

What the Heck is a DFC?

Workshop description:

An engaging workshop to learn how to prepare to apply for a Drug-Free Communities grant and a discussion of the benefits of securing a DFC. All Preventionists, regardless of current funding, should be aware of the DFC grant



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Washington State Prevention Summit

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Don't worry. This is the correct slide deck.
We hope, after you read that title slide, you said...
"What the heck..."

As in "What the heck... is a DFC?"



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FAQ



Q: Will these slides be posted or otherwise available?

A: YES!
Prevention Summit website & www.TheAthenaForum.org/dfc

Q: What was that acronym &/or initialism you just used?

A: Review the Acronym & Initialism slide towards the end of the slide deck.

Q: Really? An FAQ for an hour long workshop?

A: Yes. Really.

Objectives (AKA: What the Heck is a DFC?)

Attendees will leave with:

- An understanding of what the DFC Grant is.
- Start to feel comfortable with what information or supports are needed to successfully apply for a DFC Grant.
- An understanding of what substance use prevention activities can be funded with DFC.

Drug Free Communities Grant

- Federal grant, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997
- From the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
Day-to-day management by Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- ▶ \$125,000 a year, for 5 years

Two Goals of The DFC Support Program

- ❑ **Establish and strengthen collaboration** among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth.
- ❑ **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.

If applying for a DFC grant, you'll see these goals again, and again. And again...

Drug Free Communities Grant

- \$125,000 a year, for 5 years. (Federal Fiscal Year) ← Funding amount repeated on purpose.
- Opportunity to apply again for a second 5 year grant.
- Occasional other shorter-term grants that are only open to current or former DFC grantees.

DFC Grant Cycle

How and When to Apply

→ **LATE JAN / EARLY FEB**
New DFC NOFOs are released annually on www.grants.gov

→ **MID-APRIL**
Applications are due

→ **SEPTEMBER**
Funding is announced

This snippet is from:

www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/drug-free-communities/pdf/22_DFC_NOFO_FS_Print.pdf

DFC – Key Dates & Local Action

When	What	Local Actions
Right now	Pre application prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review previous NOFOs • Line up your team • Block time off on calendars • Work to meet requirements
Jan/Feb	NOFO released	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review new NOFO • Attend Applicant Webinars • Initial work on Proposal
Mid-Apr	Applications Due	Expect something to go wrong. Plan to submit at least 2 days before the due date.
May-Aug	Wait	
Aug/Sept	Awardees announced	Do the happy dance (if awarded).

DFC Grant – Three more things

1. The coalition must be in existence for at least 6 months.
2. Your Fiscal Agent must be registered with **multiple different systems** to be able to apply.
3. Be sure you are applying for the correct grant.
4. If awarded, you will need to track in-kind match.

← The exact systems have changed over the past few years. A good reason to review each new NOFO closely.

Presenter couldn't narrow it down to just 3 things.

Unite! Washougal

Margaret McCarthy,
DFC Program Coordinator

- Drug Free Communities Grant
- Community Prevention Wellness Initiative
- S.T.O.P. Act Grant
- WA State Department of Health
- C.W. Community Chest Grant
- Southwest Washington Community Foundation
- Unite! 501c3



**Washougal
Community
Coalition**

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Washington State
Health Care Authority

You Need a Team



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Fiscal Agent

Project Director

Grant Writer

Connector

Sector Representatives

Cat herder

Detail person-Forms and Paper organizer



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DFC – Don't forget

- Signed Coalition Involvement Agreements
- Someone to herd cats-Technical Support
- Use checklists & other resources
- **START EARLY**

Official site for DFC NOFO: Grants.gov

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 **CDC-RFA-CE21-2102**
Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - NCIPC

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Print Synopsis Details ?

General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice	Version: Synopsis 5
Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-CE21-2102	Posted Date: Mar 10, 2021
Funding Opportunity Title: Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program	Last Updated Date: Apr 16, 2021
Opportunity Category: Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications: May 10, 2021 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
Opportunity Category Explanation:	Current Closing Date for Applications: May 17, 2021 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
Funding Instrument Type: Grant	Archive Date:
Category of Funding Activity: Health	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$62,500,000
Category Explanation:	Award Ceiling: \$125,000
Expected Number of Awards: 100	Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number(s): 93.276 -- Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grants	
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes	

This snippet is from the 2021 NOFO.

- Make sure you are looking at the right posting.
- Sign up for updates
- After the NOFO is posted, check back every few week for updates or revisions.
- Just about every year there are revisions.

