

**Grant Announcement for
FY 2007-2008 Governor's Discretionary Grants**
funded through the

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

The Florida Office of Drug Control (ODC) is pleased to announce the FY 2007-2008 competitive discretionary grant program. The purpose of this grant program is to solicit proposals from communities for evidence-based programs or prevention strategies that (1) prevent youth drug use and violence; (2) involve parents and communities; and (3) are coordinated with related state, school and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that promotes student academic achievement.

Eligibility Criteria: Applications will be accepted from nonprofit community organizations, parent groups, anti-drug coalitions, juvenile and probate courts, faith-based organizations and other public and private nonprofit entities with a 501(c)(3) status. Only one application will be accepted by each organization; multiple programs/multiple sites will not be funded.

Target Population: Priority for funding will be given to programs that target youth who are not normally served by their local educational agencies and community organizations. This includes populations that need special services or additional resources such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, school dropouts, children of parents in treatment or prison. Special consideration is given to applicants that pursue a comprehensive approach to drug and violence prevention that includes incorporating mental health services related to drug and violence prevention in their program.

Grant Application Amounts: The grant application proposals for fiscal year 2007-08 are capped at \$55,000. The availability of funding is contingent upon annual legislative appropriation.

Application Categories for FY 2007-2008: (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)

- (A) Community Prevention Programs (Example: Coalitions)
- (B) After-School Prevention Programs (Example: Boys and Girls Club)
- (C) Alternative Schools (Example: Charter Schools)
- (D) Summer Prevention Program

****In-School Youth Prevention Programs will not be considered**

E-Grant Applications: All applications must be submitted electronically via the Internet. One signed original and two hard copies of the application must **ARRIVE** at the Office of Drug Control on or before **Monday, June 18, 2007 by 5 PM EST**. Applications submitted in other written formats will not be considered. Prospective applicants may access the electronic application at: <http://simon.fdle.state.fl.us/default.do>

Also, continue to access the ODC website, http://www.flgov.com/safe_program, and then click on Drug-Free Communities, for updated information and guidance on the Governor's Discretionary Grant.

Applications

- Applications must be completed online. Online access to the application will be available at **8:00 AM EST, Friday, May 11, 2007.**
- All applications require a username and password, see below on how to access the SIMON system:

New applicants (Those who did not apply for 2006-2007 DFC grant):

Individuals must apply for a SIMON username and password through the SIMON web site (<http://simon.fdle.state.fl.us/default.do>) Click on the upper right hand corner for the user manual.

Previous applicants with a username and password:

You may use your previously obtained username and password.

Forgot your password?

Have a username but forgot the password click "Forgot your Password"
Follow the directions to reset the password.

Forgot your username?

Email DrugFreeCommunities@fdle.state.fl.us and request this information.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance conference calls will be held to help prospective applicants better understand the submission process and funding guidelines. Conference calls will walk through the application instructions. Applicants must have a SIMON account PRIOR to calling in. User names, passwords and accounts will not be provided at this time.

Dial-In Number (888) 808-6959; Conference Code: 1074273

May 14th 2PM EST

May 15th 10AM EST

Applications must be prepared in conformance with the instructions. The Office of Drug Control reserves the right to reject any or all subgrant applications received or to cancel this NOFA when to do so would be in the best interests of the State of Florida.

Questions or other inquiries regarding this NOFA should be directed to the Drug-Free Communities Program in the Office of Drug Control, to drugfreecommunities@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 487-8440.