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Drug-Free Communities

Local Problems Require Local Solutions

Responding to the Funding Opportunity Announcement: DFC Program Overview



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Goals of the DFC Program

- 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 abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse



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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



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DFC is *Community* Focused

DFC-funded coalitions:

- develop and implement a 12-Month 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



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DFC's 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.

DFC grants are intended to support **community-based coalitions**



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Be Realistic

- 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



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Community Level Change

- DFC applicants are expected to choose comprehensive strategies that will lead to community level change
- Community level change strategies seek to:
 - Limit access
 - Change the culture and context
 - Shift the consequences
- Use the Seven Strategies for Community Change
 - More information in the DFC FOA



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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;
- 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); 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.



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Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant Cycle

