



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS  
STATE GRANTS COORDINATORS MEETING

March 9, 2010

# What's the purpose?

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- Overview/transition of OSDIFS
- To update and outline “Bridge” Grants and School Climate Grants
- SAMSHA’s Prevention Ready Communities

# Presentation Order



- State of the Office – Kevin Jennings, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools
- Building State Capacity for Preventing Youth Substance Use and Violence – Christine Pinckney
- School Climate—Kevin Jennings
- Prevention Ready Communities—Kevin Jennings
- National Network Questions/Discussion

# Kevin Jennings



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- Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools
- School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV)
- Emergency Management for Higher Education

Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health and Physical Education

Dana Carr, Director

- Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program
- Carol M. White Physical Education Program
- Promotion of School Readiness through Early Childhood Emotional and Social Development (Foundations of Learning)
- Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems

Policy and Cross-Cutting Programs

Deb Rudy, Director

- Safe Schools/Healthy Students

Drug-Violence Prevention National Programs

Norris Dickard, Director

- Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse,
- Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior
- Mentoring Program Grants
- Grants for School-Based Student Drug Testing Programs
- Grants for Coalitions to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol Abuse (STOP Act)

Drug-Violence Prevention State Programs

Paul Kesner, Director

- Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
- State Grants/State, Local, Governors' Grants

Character and Civic Education

Paul Kesner, Director

- Partnerships in Character Education
- Cooperative Civic Education and Economic Exchange Program
- International Education Exchange/We The People Program
- International Education Exchange/Improve Public Knowledge of and Support for Democracy



# Building State Capacity for Preventing Youth Substance Use and Violence

# Program Purpose

- ❑ Building State Capacity for Preventing Youth Substance Use and Violence Program provides competitive grants to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to build capacity and to prevent youth substance use and violence and support collaboration between SEAs and other State agencies that are involved in efforts to prevent these problems.

# Uses of Funds

- Funds must be used to enhance capacity of State agencies to support local educational agencies (LEAs) in their efforts to create and sustain a safe and drug-free school climate environment.

# Activities

- ❑ Grantees may carry out technical assistance and training, program support services, data analysis, coordination of activities, and information dissemination, as well as other activities that enhance the capacity of State agencies to support local school-based efforts to create safe and drug-free environments for their students.

# Roles and Responsibilities

## ED's Role

- ❑ Help SEAs increase their capacity and maintain a state prevention infrastructure.
- ❑ Assist SEAs with strategic planning during this transition process.

## SEA's Role

- ❑ Help LEAs to establish partnerships
- ❑ Help LEAs seek other new funding sources
- ❑ Enhance LEAs prevention strategies

# Award Information

- Type of Award: Discretionary Grant
- Eligible Applicants: State Educational Agencies
- Estimated Available Funds: \$8,000,000
- Estimated Range of Awards: \$125,000-\$250,000
- Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$125,000 for a State with fewer than 1,399,999 students enrolled; \$185,000 for a State with at least 1,400,000 but fewer than 2,000,000 students enrolled; and \$250,000 for a State with at least 2,000,000 students enrolled.
- Estimated Number of Awards: 45
- Project Period: Up to 12 months.

# Important Dates - Tentative

- Applications Available: early March
- Applications Deadline: early May
- Estimated Award Date: Awards may be made as late as September 30, 2010.

# Proposed Technical Assistance

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- Up to 2 webinars (March/April 2010)
- After grants are awarded, regional workshops/orientations to be held in Fall 2010.

# Contact Information

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# School Climate Initiative

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- **Eligible Applicants:** State Educational Agencies (SEAs)
- **Purpose:** This program awards grants to SEAs to support new approaches designed to change school culture and climate and thereby improve character and discipline, and reduce drug use, crime and violence.
- **Application Deadline Date:** Spring 2010
- **Application Submission:** TBD
- **Project Period:** Up to 48 months
- **Estimated Funds Available:** \$29,300,000
- **Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$4,200,000 to \$5,800,000
- **Estimated Number of Awards:** 5 to 7 awards

# National Network Meeting (Feb. 7-8, 2010) questions from OSDFS State Coordinators in attendance:

Question	Answer
<p>1. How will direct communication and ongoing conversations occur with SEAs regarding changes and expectations?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Series of Webinars, official letters, phone calls with program officers, LISTSERVs.</p>
<p>2. What are the responsibilities and expectations of administering the “BRIDGE” grant?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Capacity building by coordination of Single State and other prevention resources and the school districts, and technical assistance to school districts to help them sustain their programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The grant will be for twelve months.</li> <li>▪ There are funding bands according to student enrollment—it is not a formula.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Will the Governor’s Office be allocated funding?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>4. Will the Governor’s Office be included in the collaborative effort to receive USED funds?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if they are not already included by being the Single State Agency. It would be up to the State to include the Governor’s Program if it is not the Single State Agency.</p>

## Question

## Answer

5. If an LEA/Governor funding does not use all of their funding at the end of this final allocation period how can the remaining funds be used beyond the period? If so, how long?

FY 2009 Funds must be obligated by 9/30/2011 and spent by 12/31/11.

6. Who, when, where and how will the Governor's people be given directions for managing the remaining funds?

They will work directly with their OSDFS Program Officers

7. Can the SEA convert the remaining LEA fund for state use? If so, what is the process for that?

LEA funding (93% to LEAs) cannot be used for state use. It would have to be given back in a timely fashion to other LEAs.

8. If funding is to target specific LEAs/schools, what are the measures for making that decision?

If you mean the School Climate grants, it will be spelled out in the discretionary application package.

## Question

## Answer

**9.** What is the plan/vision to provide support to all schools throughout the country?

As outlined by the Administration’s proposed reauthorization strategy, U. S. ED funds to OSDfS will only fund competitive/discretionary grants. The “Bridge” grants will be to build capacity for prevention programs and provide technical assistance to lend support but not direct funding resources to each school district in that State. It will be up to each State to make the decision as to what support they will provide. That is why we are having a bridge grant competition, so that the states have a year to plan to help and support their LEAs.

**10.** What is the long-range plan for supporting unfunded schools?

All States will have the chance to win a grant and fund schools to do climate work. There is no formula grant or “guarantee” for any school, however.

**11.** Will funded SEA/LEAs be required to demonstrate how to replicate the program? How will the program results be shared in the field? How will the transfer of these initiatives be implemented?

This type of question will be answered in reauthorization.

# Thank You!

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<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

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<http://www.ed.gov/news/newsletters/listserv/preventioned.html>

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posted on:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/resources.html>