

April 1, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Regional Prevention Coordination, a division of Region 5 Systems, is pleased to announce its summer 2026 funding cycle for a mini-grant process which supports local community prevention initiatives. The purpose of the mini-grants is to build community capacity to support and sustain substance abuse prevention efforts throughout southeast Nebraska. The intent of the funds is that they be used as “seed” money to start programs, organizations, and community coalitions, ensuring comprehensive community approaches for preventing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse (ATOD). **NOTE: Funding for FY 26-27 summer cycle is available from July 1, 2026, to June 15, 2027.**

- ◆ Interested parties may apply for these grants by completing the attached Letter of Interest, indicating the activities or programs which they are interested in providing. **The Letter of Interest is due on or before April 15, 2026, and should be mailed or e-mailed to:**

Region 5 Systems
Attn: Prevention Department
3600 Union Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516
klathrop@region5systems.net

- ◆ The “Mini-Grant Review Standards” are also attached. All applicants will be expected to comply with the standards when completing the grant application. **Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before April 30, 2026.**

The prevention team will provide technical assistance in completing both the Letter of Interest and the grant application at no expense to your organization. **To be considered eligible for an award, technical assistance from the prevention team in completing the grant application is required. Contact Kayla Lathrop (402-441-4346 or klathrop@region5systems.net) by April 24, 2026, for technical assistance and other inquiries.**

The grant application is available only to organizations who have completed the Letter of Interest. While all eligible projects will be considered, priority for funding will go to those that include parenting empowerment, environmental efforts (e.g., responsible beverage service policy or drug-free workplace), or education/alternatives for youth, including higher-risk populations. Preference will also be given to smaller groups or organizations with fewer grant-writing resources to build their capacity to participate in prevention efforts. Agencies who receive remuneration from Region 5 Systems are not eligible for mini-grant awards at this time.

***ALL MINI-GRANT FORMS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE:***

<https://region5systems.net/whats-happening/grants/prevention-minigrants/>