online application will be available at 8am Local Time on February 10th until 5pm Local Time on March 22, 2025.

Interested applicants can find additional guidance and instruction in the <u>SFY26 SUPTRS BG Application</u> Guide and on the <u>SUPTRS BG Application Information webpage</u>.

If you have difficulty registering a Neighborly account, accessing the application, or need other technical support you can contact the Neighborly support team via the blue question mark in the bottom right corner of the Neighborly screen or by email at <a href="mailto:support@neighborlysoftware.com">support@neighborlysoftware.com</a>

**Reminder: Applications are due at 5:00pm Local Time on March 22, 2025.** At which point the Neighborly Grant Application Portal will close.

#### **B.** Application Structure & Components

**Structure:** This application follows the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), which was developed by SAMHSA to provide prevention planners with a comprehensive approach to understanding and addressing the substance misuse problems in their states and communities. You can learn more about the SPF and prevention via these resources:

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**Components** – the SFY2026 SUPTRS BG application sections, as well as the total points available for each section, are listed in order below:

- Organization Information
- Community Needs Assessment (20 Points Total)
- Capacity Building (15 Points Total)
- Program Planning, Implementation, and Budget (80 Points Total for all Programs)
- Evaluation (15 Points Total)
- Sustainability & Cultural Competence (10 Points Total)
- Assurances & Conditions Agreement

#### C. Pre-Application Webinar

A Pre-Application Webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, from 12:00-1:00pm MT (11:00am-12:00pm PT). Interested applicants can register for the webinar via this link.

For those unable to attend live, the webinar will be recorded and available to view within 48 hours under "Pre-Application Webinar" on the <u>SUPTRS BG Application Information webpage</u>.

#### III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

#### A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include public and governmental entities (including tribal entities), such as counties, cities, schools and school districts, and local law enforcement agencies; as well as non-profit entities such as youth or community-serving organizations and community coalitions.

Federal regulations (Section 90.135, HHS) prohibit the awarding of Block Grant funds to any entity other than a public or non-profit entity.

#### B. Cost Sharing and Match Requirements

Cost sharing/match is not required in this program.

#### IV. APPLICATION REVIEW & AWARD TIMELINE

#### A. Application & Award Timeline

#### **SFY2026 SUPTRS BG Application & Award Timeline:**

Activity		<u>Date</u>
1.	Application Released	February 10, 2025
2.	Pre-Application Webinar*	February 18, 2025
3.	Application Deadline	March 22, 2025
4.	Application Review Period	March 23 – May 31, 2025
5.	Grant Recipients Notified	June 1, 2025
6.	Grant Agreements Finalized	July 1, 2025
7.	Grant Award Period	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

<sup>\*</sup>More information on the Pre-Application Webinar can be found on page 8.

#### **B. Review and Selection Process**

Competitive awards made to eligible entities will be based on the quality of the proposal to address state, regional, and/or local-level needs and available funding.

Separate review committees, inclusive of regional representatives familiar with substance misuse issues in their counties, will be assembled for each of the seven public health districts. The Regional Review Committees will review and score the submitted applications from their region. Applications will be evaluated based on how the proposed programs and funding requests align with *Section I.B.III* on pages 4-7 of this document and the application components will be scored based on the point allocation detailed in *Section II.B* on page 8 of this document. Each component/section of the application will be scored. Maximum points are given for an outstanding response. Points are deducted for non-response, missing information, or an inadequate response.

All applicants, whether awarded or not awarded funds, will be notified of their application score. A summary of Review Committee evaluation notes and feedback can be made available upon request.

#### VI. AWARD INFORMATION

#### A. Notice of Awards and Grant Agreements

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NOA) letter and Grant Agreement, signed by the SUPTRS Block Grant Director, via email on or before June 1, 2024. Once accepted, signed, and returned, the Grant Agreement is the sole obligating document that allows grantees to receive funding for the implementation of grant projects.

All applicants, whether awarded or not awarded funds, will be notified of their application score. A summary of Review Committee evaluation notes and feedback can be made available upon request.

#### B. Award Information

- If awarded funding the full grant award details, including detailed budget and funding allocation breakdown and service schedule, will be provided in the Grant Agreement.
- The SFY2026 award period is July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026.
- The SUPTRS BG award funds are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis. Prevention service(s) provided before July 1, 2025, and/or prior to the signing of a Grant Agreement, will not be eligible for reimbursement.\*

Additional information and training will be provided to grant recipients throughout SFY2026.

\*It is important to note that the SUPTRS BG consists of federally appropriated funding from SAMHSA. ODP is a government entity and the grant awards are contingent upon funds appropriated by federal funding agencies and the Idaho Legislature, funds granted by the federal government, or both.



Please contact Jessie Dexter, SUPTRS BG Project Director, with any questions.

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