

SUBTITLE 11. COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

5-1101.

(A) THE GOVERNOR MAY PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE AWARDING OF GRANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS ON THE PREVENTION OF:

- (1) CHILD PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE; AND
- (2) CHILD ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OR PUBLIC AGENCIES SUBMITTING PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE AND CHILD ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

5-1102.

(A) ALL PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE PREVENTION OF CHILD PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE SHALL BE REVIEWED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

- (1) 2 PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OF WHICH 1 PERSON SHALL HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS;
- (2) 2 PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OF WHICH 1 PERSON SHALL HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS; AND
- (3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

(B) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANT AWARD PROCESS AND PUBLISH APPROPRIATE NOTICE IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER AND IN NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION CONCERNING THE SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ADMINISTER THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND SHALL COMPILE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE AWARDING AND USE OF GRANTS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

5-1103.

(A) ALL PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SHALL BE REVIEWED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: