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## **Prevention Planning Grants Awarded to West Virginia's Counties Regional Learning Opportunities Scheduled Across the State**

CHARLESTON, W.VA.— West Virginia's counties now have money for prevention planning. Governor Joe Manchin recently announced the recipients of prevention planning grants, which will provide counties with resources for assessing needs, learning about effective prevention strategies, and writing comprehensive, countywide plans that can be used to apply for other grants. A list of the grant recipient contacts is available at [www.prevnet.org](http://www.prevnet.org).

The source of these county planning grants is a federal Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG). The five-year grant of more than 11 million dollars was awarded to the State of West Virginia, but most of the money will be re-awarded at the local level. West Virginia has chosen to do this in two phases. Phase one includes the planning grants. One planning grant was awarded to an eligible recipient in each county that applied. Phase two will involve money for implementing prevention strategies.

Although the intended product of the planning grants is county prevention plans, an even more important result is learning. Throughout the year, planning grant recipients and any other interested parties will attend monthly Regional Learning Opportunities. During these RLOs, participants will have the opportunity to network, learn and discuss topics ranging from collecting data to writing plans. A complete schedule of these Regional Learning Opportunities is available at [www.prevnet.org](http://www.prevnet.org).

The SPF SIG is administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. West Virginia's Office of the Governor is the official recipient of the SPF SIG. The Governor has chosen the Division of Criminal Justice Services to fiscally administer the SPF SIG sub-grants to counties. The Governor has also contracted with the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center (WVPRC) to coordinate the implementation of the SPF SIG in the form of planning, grant administration, training, technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation.

**Additional information about the planning grants is available at [www.prevnet.org](http://www.prevnet.org).**

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