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Grant will help fight drugs in schools

By Doug Isakson
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska State Department of Education has received an \$88,267 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to help fight drug use in the state's school systems, said Gerald Sughroue, assistant commissioner for assistance and support to the state's schools.

Currently, Sughroue said, 120 "community teams" throughout the state's schools teach students about the dangers of drug use. But, he said, those teams need refresher courses, reinforcement and technical assistance.

To provide this training, Sughroue said, the grant money will be used to form a "cadre of technical

assistance personnel."

These people, he said, will give the education department a more efficient method of keeping the community teams up-to-date in their training.

"They'll be oriented toward the community and toward the needs of the community," Sughroue said. "We only have one person in our department. Obviously, we can't get around to all of them. This money will give us some extra people out there."

Ideally, Sughroue said, the group will consist of those with experience in teaching, administration and counseling. But, he added, they do not want to take instructors out of their positions for that purpose.

Sughroue said the grant is not related to the anti-drug program of the Bush administration, but is a part of the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act passed in 1986.

Speaking about the drug problem in the schools, Sughroue said, "We don't think it can be done by just the schools. It has to be a cooperative effort involving the community, the businesses, churches -- just individuals."

Sughroue said training like that of the technical assistance unit is the most efficient use of grant money.

"This way," Sughroue said, "the federal dollars will have an impact after the federal dollars are gone. The teams will still be there."

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Omaha housing authority director to speak at Malone Center

The executive director of the Omaha Housing Authority will be the guest speaker at the Clyde Malone Center's Membership Dinner Friday.

Robert Armstrong has been the

director of the Omaha Housing Authority since May 1986. During that time he founded the Omaha Housing Authority Foundation, which earmarks a percentage of its annual budget to providing schol-

arships and educational incentives for public housing youth.

Tickets for the dinner are available from the Malone Center, 2032 U St.

Board of Regents approves arts and sciences appointments

The NU Board of Regents has approved the appointment of two new department chairpersons in the College of Arts & Sciences.

The newly named chairpersons are John Berman, psychology and David Johnson, sociology.

Liz Grobsmith, an associate

professor of anthropology, was approved as an assistant dean for the college. Sam Treves, professor of geology, was approved as an associate dean.



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