



## **Federal Funding Streams for Teen Pregnancy Prevention**

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Below is a summary of federal funding streams for teen pregnancy prevention, along with information about grantees who received funding.

### **Discretionary Funding**

#### **Evidence-based Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program:**

This funding, administered by the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH), was proposed in the President's FY 2010 budget, and included in the FY 10 appropriations bill. Funded at \$110 million for FY 10, and \$105 million in FY 11 and FY 12, the program provides competitive grants to a broad range of organizations and agencies. The \$105 million includes:

- \$75 million for Tier 1 grants to replicate teen pregnancy prevention programs that have shown to be effective through rigorous evaluation. OAH awarded 75 grants. For a summary of grants, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/oah-initiatives/tpp/grantees/>
- \$25 million for Tier 2 grants to develop, replicate, refine and test additional models and innovative strategies to reduce teen pregnancy. OAH awarded 19 grants totaling \$15 million. For a summary of grants, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/oah-initiatives/tpp/grantees/>  
The remaining \$10 million supports eight cooperative agreements awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with OAH (see below).
- \$5 million for program support, including evaluation, training and technical assistance for the grantees.

Demand for this funding was overwhelming: Approximately 1,100 organizations submitted applications in FY 10 and OAH only had sufficient funding to award 100 grants. The grants will run for five years, contingent upon funding being appropriated each year. Some grantees are using programs with a strong focus on abstinence, and others are using programs that teach about both abstinence and contraception. Regardless of program content, all funded programs must have some evidence of success and must be medically accurate and age appropriate.

#### **Community-Wide Teenage Pregnancy Prevention:**

In FY 10, CDC awarded five-year cooperative agreements to nine state and local organizations to demonstrate the effectiveness of community-wide initiatives in reducing teen pregnancy in communities with the highest rates, with a focus on reaching African American and Latino/Hispanic youth. In addition, five national organizations, including The National Campaign, received cooperative agreements to provide assistance and support to the community grantees. These national, state, and local organizations will work together to promote the use of evidence-based programs, educate community leaders about the importance of preventing teen pregnancy, and

connect youth to clinical services. For more information, go to:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/TeenPregnancy/PreventTeenPreg.htm>

### **Abstinence Education:**

In the FY 12 Appropriations bill, \$5 million was added for competitive grants for abstinence education. The new funding uses the “A-H” definition of abstinence in Title V Abstinence Education and does not have any requirements about evidence. Additional details about how this funding will be administered are not currently available.

### **Mandatory Funding**

#### **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP):**

This program, administered by the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), provides \$75 million annually for FY 2010-2014 for evidence-based programs that educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and on other adulthood preparation topics such as healthy relationships, communication with parents, and financial literacy. PREP funding targets youth at greatest risk of teen pregnancy and geographic areas with high teen birth rates. All programs funded must be medically accurate and age appropriate. This funding was established in The Affordable Care Act (ACA). PREP includes:

- \$55 million in formula grants to states and territories. To date, 45 states as well as D.C., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia have accepted PREP funds. If the state government opts not to apply after two years, the funding allotted to that state will be available on a competitive basis to other organizations in the state.
- \$10 million for competitive grants to public and private entities to develop, replicate, refine, and test innovative strategies to reduce teen pregnancy and repeat pregnancies among youth up to age 21. ACYF awarded 13 Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS) grants.
- \$3.5 million for competitive grants to Indian tribes or tribal organizations. ACYF awarded grants to 16 tribes and tribal organizations.

The balance of approximately \$6 million is for program evaluation and support. For additional information and grantees, see: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/programs/tpp.htm>

#### **Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program:**

This program had previously ended and was reauthorized as part of the ACA. Administered by ACYF, it provides \$50 million annually for FY 2010-2014 in formula grants to states for abstinence education and mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision programs that promote abstinence. To date, 34 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Federated States of Micronesia have accepted funds. For additional information and grantees, see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/programs/tpp.htm>

#### **Pregnancy Assistance Fund:**

This program, administered by OAH, was established in the ACA. It provides \$25 million annually for FY 2010 – 2019 for competitive grants to states, tribes, and territories to support pregnant and parenting teens and women, and combat violence against pregnant women. Projects help teens in high schools and community service centers and young women in institutions of higher education complete school and gain access to health care, child care, family housing, and other critical supports. OAH awarded 17 grants for a period of three years. Grantees may address delay of subsequent pregnancies among other topics. For a list of grants, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/oah-initiatives/paf>.