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# SMART Bet Implementation – Request for Applications FY19

#### Summary

The SMART Bet Implementation grant, SFY 19, is coordinated by the Problem Gambling Resource Center at Prevention Action Alliance, and is made possible with funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to seek grantees who are interested in engaging their community in problem gambling prevention through the use of the SMART Bet program. Grantees will learn the SMART Bet program and teach it in their communities. After completing the SMART Bet program, grantees will collect evaluations and data and share with Prevention Action Alliance.

#### **About SMART Bet:**

SMART Bet is a prevention based curriculum designed to help young adults (18-25) gain the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices about whether, when, and how much to gamble. The program has been designed to allow participants to explore the role of gambling in our society and in their lives. Within the program, participants will learn about the risks and benefits of gambling, as well as examine their own attitudes, feelings and opinions around the decision to gamble or not to gamble. Included are activities that will help with decision making and an opportunity to develop a personal set of guidelines for gambling if their decision is to gamble. Participants will also learn how to recognize a gambling problem, what to say to someone whose gambling concerns them and where to go for help. The activities encourage participants to share thoughts and opinions and to learn from each other. Each section has at least one activity that encourages participant interaction. This sharing is essential in building the kind of social support so helpful in daily living as well as in times of stress or crisis. The in-person program can be completed in 4-10 hours, depending upon the amount of time spent discussing each activity and time allotted to complete activities. The program materials can be stand-alone or integrated into other training curriculums, lessons, or activities.

Timeline	
October 15, 2018	Announcement Released
November 9, 2018	Online Applications Due
November 16, 2018	Notices of Award Sent
May 31, 2019	Final Report Due (see "Criteria for Award")

#### Submission information

Please email questions to <a href="mailto:rfp@preventionactionalliance.org">rfp@preventionactionalliance.org</a> by November 2, 2018. You may not contact any Prevention Action Alliance staff directly with questions. Submit the RFP via <a href="https://preventionactionalliance.org/smartbet-implementation/">https://preventionactionalliance.org/smartbet-implementation/</a>.

#### **Award Criteria**

## **Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants include those working in problem gambling prevention or wish to engage in problem gambling prevention activities. Applicants must agree to use the evaluation tools provided and return collected data to Prevention Action Alliance upon completion.

Monies must be distributed through a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, local government agency, school, college or community-based group. If you have concerns about eligibility, contact the PAA staff member listed at the end of the RFA. The use of a fiscal agent is permitted; however, PAA reserves the right to request additional partnership agreements.

#### **Availability of Funds:**

There are 5 available awards valued at \$1,000 each for a total of \$5,000 in funding. Applicants may only submit ONE project application, and must indicate the community's need, as well as existing community partnerships that will assist in the completion of the project. The application review committee will consider the applicant's ability to complete the project, proposed local partnerships, and use of funds when determining awards.

- Funds may be used for: staff time, incentives for participants, marketing, and printing of materials.
- No more than 20% of the funding may be used for food and/or beverage.
- This funding opportunity is limited to those serving the needs of Ohioans.

#### **Requirements:**

- 1. Complete the online application. No paper or email submissions will be accepted.
- 2. Enclose 501(c)(3) IRS form or appropriate documentation
- 3. Signed Assurances
- 4. Project Budget

#### **Criteria for Award:**

- Applicants ability to attend the online SMART Bet training in November (Date TBD)
- Prepare, market, and implement the complete SMART Bet program to, at minimum, 10 participants.
- Final reporting requirements will include, but are not limited to:
  - $\checkmark$  Collect pre- and post-test data using the evaluation tool provided for SMART Bet and turn it in to PAA upon completion of the program.
  - ✓ Final budget submission

NOTE: Failure to meet the deadlines, as outlined above and in combination with the assurances, will be considered in application reviews for all future Prevention Action Alliance projects.

#### **Proposal Contents**

All applications must be submitted via Survey Monkey. Other forms of application will not be accepted. Application deadline is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **APPLICANT ORGANIZATION – Contact Information**

- 1. Applicant Information
  - Organization / Coalition Name
  - Contact Person/Project Lead
  - Address
  - Telephone
  - County Board Area
  - Fiscal Agent
    - Fiscal agent contact information

- Requested Funding Amount
- Mission Statement
- Tax ID

# 2. Project Narrative

- I. Please describe your work in problem gambling prevention or the broader behavioral health field.
- II. Discuss all parties that will work on this project and their qualifications.
- III. Describe why you or your group is interested in implementing the SMART Bet program in your community.
- IV. Discuss your experience in engaging your community in problem gambling efforts.