

# Wise Guys<sup>©</sup> Male Responsibility Curriculum Implementation and Statutory Rape Presentations Subgrant Solicitation

## Background

The Idaho Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Program, housed in the Bureau of Clinical and Preventive Services, at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This application process addresses the priorities of the APP Program plan for 2018-2020.

The goals of this plan are to provide adolescents with evidence-based curricula and resources to improve their sexual health. Wise Guys: Male Responsibility Curriculum<sup>©</sup> is an evidence-informed curriculum designed to engage males in the prevention of adolescent pregnancies. The 10-lesson curriculum was created by the Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro and was developed as a male involvement tool to engage young males, ages 10–24, in pregnancy prevention efforts. The Wise Guys curriculum has been adapted to include the topic of statutory rape along with elements of Positive Youth Development (PYD). TANF guidelines also require that funds be used to conduct a presentation designed to reach state and local law enforcement officials, the education system, or relevant counseling services to provide education and training on the topic of statutory rape.

Wise Guys has been implemented in Idaho since 2011. The Wise Guys curriculum is currently being implemented in public school, job training, and juvenile detention settings in Region 3 and Region 4 (see application for Idaho regional map). The curriculum reaches approximately 120 Idaho male ages 11-19 each year.

## Funding Opportunity Activities

### Infrastructure/Communication

#### 1. Primary Person of Contact

The APP Health Program Specialist will communicate with funded subgrantees regarding project progress.

#### 2. Site Visit

A site visit will be conducted at least once every subgrant year per region served. The site visit will include a meeting with program and facilitator staff, as well as a curriculum facilitation observation.

#### 3. Routine Subgrantee Calls

The subgrantee will be required to participate in at least three APP calls throughout the subgrant year. These calls will cover APP updates and allow subgrantees to share successes and lessons learned.

**4. APP Annual Training**

The subgrantee will be required to attend at least one in-person APP training during each subgrant year.

**5. Wise Guys Curriculum Training**

Subgrantee staff will be required to attend a Wise Guys curriculum training if the staff have not been previously trained. Applicants that have already been trained in implementing Wise Guys curriculum will receive a higher score on the application.

## Implementation

**1. Kick-Off Meeting**

Subgrantee will attend a kick-off meeting either in-person or via conference call with APP staff in late February or early March, exact time to be determined. The meeting will be an informal session, with the subgrantees providing the staff an overview of the curriculum, planned method of implementation, and roll out of the programming. The full subgrantee team will be required to attend to ensure key program staff have the foundational knowledge necessary to meet the subgrant goals.

**2. Work Plan**

After the kick-off meeting, the subgrantee will develop a work plan to be implemented during the funding period. The key decision maker will need to participate in the development of the workplan to address organizational barriers, implementation service sites, priority populations, and program implementation. A draft work plan will be submitted for APP staff to review with a final work plan to be negotiated. The work plan will outline Wise Guys implementation including the following intervention activities:

- Program Implementation – Wise Guys curriculum is a ten (10) chapter intervention with a primary audience of males ages 11-19. The recommended implementation of the curriculum is one (1) chapter a week over the course of ten (10) weeks to make up one series. Each weekly session should be approximately forty-five to fifty (45 to 50) minutes in duration and must have a minimum of ten (10) participants.
- Implementation Site – Wise Guys can be implemented in a variety of settings including schools, community and health centers, sports leagues (school or out-of-school), faith groups, juvenile justice centers, etc. Developing relationships with the community and communities in which the primary audience (males ages 11-19) resides will be important to successful interventions.
- Priority Populations – The APP Program has identified priority populations with higher rates of teen pregnancy. These priority populations include Hispanic youth, youth in the juvenile justice system, youth ages 18-19, and rural youth with limited access to health services.

- Statutory Rape Presentation - The subgrantee shall develop a presentation on statutory rape within ninety (90) days of contract execution. A minimum of one (1) presentation shall be presented to school faculty and administrators, law enforcement officials, or individuals providing counseling services. The foundation of the presentation can be based on healthy masculinity and include other topics such as: consent, healthy relationships, violence prevention information, and information on reproductive coercion. The presentation shall be reviewed and approved by the APP Program prior to implementation.
- Positive Youth Development – Positive Youth Development (PYD) is a framework that focuses on the support young people need to make a successful transition to adulthood. The framework revolves around the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional needs of a young person. Activities selected under each chapter of the Wise Guys® male involvement curriculum shall be implemented based on the principles of PYD. More information about the PYD framework can be found at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/positive-youth-development>.
- Adult Preparation Subjects (APS) – The Wise Guys implementation plan must include at least two APS subject lessons as part of the ten (10) chapter Wise Guys implementation plan. The six APS subjects are: healthy relationships, adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication, educational and career success, and healthy life skills. The PYD framework listed above is a resource to help design the two APS subject lessons that will be implemented as part of the Wise Guys curriculum. More information and descriptions of each APS subject can be found at <https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/AdultPrepToolkit.pdf>. The lessons shall be reviewed and approved by the APP Program prior to implementation.
- Medical Accuracy – Programs supported by TANF funds must be medically accurate. Medical accuracy means that medical information must be verified or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods and published peer reviewed journals, or be comprised of information that leading professional organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field recognize as accurate, objective, and complete.

