

FY 2009 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) solicitation. The purpose of this program is to assist states as they plan, implement, or enhance a PDMP. Activities can include:

- Building a state-level data collection and analysis system to enhance the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies and public health officials for future prevention efforts;
- Enhancing existing programs' abilities to analyze and use collected data to identify drug abuse trends and increase the number of users of the PDMP;
- Facilitating national evaluation efforts to ensure continued support;
- Encouraging the exchange of information among states to prevent cross-border diversion;
- Assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of programs to ensure continued state-level support;
- Enhance collaborations with law enforcement, prosecutors, treatment professionals, the medical community, and pharmacies to establish a comprehensive PDMP strategy.

Applicants were invited to submit a proposal under any one of the following categories: 1) Planning, 2) Implementation, or 3) Enhancement. Applicants for the implementation and enhancement categories were limited to state governments **with** legislation or regulations, either pending or in place that 1) require the submission of dispensing data to a centralized database, and 2) authorize or designate a state agency to implement and administer the program. Planning applicants were limited to state governments without enabling statutes or regulations. The solicitation for funding was released on December 15, 2008 and closed on February 12, 2009.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 26 applications for the site based solicitation, seeking a total of \$8,490,026 in funding. BJA made 15 site-based awards for a total of \$4,944,639 in funding. .

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 58 percent of the applications.

In addition, BJA will supplement a FY 2008 competitive award to Brandeis University to provide training and technical assistance services for the program in the amount of \$1,456,954. Assistance will include planning for regional and national meetings, offering on-site and off-site technical assistance, maintaining

and updating a website for the field that addresses PDMP issues. Brandeis University will also develop a National PDMP Clearinghouse/Center of Excellence that will serve as a clearinghouse of information and undertake projects that highlight best practices for PDMPs. Finally, Brandeis University will work with the IJIS Institute to continue work on information sharing between PDMPs.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Category I: Planning)	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	MD	\$50,000.00
	South Dakota Office of the Attorney General	SD	\$50,000.00
Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Category II: Implementation)	Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services	GU	\$286,353.00
	Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development	AK	\$399,887.00
	Florida Department of Children and Families	FL	\$400,000.00
	Kansas Board of Pharmacy	KS	\$400,000.00
Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Category III: Enhancement)	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	MA	\$400,000.00
	Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control	OK	\$400,000.00
	Vermont Department of Health- Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse	VT	\$392,371.00
	Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection	CT	\$400,000.00
	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency	IN	\$168,090.00
	Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services	KY	\$400,000.00
	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	NC	\$399,742.00
	Ohio State Board of Pharmacy	OH	\$400,000.00
	Utah Department of Commerce	UT	\$398,196.00
Awards: 15	Total Funding:		\$4,944,639.00