

ANNOUNCING:

Funds Available for the Baby & Me Tobacco Free Cessation Program

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND REQUIREMENTS:

The North Dakota Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Program announces the availability of approximately \$100,000 in funds for the Baby & Me Tobacco Free cessation program for pregnant tobacco users.

We are currently requesting proposals for the July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 funding period for these funds. There is no match requirement. Funds may be used for staff time (maximum 7.25 hours per participant), supplies, including diapers, carbon monoxide monitors, saliva tests, etc. or promotion. A maximum of 30 participants is allowed.

All applications will be funded upon receipt and approval of an acceptable application. Applicants must have received training on the Baby & Me Tobacco Free program before a contract will be issued.

WHY CESSATION PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED:

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and disease in the United States today. Tobacco use increases the risk for lung and other cancers and for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that cigarette smoking is responsible for 443,000 deaths per year, 877 of them being North Dakotans. Tobacco use is costly to North Dakota. Each year smoking costs the state \$442 million in direct medical expenditures and lost productivity.

According to North Dakota Vital Records, pregnant women in North Dakota smoke at a rate of 17 percent. Use of tobacco can cause things such as stillbirth, pre-term delivery and sudden infant death syndrome. In North Dakota, about \$636 per maternal smoker, or \$1 million, is spent annually on neonatal and smoking-attributable health issues.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Request for Reimbursement

Grantees are required to submit request for reimbursement at least quarterly. Grantees may file monthly requests for reimbursement to facilitate budgeting and accounting efforts. The request for reimbursement will not be processed if progress reports are not submitted by designated deadlines.

Reporting Period

July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011
October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011
January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012
April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012
July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012
October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012
January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013
April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

Required Deadline

October 15, 2011
January 17, 2012
April 16, 2012
July 16, 2012
October 15, 2012
January 15, 2013
April 15, 2013
July 15, 2013

Progress Reports

Quarterly and final progress reports are required.

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April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012	July 16, 2012
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October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	January 15, 2013
January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013	April 15, 2013
April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	July 15, 2013

All progress reports must be sent to the Cessation Program Director, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for the funds, applicants must submit a plan for the Baby & Me cessation program. The plan should include the following:

1. Name, address and phone number of contact person(s).
2. Time frame for the project.
3. Itemized budget and budget narrative.
4. Estimated number of individuals the program will serve.
5. Description of the program.
6. Monitoring and evaluation plan for the program.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS:

Programs will receive notification of approval of their applications within 90 days of submission.

Approval or continuation of a contract resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon continuing appropriation. The contract may be terminated by the state or modified by agreement of both parties in the event funding from the state is not obtained or continued at sufficient levels.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applicants may apply at any time during the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013 funding period and applications will be considered dependent on the availability of funds.

For further information about the grant, contact:

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