

Region 5 Systems

Winter 2025 Mini-Grant Cycle

PURPOSE OF MINI-GRANT FUNDS

The purpose of the mini-grants is to build community capacity through partnerships and collaborations to increase prevention sustainability. The intent of the funds is that they be used as “seed” money to start programs, organizations, community coalitions, etc., in areas where funding is lacking.

While we believe that there are many areas of prevention that need attention, these funds will only be awarded to activities geared toward preventing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use. It is important that the activities you are coordinating are consistent with those that have been prioritized by the Regional Prevention Coordination. Thus, in order to be considered for funding, you must receive technical assistance from the prevention director.

MINI-GRANT TIME-LINE

September 8, 2025	Grant Announcement Letter
September 19, 2025	Letter of Interest due back to Region 5 Systems
September 26, 2025	Last day to contact prevention director for technical assistance
October 3, 2025	Grant applications due back to Region 5 Systems
Week of Oct 6, 2025	Application Review by Review Committee
Week of Oct 13, 2025	Application Review by the State
October 29, 2025	Advisory Committee (BHAC) recommendation to Regional Governing Board
November 10, 2025	Regional Governing Board awards grants

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance involves a dialogue between you and the prevention director, and it should begin as early as possible to ensure the most effective programming is proposed. At a minimum, this dialogue should include, but is not limited to:

- Proposal
- How it relates to the federal prevention framework
- Budget
- Plan for implementation
- Qualifications of trainers

MINI-GRANT PRIORITIES

- Parenting Empowerment
- Environmental Efforts (i.e., responsible beverage services policy and drug-free workplace)
- Education and/or Alternatives for High-Risk Populations
- Community collaboration and program capacity building
- Community collaboration
- Program capacity building and sustainability

CRITERIA

- Research-Based
- Involvement of target group in planning primary prevention for substance abuse
- Receive technical assistance from the prevention director