Earlier & Other NOFOs, RFPs & RFAs

▶ 2023 NOFO

www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=93.276

▶ NW HIDTA

www.theathenaforum.org/northwest-hidta-prevention-and-treatment-rfp-now-live

▶ SPF-PFS

www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-23-004

▶ Misc. Previous Opportunities

www.theathenaforum.org/previous_funding_opportunities_dbhr

Most of the tips and suggestions specific to preparing for the DFC grant are helpful when looking for and applying for other funding opportunities.

Statutory Requirements

There are several statutory requirements for community-based coalitions that want to apply. Coalitions must:

- Be in existence for 6 months
- Include representatives from 12 required sectors
- Have a mission statement related to youth substance use prevention
- Address multiple substances
- Participate in the DFC national cross-site evaluation
- Not overlap with another DFC coalition without a letter of mutual cooperation
- Have the ability to receive federal funding individually or through a partner
- Request no more than \$125,000/year
- Secure 100% match from non-federal sources
- Have not received more than 10 years of DFC funding

These 'statutory requirements' are reviewed in depth during applicant webinars and within the NOFO.

Required Sectors

- 1) Youth (individual 18 or younger)
- 2) Parent
- 3) Business
- 4) Media
- 5) School
- 6) Youth Serving Organization
- 7) Law enforcement
- 8) Religious or fraternal organization
- 9) Civic or volunteer Group
- 10) Healthcare Professional
- 11) State, local, or tribal governmental agency with expertise in the field of substance abuse
- 12) Other organization involved in reducing substance abuse

Drug-Free Communities



Neither HCA nor Unite! Washougal own this image.

Where to find a Fiscal Agent

Where in your community are the people and organizations that align with your mission statement?


Health

Wellness

Community Connection

Youth

Families



In 2022, **17%** of coalitions reported that schools were the lead sector, serving a crucial role in connecting the coalition to youth and families and vice versa.

This snippet is from:

www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/drug-free-communities/infographics.html

If you are looking to apply...

- **Make sure everyone is on board.**
That your fiscal agent and the coalition is:
 - Supportive of the DFC
 - Clear on what the requirements are
 - Understanding of what roles folks would play within the organization for the DFC grant.

This slide originally developed in collaboration with Brenda Barrios & Stacey Okland for a 2019 presentation.

Seven Strategies for Community Change

1. Provide Information
2. Enhancing Skills
3. Provide Support
4. Change Incentives / Consequences
5. Reduce Barriers / Enhance Access
6. Change Physical Design
7. Educate About Policies and Laws

Individual

Environmental

[The Coalition Impact:
Environmental
Prevention Strategies](#)

This snippet is from:

DFC Support Program: Overview slide deck,
as available from dfc.cmpinc.net/ in October, 2023.



Essentials Ingredients for Success

- ▶ Start early.
- ▶ Get a team together.
- ▶ Build from your strengths.
- ▶ Really understand the NOFO.



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Pair and share (What Sectors am I missing?)



Pair and share

You might see this list as incomplete. That there's a particular 'sector' in your community that should be part of the coalition.

Sure, go ahead and add.
BUT....

...these are the 12 the DFC grant requires, and the **only** 12 they ask for.

So, if you submit a proposal with *any* of these missing, you run the risk of the proposal being screened out.

	Sector	Candidate Who might be a good choice for this Sector?	Champion Who can help you connect with that good choice?
1)	Youth (individual 18 or younger)		
2)	Parent		
3)	Business		
4)	Media		
5)	School		
6)	Youth Serving Organization		
7)	Healthcare Professional		
8)	Volunteer Organizations (Civic groups)		
9)	Religious organization		
10)	Law enforcement		
11)	State, local, or tribal governmental agency with expertise in the field of substance abuse		
12)	Other organization involved in reducing substance abuse		

Tools to use; Resources available

- ▶ Video series once next DFC

Notice of Funding Opportunity [NOFO] is released.

Items from 2023 NOFO still up: www.dfc.cmpinc.net/

← As of October 25, 2023.

- In-person meeting.

Historically, last day of the CADCA's National Leadership Forum.

- DBHR offers high level reviews of applications for the DFC and DFC-related funding.

Acronyms & Initialisms

AKA	Also Known As
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CIA	Coalition Involvement Agreement
DFC	Drug-Free Communities
DOH	Department of Health
HIDTA	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
NW HIDTA	Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy
RFA	Request For Application
RFP	Request For Proposal
SPF	Strategic Prevention Framework

Questions?



Objective Review Slide

- ✓ An understanding of what the DFC Grant is.
- ✓ Start to feel comfortable with what information or supports are needed to successfully apply for a DFC Grant.
- ✓ An understanding of what substance use prevention activities can be funded with DFC. (AKA: How can the DFC be used.)



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We have been...

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