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ADP BULLETIN

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Changes in the Distribution of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Funds for Fiscal Year 2002-03

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PURPOSE

This bulletin details the changes in the allocation process for the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) grant program which took effect on July 1, 2002.

DISCUSSION

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) will not distribute SDFSC Fiscal Year 2002-03 funds to the counties through the Net Negotiated Amount (NNA) contract allocation process. Rather, SDFSC funds will be awarded to selected counties through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Effective Monday, July 1, 2002, counties will be responsible for payment of NNA contract services until the SDFSC funds are awarded to the selected counties. Prevention Services Division is planning to release the RFP by **August 1, 2002**, and award the funds in **October 2002**. Other RFPs may be made public as priorities from ADP's Prevention Task Force and the California Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California's (CADPAAC) Prevention Committee are identified.

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1995. SDFSC was one of the programs reauthorized under the NCLB. Since then, ADP has been working closely with the California Department of Education in seeking guidance and clarification from the U.S. Department of Education on an accurate interpretation of

changes in the reauthorization. To date, this process is only partially completed and it is ADP's expectation that the interpretative process will take place through much of the upcoming fiscal year. Consequently, it is probable that additional changes to the implementation of the SDFSC grant program may be required for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

REFERENCES

HR 1
ADP Bulletin 02-02, dated February 21, 2002
Letter to County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators, dated June 13, 2002

HISTORY

None

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

If you have any questions regarding the distribution of SDFSC funds for Fiscal Year 2002-03, please contact Jose Gonzales, Manager, Prevention Program Management Section, Prevention Services Division, at (916) 324-4398, or Al Medina, Acting Chair, CADPAAC Prevention Committee, at (619) 692-5717 or e-mail al.medina@sdcounty.ca.gov.

EXHIBITS

None

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