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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$357,660 GRANT TO ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$357,660 to the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health Retardation and Hospitals for the fiscal year 2003 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Program.

The goal of the program is to support and enhance state efforts, in cooperation with local jurisdictions, to enforce laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors – individuals under the age of 21 years.

Under the program, activities funded may include: 1) Statewide task forces of state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to target establishments suspected of a pattern of violations of state laws governing the sale and consumption of alcohol by minors; 2) Public advertising programs to educate establishments about statutory prohibitions and sanctions; and 3) Innovative programs to prevent and combat underage drinking.

For more information about this grant, contact the Office of Justice Program's Office of Communications at 202 307-0703.

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