



## 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 Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) has been designated by the Governor to administer these funds. For Federal Fiscal Year 2006, California's share of the formula grant was \$41,539,958. CDE received \$33,231,966 and ADP received \$8,307,992 in SDFSC funds.

In January 2005, the President proposed elimination of the States

Grants Program, which includes all SDFSC funding. The funding was restored, but at a reduced amount. ADP's allocation for 2006 of \$8,307,992 included a reduction of \$2.2 million. Preliminary 2007 estimates indicate that funding will remain consistent with the 2006 federal award. The proposed 2008 federal budget contains another significant reduction in SDFSC funding.

## ***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 released two Requests for Applications (RFA) to fund alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and violence prevention programs that meet the requirements of the law and can achieve measurable results. Forty-three grants were competitively awarded to 35 counties. Grants are for three years with a maximum award of \$200,000 per year.

ADP a third round of local grant programs will begin in October 2007, assuming that the 2007 award is approved at the levels identified in preliminary estimates. It is anticipated that approximately 20 -25 grants will be funded at up to \$220,000 each.

This grant program 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 AOD 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](http://www.adp.ca.gov/Prevention/sdfsc.shtml)

or contact ADP's Program Services Division – Prevention Services - by phone at (916) 324-4398 or by email at [preventionservices@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:preventionservices@adp.state.ca.us).

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