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## Health Department to Award Grants to Support Local Tobacco Control Programs

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BURLINGTON – The Vermont Department of Health will issue grants beginning in July 2010 to fund community tobacco control initiatives statewide. The Department of Health issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for grant applicants on January 14.

The two-year grants will fund local efforts to prevent youth tobacco use, reduce adult tobacco use, lessen exposure to secondhand smoke and decrease tobacco-related health disparities among Vermonters – the core goals of the Tobacco Control Program. The community RFP is developed to ensure that local efforts support statewide initiatives.

Tobacco control grants have been made available to communities since 2001, through the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) dollars awarded to Vermont each year by tobacco manufacturers.

“Funds distributed to communities in the past have clearly contributed to the significant reductions in the youth and adult smoking rates in Vermont,” said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD.

The Health Department will work to align the tobacco objectives with other programs like the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive grants, CHAMPPS (Coordinated Healthy Activity, Motivation and Prevention Programs) and the Blueprint for Health.

The overall goal is to use the RFP process to fund local organizations statewide that can address tobacco issues and strengthen tobacco cessation and prevention initiatives already underway.

Organizations eligible to apply include coalitions and community partnerships, public and private not-for-profit organizations and municipalities.

Proposals will be due to the Department of Health on March 5, 2010. The grant period is July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with a 1-year renewal option.

Tobacco community grant applicants are encouraged to attend an optional applicant training session to be offered via webinar on January 28 at 10:00 a.m. Registration for the webinar is required and can be done at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9HCTJSG>.

For the Request for Proposal (RFP), application forms and details regarding the applicant training, visit the Tobacco Control Program Community page of the Vermont Department of Health web site: <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/tobacco/community.aspx>

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