

## Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

*FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunities Frequently Asked Questions – Last Updated 3/29/24*

**Overview:** This document contains FAQs compiled after both the FY24 Informational Applicant Webinars and a review of the inquiries submitted via the **DFC\_NOFO@cdc.gov** mailbox since NOFO publication on February 15, 2024. Any additional inquiries can be sent to the DFC NOFO Inbox (**DFC\_NOFO@cdc.gov**). For questions regarding grants administration and budget questions, please reach out to the Office of Grant Services at **DFC\_OGS@cdc.gov**. Please note, all assistance will be provided over email correspondence.

### Application Info

**1. When will awarded recipients be notified?**

CDC anticipates informing all newly awarded recipients by August 30, 2024.

**2. Is there a DFC grant for community coalitions in Years 11-15?**

Coalitions are only eligible to receive up to 10 years of funding through the DFC Support Program. A coalition who has previously received 10 years of funding is not eligible to receive any additional funding. For you to be eligible, you would have to form a new coalition and the proposed new, unique, and distinct coalition must:

- Consist of different leadership and sector representatives from the community
- Have a new name and mission statement
- Develop a 12-month action plan based on a newly conducted community needs assessment
- Serve a new population

**3. Is there an option to request an extension on the due date for this opportunity?**

No. Applications are due Wednesday, April 17, 2024, by 11:59 PM ET. This is the deadline for the entire submission package, including entity registrations, the NOFO application, and all supporting materials.

We strongly encourage submitting applications early to ensure that your package meets all requirements and alleviate the potential for last-minute technical issues, as applications cannot be submitted after the deadline.

**4. Can international organizations and coalitions apply for this program?**

No, the DFC Program does not authorize the funding of international organizations or activities. Funding recipients must be located and operate within the United States.

### Budget & Match

**1. What is the match requirement for this program?**

One of the statutory eligibility requirements of the program is to secure a 100 percent match from non-federal sources and request no more than \$125,000 in funding per year.

Applicants in Year 1 and Year 6 are required to have a 100 percent match (1:1) of funds from non-federal sources. Please refer to the *Cost Sharing and Matching Funds* section of the New (Year 1) NOFO (page 9) or the Competing Continuation (Year 6) NOFO (page 9) for additional information.

## Eligibility

**1. Where can I find a list of active DFC coalitions or determine if there is a coalition serving my community?**

You can visit our [Drug-Free Communities Coalitions webpage](#) to locate additional information about active coalitions within your area.

**2. Are fiscal agents allowed to serve a different coalition after receiving an initial 10 years of funding?**

The 10-year funding limit does not apply to fiscal agents. If a coalition's grant funding period has ended, you may serve as the fiscal agent for another coalition. Please note, you cannot serve as a fiscal agent for more than one coalition at a time.

## Program Requirements

**1. Can a sector representative serve more than one coalition?**

An individual may serve as a sector representative on behalf of multiple coalitions. Please keep in mind an individual cannot serve as a sector representative for multiple sectors in the same coalition.

**2. Can Key Personnel also serve as sector representatives?**

Key Personnel who are paid staff (i.e., your program director or principal investigator and project coordinator) cannot serve as sector representatives. If your coalition's key personnel are unpaid volunteers, they may serve as a sector representative. Please explain your rationale within your application.

**3. Are the Coalition Involvement Agreements still a required attachment?**

The signed Coalition Involvement Agreements (CIAs) are not required attachments for the FY24 application. Instead, you must submit the Sector Table that lists the names of each sector representative and their signature along with the rationale for their selection.

**4. Am I required to submit a Logic Model as a part of my application?**

You are not required to submit a logic model. There is a logic model located in the DFC NOFO that outlines the strategies and activities recommended under this NOFO in addition to the expected short-term, intermediate, and long-term outcomes.

**5. Are there templates I can use as a part of my application?**

The only templates provided are for required attachments.

You can refer to the Application Checklist within the NOFO to see the list of required attachments (standard forms).

**6. The required order of the sub-headings for the Project Narrative does not match the Merit Review scoring rubric. Which should I reference when formatting my Project Narrative?**

Please reference the Project Narrative section of the NOFO, and use the exact headings, subheadings, and order as outlined. The Project Narrative will be reviewed in its entirety before reviewers score the application.

## *Other*

### **1. How can I check my organization's award history?**

To search for a history of previously funded grants and/or to find out exactly how many years your organization has participated in the DFC program, please visit [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) and enter your organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN). You may also use Government Grants - Federal Funds Awarded | HHS TAGGS to check any of your past awards.