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Grant geared at reducing youth drinking

The Campus Community Coalition was recently awarded a federal grant that will assist with the group's efforts to curb underage drinking. The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws grant, which was issued by the U.S. Office of Justice, will provide the group with \$77,000 per year through 2009.

"This is a terrific opportunity for the coalition to move forward with many new enforcement initiatives and education activities," said Lynne Harrison Imamshah, Campus Community Coalition coordinator.

The grant will be used to help the CCC work with the state's Liquor Control Board to increase the number of compliance checks at retail alcohol outlets to reduce sales to minors. Other enforcement measures planned include crackdowns on fake IDs as well as programs to reduce the provision of alcohol to minors by older youth and adults. There will also be youth-focused campaigns to enforce impaired driving laws.

Overall, the U.S. Office of Justice awarded more than \$17 million nationally in grant funds to enforce state and local underage drinking laws.