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Prosser Thrive Coalition Awarded \$625,000 Drug Free Communities Grant

The Prosser Thrive Coalition is the recipient of one of 150 new Drug Free Communities (DFC) grants to prevent substance use among youth. The Coalition was first awarded this grant for years 1 through 5 in 2015, and is now awarded years 6 through 10. The grant funding will provide \$125,000 each consecutive year for the next five years to build upon the progress already made to reduce substance use among youth.

The DFC Program is housed in the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and recognizes that local problems require local solutions. The funding allows the Coalition in partnership with 12 sectors within the community, to continue addressing substance use in Prosser. During the first five years of this grant, the Coalition established prevention clubs at both the Prosser High School and Housel Middle School, implemented media campaigns such as "Talk. They Hear You", hosted trainings and provided educational materials to the community. The DFC grant will allow the Coalition to expand youth leadership opportunities, increase community education, and advocate for policies throughout the community to support prevention work.

"Our mission is to build and sustain a thriving community through drug and alcohol prevention and education," stated Haley Greene Prosser Thrive Coalition's Director. "We've seen progress over the last five years in reducing alcohol use among Prosser High School students. With the DFC grant we can continue this work to help make Prosser a safe and drug free community for our youth."

The City of Prosser as the fiscal agent and will continue to administer the grant on behalf of the Prosser Thrive Coalition. Mayor Randy Taylor said, "The City is committed to this program and honored to be able to help support the important work of the Coalition that the youth of our community benefits from."

The Prosser Thrive Coalition meets the third Thursday of each month at 8:15 a.m. The coalition is comprised of community volunteers representing 12 different sectors of the community working together to reduce substance use. Please visit www.prosserthrive.org for meeting information or email prosserthrive@gmail.com

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