
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: AARP
DATE: 8/14/02
CC: MAYO, BENTLEY, JUMPER

Several weeks ago we had the press conference at Madison Central High School announcing that Mississippi had received the State Incentive Grant to target drug and alcohol abuse among our youth, ages 12-17 years of age. There was a great response to the press conference and our office and Department of Mental Health has received numerous calls related to how different communities across the state can apply for one of the sub-grants totaling \$100,000 each. There have been 33 proposals submitted from across the state, but only 20-25 will be funded. The Department of Mental Health is reviewing the proposals to choose the recipients of the grants.

I have spoken to Lee Ann about having a press event on September 25th at 2:30 so that you and Dr. Hendrix could pass certificates/awards to the grant recipients, followed by a reception at the Governor's Mansion. Since this is such a problem with our youth, it would be great press for you.

Would you like to have the press conference?

YES _____

NO _____

Would you be agreeable to hosting a reception for the grant recipients at the Mansion?

YES _____

NO _____