



B.E.S.T.-4-Bristol
Bristol Eliminating Substance Use
Together
Local Prevention Council

REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS

PROGRAMS AIMED AT UNDERAGE DRINKING, TOBACCO & DRUG USE

B.E.S.T.-4-Bristol has funds available to develop and implement culturally competent programs to reduce the substance use in The City of Bristol. Grant proposals can be submitted by agencies serving the Bristol community. Applications must include plans for the development and implementation of prevention programs using one or more of the following strategies from **Appendix A**. The grant is intended to facilitate culturally competent substance use prevention, promote behavioral health and overall wellness.

Grant Requirements, Prevention Strategies and Services

The purpose of the grant is to stimulate the development and expansion of local primary substance use prevention services that address all stages of human development. While the range of potential services is broad the aim is to promote wellness and prevent the consequences of substance abuse.

Evidence based strategies are proven to be effective in reducing the numbers of individuals who experience negative consequences from substance use. It is expected that each grant application submitted demonstrate an understanding of diversity. Each applicant is requested to embed cultural competency practices in all services funded under this grant.

The range of potential services must identify prevention needs and assist in filling gaps in services. A complete list of prevention strategies and services with definitions is found in **Appendix A**. Projects will not be considered for funding that focus remedial services, including treatment and early intervention diagnoses.

Youth Substance Use Prevention of Alcohol, Marijuana, Vaping and Other Drugs

B.E.S.T.-4-Bristol, has an interest in supporting programs that enhance the goal of preventing youth substance use specific to underage drinking, youth marijuana use and vaping. The coalition aims to:

- Reduce the past 30-day youth substance use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, vaping and other drug use
- Increase perceptions of risk
- Increase perceptions of parental disapproval
- Increase perceptions of peer disapproval

All applicants must utilize **one** of the 7 Strategies for Community Change. These strategies are an evidenced based approach that is proven to reduce the impact of substance use in communities.

The 7 Strategies for Community Change:

1. Provide Information
2. Enhance Skills
3. Provide Support
4. Change Access to substances or Barriers to programs and services
5. Change Consequences, Incentives/Disincentives
6. Change Physical Design

7. Modify & Change Policies.

There are over 40 types of service type categories in Appendix A of the application.

Please note: **All school-based services applicants must also demonstrate the support of the Superintendent of Schools (and/or regional education agency).**

Application and Reports

Proposals must be **submitted via e-mail** by:

Monday, December 9, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. to: christinasanchez@bristolct.gov

Applicants must submit:

1. ***Mini-Grant Application Form***
2. ***Target Population Sheet***
3. ***Itemized Budget***

B.E.S.T.-4-Bristol will announce their decision on the awards on/around December 13, 2019.

For information or questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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