

441—163.3(234) Project eligibility.

163.3(1) Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants for specifically designed projects. Preference in awarding grants shall be given to projects which use a variety of community resources and agencies. Priority in awarding of points for community grants shall be given to programs that serve areas of the state which demonstrate the highest percentage of pregnancies of females aged 13 years of age or older but younger than the age of 18 within the geographic area to be served by the grant. Projects selected for the adolescent pregnancy prevention statewide campaign, adolescent pregnancy evaluation grant, and state coalition grants will be eligible for noncompetitive funding for up to three years, pending availability of funds and based upon satisfactory progress toward program goals. Projects which do not make satisfactory progress toward program goals shall be required to competitively bid for refunding. After three years, all projects must competitively bid for refunding.

Projects funded prior to July 2000 under the community adolescent pregnancy prevention and services grants are eligible for funding for up to nine years, pending availability of funds if the programs are comprehensive in scope and have demonstrated positive outcomes. Grants awarded after July 2000 must be comprehensive in scope and be based on existing models that have demonstrated positive outcomes.

An increasing grantee match will be required. A 5 percent grantee match will be required in year one. The match will increase by 5 percent each subsequent year a project receives funding. In-kind matches may be applied toward the grantee match. Projects which do not make satisfactory progress toward program goals shall be required to competitively bid for refunding.

163.3(2) A grantee may not use grant funds to serve residents of states other than Iowa. An exception to this would be a media campaign in which radio or television messages may “reach” audiences outside of Iowa.

163.3(3) Rescinded IAB 7/6/94, effective 7/1/94.

163.3(4) Projects must serve adolescents. Persons who were served prior to age 18 may continue to be served even though they are not currently pursuing a high school diploma.

163.3(5) Rescinded IAB 7/6/94, effective 7/1/94.

163.3(6) Eligible applicants for the statewide campaign are public or private agencies or individuals. Eligible applicants for the evaluation program are organizations or individuals affiliated with institutions under the authority of the state board of regents or other organizations or individuals experienced in evaluation techniques. Applications for the state coalition program will be accepted from groups or networks with statewide representation focusing on issues of adolescent pregnancy prevention, parenting and community collaboration. Applications for the community adolescent pregnancy prevention and services program will be accepted from community or regional boards or committees with broad-based representation or a single agency representing a broad-based group.

163.3(7) Rescinded IAB 11/4/98, effective 1/1/99.

163.3(8) Rescinded IAB 11/4/98, effective 1/1/99.

163.3(9) An adolescent pregnancy prevention statewide campaign grant will be awarded for a project providing a statewide campaign which encourages abstinence and provides information which will emphasize prevention of adolescent pregnancies.

163.3(10) An adolescent pregnancy prevention evaluation grant will be awarded to provide technical assistance to grantees in assessing their project and developing an evaluation tool for ongoing use. The evaluation grantee will provide an annual written report to the department.

163.3(11) A state coalition grant will be awarded to provide assistance to an existing coalition or network focusing on the issues of adolescent pregnancy prevention and services and coalition building in the state.

163.3(12) Community adolescent pregnancy prevention grants will be awarded to projects providing:

a. Broad-based representation from community or regional representatives including, but not limited to, schools, churches, human service-related organizations, and businesses.

b. Comprehensive programming focusing on the prevention of initial pregnancies during the adolescent years. Projects may provide one or more of the following services:

(1) Workshops and informational programs for adolescents and parents of adolescents to improve communication between children and parents regarding human sexuality issues.

(2) Programs that focus on the prevention of initial pregnancies through responsible decision making in relationships. These programs should be comprehensive with emphasis on, but not limited to, abstinence, risks associated with drug and alcohol use, contraceptives and associated failure rates, sexually transmitted diseases, and AIDS.

(3) Programs which use peer counseling or peer education techniques for the prevention of adolescent pregnancies.

(4) Development and distribution of informational material designed to discourage adolescent sexual activity, to provide information regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome and sexually transmitted diseases, and to encourage male and female adolescents to assume responsibility for their sexual activity and parenting.

c. Services to pregnant and parenting adolescents. Not more than 25 percent of a community grant may be used for these services. Projects may provide one or more of the following services:

(1) Programs intended to prevent an additional pregnancy by a parent who is less than 19 years of age. Preference in grant awards will be given to programs providing incentives to clients for their program participation and success in avoiding a subsequent pregnancy.

(2) Programs for pregnant or parenting teens intended to educate adolescents concerning the risks associated with alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy, improve parenting skills, and plan for the future.

(3) Programs for young fathers.

(4) Development and distribution of informational material designed to encourage male and female adolescents to assume responsibility for their sexual activity and parenting.