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**Grants Totaling More Than \$1 Million Awarded to WV Counties for Prevention**  
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CHARLESTON, W.VA.— Governor Joe Manchin announced this month the award of **prevention implementation grants** to the following 12 counties: Barbour, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mingo, Morgan, Ohio, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Wood. The grants, which total \$848,561, will provide resources for counties to implement their county strategic prevention plans.

An additional \$197,531 in **continued planning grants** was awarded to the following 10 counties: Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Mercer, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, and Wayne. These seven-month grants will provide funding for a project director to assist with the continuation of local prevention planning efforts.

The Governor also awarded two grants totaling \$55,604 to the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center to fund a statewide evidence-based prevention training and non-implementation grantee travel to Regional Learning Opportunities across the state.

“These grants are a wonderful resource for West Virginia,” said Mike Lacy, Chair of the **WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being** (WV Partnership). “They will help us make a difference in our fight against substance abuse and related issues.” The WV Partnership is the state’s Governor-appointed substance abuse prevention and intervention planning body. It advised the Governor regarding these grants.

The source of both the implementation and continued planning grants is a federal **Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)** awarded to West Virginia in 2004. The five-year, more than 11 million dollar federal grant is intended to build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and local levels; prevent the onset and reduce the progress of substance abuse including childhood and underage drinking; and reduce substance abuse and substance abuse-related problems in communities.

Most of WV’s SPF SIG funding has been re-awarded to support local sub-grantee prevention activity planning and implementation. Early in 2006, **prevention planning grants** were awarded to entities in each of the 53 counties that applied. Since then, counties have attended **Regional Learning Opportunities** and developed their **County Prevention Partnerships** and **County-wide Strategic Prevention Plans**. In the meantime, the WV Partnership developed a data-driven process/plan for distributing prevention implementation grants in West Virginia. This process is best described as a “highest need” planning model. Counties of highest need with regard to problems associated with substance abuse were identified with a Substance Abuse Well-Being Index (SAWB). The SAWB was developed from a comprehensive repository of epidemiological indicators including substance abuse consumption and consequence data.

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 **West Virginia 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 WV’s SPF SIG, WV’s Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being, Regional Learning Opportunities, and the WVPRC is **available at [www.prevnet.org](http://www.prevnet.org)**.

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<b>Implementation Grantees</b>		
<b>Barbour County Family Resource Network</b>		\$56,954
Contact:	Linda Watson (304) 457-2691 BCFRN@verizon.net	
<b>United Way of the River Cities, Inc. (Cabell Co.)</b>		\$61,323
Contact:	Anne McGee (304) 523-8929, ext. 17 anne.mcgee@unitedwayrivercities.org	
<b>Kanawha Institute for Social Research &amp; Action (Kanawha Co.)</b>		\$134,383
Contact:	Judy Crabtree (304) 388-7557 judy.crabtree@camc.org	
<b>Step By Step, Inc. (Lincoln Co.)</b>		\$29,296
Contact:	Ted Muilenburg (304) 414-4452 htm406@aol.com	
<b>Logan County Board of Education</b>		\$77,810
Contact:	Stephanie Birchfield (304) 664-2633 steph_birchfield@yahoo.com	
<b>Marshall County Family Resource Network</b>		\$76,154
Contact:	Patricia Whitelatch (304) 232-5077 latrishadurbin@msn.com	
<b>S.T.O.P. (Strong Through Our Plan) (Mingo Co.)</b>		\$68,530
Contact:	Amy Turner (304) 664-3986 amy.turner.stop@verizon.net	
<b>Morgan County Commission</b>		\$77,313
Contact:	Jacqueline Fischer (304) 258-5540 jackiefischer@verizon.net	

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<b>Youth Services Systems (Ohio Co.)</b>		\$71,708
Contact:	Penny Whooley	
	(304) 233-2045	
	pwhooley@hotmail.com	
<b>Snowshoe Foundation (Pocahontas Co.)</b>		\$65,038
Contact:	Virginia Ramos	
	(304) 799-3900	
	vramos67@aol.com	
<b>Randolph County Family Resource Network</b>		\$71,833
Contact:	Rebecca Vance	
	(304) 636-4454	
	rvance@rcfrn.org	
<b>Wood County Commission</b>		\$58,519
Contact:	Larry Johnson	
	(304) 424-1711	
	larryjohnson@courtswv.org	

**Continued Planning Grantees**

<b>Regional Family Resource Network (Boone Co.)</b>		\$17,993
Contact:	Alisha Smith	
	(304) 757-0781	
	spf-sig@regionalfnrn.org	
<b>Calhoun County Board of Education</b>		\$17,525
Contact:	Shari Johnson	
	(304) 354-6698	
	talk2shari@lycos.com	
<b>Clay County Health Department</b>		\$21,858
Contact:	Heather Sharp-Spinks	
	(304) 587-4269	
	hspinks@wvdhhr.org	
<b>Task Force on Domestic Violence, "Hope, Inc." (Doddridge Co.)</b>		\$19,170
Contact:	Crystal Newman	
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<b>Fayette County Commission</b>		\$17,500
Contact:	Scott Thompson	
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	scott.thompson@pihn.org	
<b>Community Connections, Inc. (Mercer Co.)</b>		\$21,848
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	outreach-evaluation@ccifrn.org	
<b>Nicholas County Family Resource Network</b>		\$20,398
Contact:	Robin Brown	
	(304) 872-4707	
	ncfrn@verizon.net	
<b>WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services (Raleigh Co.)</b>		\$24,968
Contact:	Carrilyn Carey	
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	carrilyncarey@aol.com	
<b>REACHH Family Resource Center (Summers Co.)</b>		\$16,549
Contact:	Kristal Straub	
	(304) 466-2226	
	reachhfrc@mac.com	
<b>Prestera Center (Wayne Co.)</b>		\$19,722
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<b>Other Grantee</b>		
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