

Peer Mentor Network Pilot Project Grant¹
DOE Tobacco Use Prevention

Timeline

Application Release	April 21, 2011
Informative Teleconference	May 3, 2011 ²
Submission Deadline	May 15, 2011
Award Announcements	May 27, 2011
Project Funding and Implementation Period	July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
Optional Training	July 18-21, 2011 ³
Summer Retreat	August 16-17, 2011
Fall Kick-Off	September 27, 2011
March Regional Trainings	
	Montpelier March 6, 2012
	Colchester March 8, 2012
	Fairlee March 13, 2012
	Plymouth March 15, 2012

Overview

The Mentor Network is a one year pilot project. Benefits of this grant include:

- An opportunity to lead and learn alongside your prevention colleagues
- In-depth professional development (advanced training as well as opportunities to put new skills into practice)
- Creation and participation in a statewide mentor network

Eligibility

All current FY11 tobacco use prevention coordinators are eligible to apply.

Funding

Competitive funding in the amount of \$5,000 will be available for up to eight grantees. Funding is contingent upon annual legislative budget approval.

Grant Requirements

All grantees must:

- Attend the summer retreat on August 16-17, 2011
- Be an active participant in planning and facilitating the fall kick-off meeting (to be held September 27, 2011)
- Be an active participant in planning and facilitating one March regional training
- Be available to mentor up to eight DOE Tobacco Use Prevention grantees
- Submit a year-end report by June 1, 2012

¹ Certainly a better name than this can be generated for the group, and will be—by participants—at the summer retreat ☺

² Teleconference attendance is purely voluntary and intended for those desiring additional information, or who have questions about the application and/or project.

³ Successful applicants will be strongly encouraged to attend a special offering of the [Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach](#) training at no charge; “a powerful system for teaching and curriculum design that results in better learning, transfer and retention”.

Grant Application Assistance and Training

All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the teleconference that will be held from 4:00pm-5:00pm on May 3, 2011. The purpose of the webinar is discuss the grant objectives and requirements, and to answer any questions. To register, email kate.larose@state.vt.us with “*May 3 Teleconference*” in the subject line.

Grant Review Process

Successful applicants will be selected by a prevention panel which may include staff from the Vermont Departments of Education and Health, and representatives from organizations including the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board and the Vermont Association of Student Assistance Professionals. Decisions will be based on a variety of factors which may include previous grant performance, geographic representation, area(s) of prevention expertise, and previous professional development experience or training.

How to Apply

Please address the following questions via the submission of a cover letter and current resume:

- Why are you interested in participating in the creation of a peer mentor network?
- What is your prevention work experience?
- Identify at least one area of prevention expertise that you would bring to the network (i.e., grant writing, meeting facilitation, health education delivery, community engagement, using social media and/or technology in health education, teen cessation, service learning, etc.)

Submission Instructions

Email application to kate.larose@state.vt.us with “*Peer Mentor Network Grant*” in the subject line. Applications not emailed by **11:30PM on Sunday May 15, 2011** will not be considered for funding.

Questions

For questions about this application, please contact Kate Larose at (802) 828-0565 or kate.larose@state.vt.us.