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IDAHO RECEIVES GRANT TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

(Boise) – The Idaho Office of Drug Policy has been awarded a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund community-level substance abuse prevention strategies and to improve Idaho’s prevention infrastructure. Through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), Idaho will receive \$1.5 million per year for five years beginning August 1.

“We are very excited about this award as it will provide much-needed resources to the state and local communities working to keep their neighborhoods free from the devastating effects of substance abuse,” said Elisha Figueroa, administrator of the Office of Drug Policy. “We know that the most effective and lasting prevention work is done at the local level, and this award will nearly double the prevention funds going out to Idaho communities.”

Idaho now has a variety of prevention programs being supported by federal, state and private sources. However, with these additional federal funds the Office of Drug Policy will bring stakeholders together to build a more comprehensive, sustainable system for substance abuse prevention in Idaho. The overall purpose of the SPF SIG program is to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking; reduce substance abuse-related problems; and build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels.

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