



Fact Sheet:



Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - Governor's Program

Overview

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Program is the federal government's primary vehicle for reducing drug, alcohol and tobacco use, and violence, through education and prevention activities in the nation's schools and communities. It is a formula grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Funds are provided to state and local educational agencies, as well as to Governors, for a wide range of school and community-based education and prevention activities, in order to create a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement.

Annually, 80 percent of California's allocation is distributed to the California Department of Education (CDE). The remaining 20 percent of California's allocation (Governor's Program) is given to the Governor to assign a designee to administer the funds. The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) has been designated by the Governor to administer these funds. For Federal Fiscal Year 2008, California's allocation was \$35,161,795. CDE received \$28,129,436 and ADP received \$7,032,359 in SDFSC funds. ADP's proposed federal 2009 allocation is \$7 million.

Governor's Program

The Governor's Program is designed to complement CDE SDFSC funding by serving:

- Children and youth who are not normally served by state or local educational agencies;
- Populations that need special services or additional resources such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless children and youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school dropouts.

SDFSC Programs must be based on:

- Objective data to identify needs;
- An established set of performance measures;
- Scientifically-based research;
- An analysis of risk and protective factors;
- Meaningful and ongoing participation of parents.

County Grants

ADP completed a competitive grant application process to fund alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and violence prevention programs that meet the requirements of the law and can achieve measurable results. Eighteen grants were competitively awarded in this third round of SDFSC grant funding. Grants

are for five years with a maximum award of \$220,000 per year.

Grant programs began in October 2007, and will focus on the following three priority populations: foster youth, children of substance-abusing parents/caregivers in treatment, and youth with a history of high rate alcohol and other drug use/binge drinking. The priority is on selective and indicated prevention strategies.

For more information regarding the Governor's SDFSC Program, or a list of grantees, please visit www.adp.ca.gov/Prevention/sdfsc.shtml.

For more information regarding CDE's SDFSC programs, please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at/safedruggree.asp>.

For additional information, contact the Program Services Division, Prevention Services, at (916) 324-4398.