



FY 2022 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) NOFO TRAINING

DFC Program Overview & Statutory Eligibility Requirements

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DFC & CARA Program Partners

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

- Component of the Executive Office of the President (EOP)
- Funder and administrator of the DFC and CARA grant programs

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

- Provides the day-to-day management of the DFC and CARA programs
- Home to the Project Officers and Grants Management Specialists

DFC & CARA National Evaluation Team

- ONDCP contract awarded to ICF to evaluate the effectiveness of the DFC and CARA program

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

- ONDCP grant recipient of the National Coalition Institute (NCI)
- Provides training and coalition development support to coalitions across the country



DFC Program Overview

- The placement and structure of the DFC Program within ONDCP was part of the original authorizing statute passed by Congress on June 27, 1997.
- DFC is a unique substance use prevention program because funds go directly to the community coalitions versus through the State.
- In addition, strategies to address local youth substance abuse are driven by local conditions and coalitions implement local solutions.



DFC Program Goals

- To **establish and strengthen collaboration** among communities, nonprofit agencies, and Federal, state, local and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance use among youth
- To **reduce substance use among youth** and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance use and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance use



Definition of a Coalition

A community-based formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration among groups or sectors of a community in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.



Parents



Youth



Business



Media



Schools



Youth Serving
Organizations



Law
Enforcement



Civic/
Volunteer
Organizations



Religious/Fraternal
Organizations



Healthcare
Professionals



State/
Local/Tribal
Government



Substance
Use
Organizations

Theory of the DFC Program

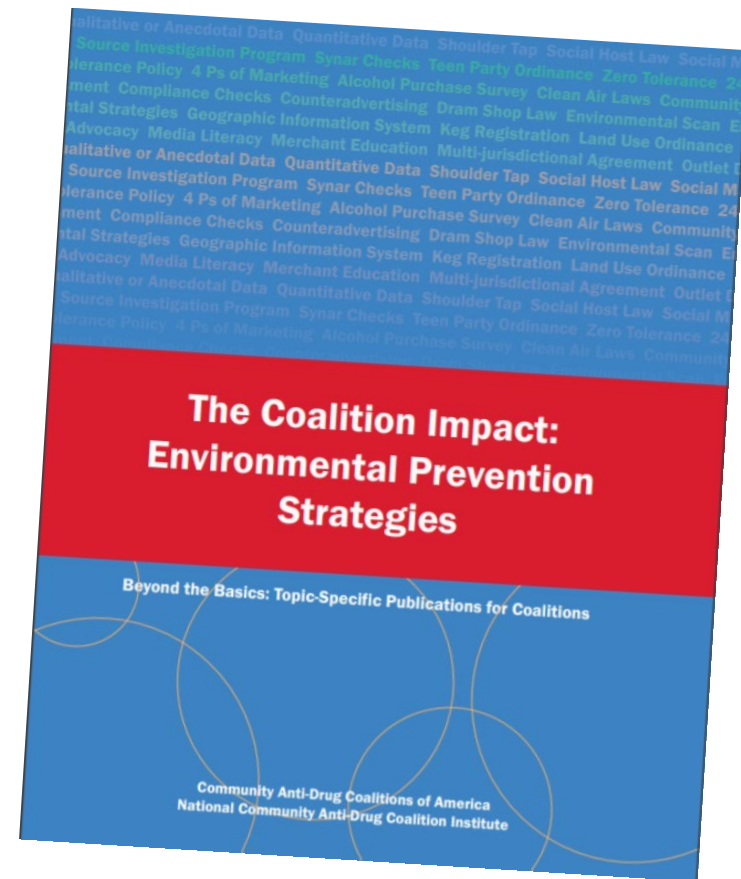
- A small amount of **Federal funding combined with a local match** of resources and volunteer support can reduce youth drug use
- By **mobilizing community leaders** to identify and respond to the drug problems unique to their community, DFC is designed to change local community environmental conditions tied to substance abuse the **entire community environment**
- Focusing on **environmental change** ultimately contributes to reductions in substance use among youth, and over time, substance abuse among adults



DFC is *Community* Focused

DFC-funded coalitions:

- develop and implement a Action Plan that is **community-focused**; not focused on individual-level interventions
- focus on effecting **community-level change** by identifying and implementing strategies that will affect community **beliefs, attitudes, perceptions, and practices** around drug issues



Community of Focus

Coalitions are encouraged to pay particular attention to communities or populations disproportionately affected by substance use.

- Do not define a community that is too large for your coalition to address
- Pay attention to natural delineations within the community
 - School districts
 - Demographics
 - Geographic Boundaries



Who Can Apply?

To apply for a DFC grant, a coalition must fall into one of the following **three categories**:

- A coalition that has never received a DFC grant (**Year 1 Applicant**);
- A coalition that is ending or has concluded the first five-year funding cycle and is applying for a second five-year funding cycle (**Year 6 Applicant**); or
- Coalitions that have previously received DFC funding, but experienced a lapse in their five-year funding cycle, may apply for funding to complete their five-year funding cycle.

