

ACTION ALERT

From WASAVP

The Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

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The Action Alert below is borrowed from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. It seems we need to **again** make our voice **even** louder if we want to retain the State Grants Portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Funding. To learn more about how this funding is effective across Washington click [here](#) for background information as well as a sample letter.

Please take action now by clicking calling members of your congressional delegation at 212-224-3121 and telling them the bullets below, even if you already have. THANK YOU!

“NEW URGENT ALERT: SDFSC PROGRAM ELIMINATED!”

On Friday, July 17th, the Full House Appropriations Committee voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) program. The Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee on Appropriations is tentatively scheduled to mark up its version of the bill that contains funding for this program on July 28th. We can still try to get the funds restored but **WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!**

Please take five minutes out of your day TODAY to contact the members of your congressional delegation (both senators and your representative). You can reach them by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and asking for your member’s office. (If you don’t know who the members of your congressional delegation are, you can find out by going to <http://capwiz.com/cadca/home/> and entering your zip code.)

When connected, please deliver the following message:

- I understand that the Full House Appropriations Committee voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program
- The House Report says it would rather concentrate funding on targeted interventions, funded through the national programs portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program
- This is a huge problem and a gigantic mistake because the national programs gives very large grants to a very limited number of local educational agencies who will not be able to sustain these grants when the grant period is over
- In addition, over 90% of school districts, including mine, DON'T receive money from the national programs and probably never will
- Therefore, if the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program is eliminated and there will be no prevention infrastructure in place in the vast majority of schools in the country, including ours, to provide K-12 students with messages and effective programming to counter emerging and embedded drug trends as well as bullying and violence prevention issues
- Please tell your boss that it is critical that the funding for the Safe and Drug Free Schools program be maintained and we need their support.”

BACKGROUND

The Full House Committee on Appropriations marked up its version of the FY 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill on Friday, July 17, 2009. Although a handful of programs that our field advocates for were recommended for small increases, the Committee voted to eliminate the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program and to cut the funding for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention by nearly \$1 million.

NEXT STEPS/URGENT ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

The Senate is scheduled to mark up its version of the Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Bill tomorrow. CADCA will send you specific legislative alerts on the programs listed in the chart below with sample letters and detailed instructions as the appropriations process moves forward. It is imperative that when you receive these alerts, you act as soon as possible so that we can have maximum influence on FY 2010 funding levels for the programs that support our field. CADCA will not ask you to respond to the same alert twice, so please take a moment to respond each and every time you receive an alert.

	FY 2009 Appropriated	FY 2010 President's Budget Request	FY 2010 Full House Appropriations Committee Mark	Net Change between FY 2009 Appropriated and FY 2010 Full House Appropriations Committee Mark
Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Act				
State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program	\$294.8 million	\$0 million	\$0 million	-\$294.8 million
National Programs portion of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program	\$140.3 million	\$250.9 million	\$195 million	+54.7 million
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1.779 billion	\$1.779 billion	\$1.779 billion	No change
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)	\$201 million¹	\$198 million²	\$200 million³	-\$1 million
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)	\$414.3 million	\$460 million	\$461.5 million	+\$47.2 million
Nat'l Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)	\$1.033 billion	\$1.045 billion	\$1.069 billion	+\$36.8 million
Nat'l Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)	\$450.2 million	\$455.1 million	\$466.3 million	+\$16.1 million

Note: All numbers are rounded up to the nearest million

¹Includes a total of \$7 million for the STOP Act: \$5 million for Community Coalition Enhancement Grants; \$1 million for an adult oriented media campaign; and \$1 million for the Interagency Coordinating Committee to Prevent Underage Drinking

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