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Reminder: 2011 Prescription Drug Monitoring Grants

Deadline to apply: January 5, 2011

This is a reminder that applications for the 2011 Prescription Monitoring Grants is 5 p.m. on January 5, 2011. All states are strongly encouraged to apply.

For the second year, the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) was the recipient of a \$200,000 grant for FY2011 from Purdue Pharma, LLP to assist states with funding Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) for the purpose of operating and expanding such programs, and promoting the ability of state PDMPs to address the abuse and diversion of controlled substances through education.

NASCSA's Special Projects Committee, comprised of three members, will review proposed projects and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval and determination. The Executive Committee will solely be responsible for the selection of grant recipients and the determination of award amounts.

The maximum amount of each grant is \$20,000, unless special circumstances warrant awarding a grant in an amount in excess of \$20,000. Smaller projects costing \$5,000 - \$10,000 each are also encouraged.

For a complete set of criteria go to: [NASCSA's website](#).

On Average 30 Million Americans Drive While Impaired

A new survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that on average 13.2 percent of all persons 16 or older drove under the influence of alcohol and 4.3 percent of this age group drove under the influence of illicit drugs in the past year.

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The survey's state-by-state breakdown of drunk and drugged driving levels shows significant differences among the states. The highest rates of past year drugged driving were found in Rhode Island (7.8 percent) and Vermont (6.6 percent) while Iowa and New Jersey had the lowest levels of past year drugged driving (2.9 percent and 3.2 percent respectively).

Levels of self-reported drunk and drugged driving differed dramatically among age groups. People aged 16 to 25 had a much higher rate of driving under the influence of illicit drugs than those aged 26 or older (11.4 percent versus 2.8 percent).

The one bright spot in the survey is that there has been a reduction in the rate of drunk and drugged driving in the past few years. Survey data from 2002 through 2005 combined when compared to data gathered from 2006 to 2009 combined indicate that the average yearly rate of drugged driving has decreased from 4.8 percent to 4.3 percent.

State Estimates of Drunk and Drugged Driving is based on the combined data from the 2002 to 2005 and 2006 to 2009 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and involves responses from more than 423,000 respondents aged 16 or over. NSDUH is a primary source of information on national and state-level use of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs (including non-medical use of prescription drugs) and mental health in the United States. The survey is part of the agency's strategic initiative on behavioral health data, quality and outcomes. A copy of the report is accessible at:

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/205/DruggedDriving.cfm>.