

Oregon Counterdrug Task Force

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I am writing this letter of support and recommendation for CLEAR Alliance, an Oregon based non-profit organization providing fact-based education pertaining to the impacts of substance abuse. My request is that grant funding continue to be provided to CLEAR to enable them to continue making a positive difference in our communities by helping to prevent dangerous substance use.

The Oregon National Guard Counterdrug Program has worked with CLEAR to provide administrative and instructor support over the past few years. The credibility of CLEAR's programs has expanded to other areas of the country. After presenting their evidence based program at a regional counterdrug conference, several other states reached out to CLEAR to utilize the program in their area of the country.

The mission of the counterdrug program is to reduce the threat of dangerous drug use in our communities. This is done by supporting law enforcement organizations with interdiction and through assisting community based organization in reducing dangerous substance use. The challenge for counterdrug in the area of prevention has always been finding a substantive way to really help with prevention. CLEAR has provided that. Their evidence based model has provided a method for any community or organization to utilize to educate people on the real hazards of using various substances whether legal or not.

I am truly grateful for the partnership the Oregon Counterdrug Program has with CLEAR and want to strongly advocate that they continue to receive much needed grant funding to continue their incredibly important and successful work.

Sincerely,

Colonel James D. Mitchell, Oregon Counterdrug Coordinator