

ANNOUNCING:

Funds Available to Local Public Health Units for Baby & Me Tobacco Free Cessation Program

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND REQUIREMENTS:

The North Dakota Department of Health Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control announces the availability of approximately \$125,000 in funds for the Baby & Me Tobacco Free cessation program for pregnant tobacco users.

We are currently requesting proposals for the January 4, 2010 to June 30, 2011 funding period for these funds. Contracts will be available up to a six-month period and then considered for renewal. 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 400,000 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 18.4 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

January 1, 2010 - March 31, 2010
April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010
July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010
October 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010
January 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011
April 1, 2011 – June 20, 2011

Required Deadline

April 15, 2010
July 15, 2010
October 15, 2010
January 18, 2011
April 15, 2011
July 15, 2011

Progress Reports

Quarterly and final progress reports are required.

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April 1, 2011 – June 20, 2011	July 15, 2011

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

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for the funds, local public health units 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 or upon receipt of the national Baby & Me grant.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Local public health units may apply at any time during the January 4, 2010 – June 30, 2011 funding period and applications will be considered dependent on the availability of funds.

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