

WHITE HOUSE DRUG POLICY DIRECTOR AWARDS \$85.6 MILLION TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT YOUTH DRUG USE

Gil Kerlikowske, Director of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), today announced \$22 million in new Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grants to 169 communities and 16 new DFC Mentoring grants across the country. The awards announced today are in addition to the \$63 million in Continuation grants simultaneously released to 549 currently funded DFC coalitions and seven DFC Mentoring Continuation coalitions. These grants provide community coalitions needed support to prevent and reduce youth substance use.

To view a listing of successful awardees, visit the DFC website at www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc. Additional important information about New Grantee Training and other details are now available through the website.

Thanks to ONDCP's partnership with SAMHSA, the 169 new grantees were selected from 521 applicants through a competitive, peer-reviewed process. SAMHSA will be sending formal notices of grant award to each grantee through the U.S. Postal Service during the month of September.

The DFC program was created by the Drug Free Communities Act of 1997, and was reauthorized by Congress in 2001 and 2006. Since 1998, ONDCP has awarded approximately 1,600 Drug-Free Communities grants to local communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Palau, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and, for the first time in FY 2010, the Federated States of Micronesia.

On behalf of the DFC team at both ONDCP and SAMHSA, congratulations to this year's Drug Free Community awardees!



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