## Reporting

### 1. Monitoring Reports

The subgrantee will be required to track work plan activities and complete a total of four (4) quarterly reports. Subgrantees will be required to submit Fiscal Operating Details Reports and Personnel Detail Reports at least quarterly.

### 2. Invoicing

Subgrantees will be required to invoice at least quarterly, but may invoice monthly.

### 3. Evaluation

The subgrantee must, at a minimum, report session participation data, pre and post evaluation survey data, participant feedback data, manage data entry, maintain program fidelity and medical accuracy, and work to ensure all participants enrolled in the Wise Guys intervention complete all curriculum chapters. The APP Program will provide data collection forms and links for online data reporting.

#### **4. Implementation Schedule**

Once a Wise Guy series has been scheduled, the subgrantee will send the APP Program the schedule. At least one site visit must be completed every subgrant year per region served.

#### **Timeline and Funding Availability**

Activities funded by this process shall commence on or about February 1, 2018, and be completed by January 30, 2019. Funding will be provided up to \$25,000 per funded project. The APP program anticipates funding up to three (3) projects or providers not to exceed \$75,000. Projects may include multiple implementation sites within the same region. If proposing multiple sites in more than one region, each region counts as one proposed project for delivering services. The amount of funding will be dependent on region, capacity, reach, and availability of funds. Funding agreements may be extended annually for up to four (4) years to ensure continued programming is successfully implemented. Subgrantees will submit a budget for staff to complete a Wise Guys intervention series including the development of two APS lessons, develop a work plan, participate in a kick-off meeting, attend at least one APP training, and complete quarterly monitoring reports. The budget will then be negotiated and amended based on the work plan developed.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

This funding opportunity is available to all entities public, private, and not-for-profit. Eligible applicants do not have to be trained in Wise Guys curriculum implementation, however trained applicants will receive greater consideration in the application scoring process. Eligible applicants must demonstrate experience with providing health education to adolescents. Applicants will be required to provide their Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and must affirm their understanding that no entity, as defined by 2 CFR Part 25, Subpart C, may receive award of a subgrant unless the entity has provided its DUNS number. (2 CFR 25.110.)

#### **Funding Restrictions**

- Recipients may not use funds for the purchase of furniture or equipment without a detailed explanation in the budget and demonstrated relevance to project activities.
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs is not allowed.
- Recipients may not use funds to supplant state, local or organizational funding.
- Funds may not be used for lobbying, e.g. to influence legislation or intervene in any political campaign per Section 4002 of Public Law 111-148.

- Recipients may only use funds for reasonable project purposes such as supplemental materials, costs associated with educational events or meetings, staff time, etc.
- Recipients must perform a substantial role in carrying out the project objectives, not merely serve as a conduit to another party.

### Expected Funding and Subgrant Timeline

November 1, 2017	Subgrant Solicitation announced
November 30, 2017	Application deadline
January 2, 2018	Subgrantee will be notified
January 2-30, 2018	Subgrant negotiations
Beginning February 2018	Estimated subgrant activities start date
January 30, 2019	Last invoice to be sent to APP Program for payment and conclusion of subgrant activities

### Application and Scoring

The application is available with this solicitation or upon request by emailing Heidi Smith at [Heidi.Smith2@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:Heidi.Smith2@dhw.idaho.gov). **Applications are due by 5:00pm (MT) on November 30, 2017.** Please email completed applications to Heidi Smith at [Heidi.Smith2@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:Heidi.Smith2@dhw.idaho.gov). Each section of the application has an assigned point value for scoring.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of at least three people. Applications will be scored based on compliance with the application guidelines, capacity of the organization to achieve the funding goals, and the region(s) served in relation to Idaho teen pregnancy rates. Funding determinations will be made after all funding requests are received and reviewed after the November 30, 2017, deadline.

**All applicants will be notified by email by January 2, 2018.**