

LIFESKILLS TRAINING MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

There is currently an opportunity to apply to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for funding for implementation of an evidence-based prevention program to address marijuana and other substance use in your school or youth-serving organization. This grant is for the Middle School LifeSkills Training program helps young people develop refusal/intervention skills to prevent and reduce the use or abuse of marijuana and other harmful substances. The program has also been shown to reduce school violence and bullying, as well as improve school climate. It is a three-level program that is generally provided to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, over a three-year period.

The grant is for all districts and youth-serving community organizations, serving middle school aged youth, but priority will be given to those schools and organizations serving youth and communities in greatest need or risk of substance use, as well as those sites who were funded for the program in SY 2016-17 and plan to fund a new cohort of students.

The grant will pay for student and teacher materials for all students in your school or site that will participate in the curriculum, required instructor training, and a stipend for data entry.

Grant applications can be submitted through iGrants, a secure application within [OSPI's Education Data System](#). Eligible applicants include school districts, charter school districts, tribal compact schools, public schools, colleges/universities, and non-profit organizations. The LifeSkills Training Middle School grant application is form package 761. The grant is due by Sept. 21. Applications will be accepted and approved on a rolling basis until all grant funds are committed. Earlier submission is encouraged to determine training needs and secure funds.

To learn more about the program, see the LifeSkills Training website at www.lifeskillstraining.com. If you have questions regarding the grant or the iGrants application, please contact Krissy Johnson at OSPI, at 360-725-6045 or krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us.