



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS PROJECT PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS YOUTH USE OF E-CIGARETTES, MARIJUANA, AND OTHER DRUGS**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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(Provo, UT)—The Utah County Health Department (UCHD) is seeking proposals for Utah County-based projects that address root causes and factors associated with the use of electronic cigarettes, marijuana, and other drugs among youth. Substance misuse/abuse continues to be an important public health concern contributing to morbidity and mortality rates. Evidence shows that the initiation of substance misuse in adolescence can lead to higher levels of misuse, abuse, and substance use disorders later in life.

UCHD is interested in supporting Utah County-based community coalitions and organizations in the early prevention of adverse outcomes from youth substance abuse by providing \$25,000 to \$100,000 grants to eligible applicants. This funding aims to identify innovative projects and partnerships across Utah County that are committed to addressing “upstream” factors by focusing on one or more risk or protective factors identified in the Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention Statewide Survey.

Research on risk and protective factors has important implications for children’s academic success, positive youth development, and prevention of health and behavior problems. By measuring risk and protective factors in a population, elevated risk factors can be identified and targeted by policies, programs, and actions shown to reduce those risk factors and to promote protective factors.

Project applications will be due no later than 11:59 PM April 29th, 2026.

There will be a virtual Q&A session held on April 8th, 2026, from 10:00 – 11:00 am. To register for the Q & A Session, follow this [link](#).

For more information about the community grant opportunity and to access the full request for proposal and application document, visit the [UCHD website](#).

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