

Region 5 Systems

Summer 2026 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, to be considered for funding, you must receive technical assistance from the prevention team.

MINI-GRANT TIME-LINE

April 1, 2026	Grant announcement
April 15, 2026	Letter of Interest due back to Region 5 Systems
April 24, 2026	Last day to contact prevention team for technical assistance
April 30, 2026	Grant applications due back to Region 5 Systems
Week of May 4, 2026	Application review by Advisory Committee
Week of May 11, 2026	Application review by DHHS
May 27, 2026	Advisory Committee (BHAC) recommendation to Regional Governing Board
June 8, 2026	Regional Governing Board awards grants
July 1, 2026	FY 26-27 funding available July 1, 2026, through June 15, 2027

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance involves a dialogue between you and the prevention team, 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 team