



NATIONAL COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITION INSTITUTE (NCI)

Opportunity Number:
NCI -NCI-26-001

Office of National Drug
Control Policy
(ONDCP)

Drug-Free Communities
(DFC)
Support Program



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Before You Begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your SAM.gov and Grants.gov registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registrations are active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov Registration (may take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply

Grants.gov Registration (may take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply

Apply by the Application Due Date

Applications are due by **11:59 PM**, Eastern Time, on **May 1, 2026**.



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Basic Information

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute (NCI)

The NCI serves as the training and technical assistance partner for DFC and non-DFC funded community coalitions across the country to prevent youth substance use.

Summary

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President (EOP), is seeking applications from any national nonprofit organization that represents, provides technical assistance and training to, and has special expertise and broad, national-level experience in community anti-drug coalitions. To fully operationalize the NCI, partnership amongst applicants is strongly encouraged.

Funding Details

Type: Grant

Expected Awards: 1

Funding amount is subject to availability of funds.

Amount of the Award Floor: \$0

Amount of the Award Ceiling: \$2,500,000

We plan to fund one award for a one-year period of performance starting June 2026.

Key Facts

Opportunity Name:

National Community Anti- Drug
Coalition Institute (NCI)

Opportunity Number:

NCI-NCI-26-001

Federal Assistance Listing:

[95.003](#)

Statutory Authority:

SUPPORT for Patients and
Communities Act, 21
U.S.C. § 1521 note, 21
U.S.C. § 1702(a)(6); Public Law
119-75, Consolidated
Appropriations Act, 2026; and
section 4 of Public Law 107-82 as
amended by § 8204 of Public Law
115-271. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 1521
note

Key Dates

Application Deadline:

[May 1, 2026](#)

Expected Award Date:

[June 2026](#)

Expected Start Date:

[June 2026](#)





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Eligibility

Who Can Apply

Eligible Applicants

ONDCP encourages applications from national nonprofit institutions/organizations, and strongly encourages applicants to partner with organizations with applicable expertise and experience to fulfill all aspects of the NCI. Applications must demonstrate expertise in youth substance use prevention and broad, national-level experience in community anti-drug coalitions under section 1032 of the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. § 1532).

Other Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing and Match Requirements: This announcement **does not require** cost sharing or matching funds. However, if a successful application proposes a voluntary match amount, and ONDCP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Pre-Agreement Cost Approvals: ONDCP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs; an applicant must request and obtain the prior written approval of ONDCP for all such costs. However, all such costs prior to award and prior to approval of the costs are incurred at the sole risk of an applicant. Generally, no applicant should incur project costs before being awarded a federal grant. Should there be extenuating circumstances that appear to be appropriate for ONDCP's consideration as pre-agreement costs, the applicant should contact the point of contact listed in the title page of this announcement for details on the requirements for submitting a written request for approval.





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Program Description

The *Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)* leads and coordinates the nation's drug policy so that it improves the health and lives of the American people. ONDCP is responsible for the development and implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy and federal drug control budget. ONDCP coordinates across 19 federal agencies and oversees a \$40.7 billion budget as part of a whole-of-government approach to addressing addiction and the overdose epidemic. ONDCP also provides hundreds of millions of dollars to help communities stay healthy and safe through the *High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program* and the *Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Program*.

Preventing drug use before it starts is a fundamental element of the DFC Program. Findings from the 2024 DFC National Cross-Site Evaluation indicate that from first to most recent report, youth in DFC communities reported decreases in using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and (illicit) prescription drugs in the past 30-days. The following are summary findings from the DFC 2024 National Cross-Site Evaluation Annual Report:

Middle School findings (since program inception):

- prevalence of alcohol use by middle school youth declined by 28.4%;
- prevalence of tobacco use by middle school youth declined by 32.1%;
- prevalence of marijuana use by middle school youth declined by 17.8%; and
- prevalence of (illicit) prescription drug use by middle school youth declined by 20.7% from the first to the most recent data reports across all DFC coalitions ever funded.

High School findings (since program inception):

- prevalence of alcohol use by high school youth declined by 25.2%;
- prevalence of tobacco use by high school youth declined by 33.6%;
- prevalence of marijuana use by high school youth declined by 14.5%; and
- prevalence of (illicit) prescription drug use by high school youth declined by 38.9% from the first to the most recent data reports across all DFC coalitions ever funded.

DFC-funded community coalitions are required to work with various sectors of their





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community to identify local drug problems and implement comprehensive strategies to create community-level change. The contributions of community coalitions constitute critical part of the nation's drug prevention infrastructure. DFC-funded community coalitions are a catalyst for creating local change where drug problems manifest.

ONDCP will issue one (1) award under the National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute (NCI), for a four-year period, beginning June 2026. The award will support the primary goals of the NCI, which are to: 1) increase the percentage of community coalitions across the United States that are effective in preventing youth substance use; and 2) strengthen technical assistance and training to community coalitions throughout the United States and territories.

An annual continuation application is required to be submitted in April of each subsequent year. The annual continuation application criteria will be outlined in the Terms and Conditions of award.

NCI Purpose & Expectations

Adolescence is a critical risk period for substance use initiation and adverse outcomes related to substance use, particularly as drug use has been found to escalate between ages 12 and 19. The goal of substance use prevention efforts is to prevent and/or delay the first use of substances. Research shows that early age of onset is an important predictor for the development of a substance use disorder later in life. Further, research shows that prevention interventions can have positive long-term effects in reducing substance use.

Recognizing that preventing or delaying initiation of substance use can confer important health and social benefits, the purpose of the NCI is to serve as the training and technical assistance partner for DFC and non-DFC funded community coalitions across the country by enhancing the capacity of the prevention workforce and others in the prevention community to implement evidence-based interventions.

The successful non-federal entity (NFE) is expected to be innovative in their approach for meeting the goals of the NCI grant and shall:

- develop and deliver curriculum, trainings, and technical assistance at no cost to DFC and non-DFC funded coalition leaders and community teams, with an emphasis on building organizational capacity, strengthening sustainable coalition infrastructure, and supporting the implementation and fidelity of evidence-based





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prevention interventions;

- increase the percentage of coalitions that adopt and implement the core competencies of the *Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)* and will include dissemination of evaluation tools, mechanisms, and measures to better assess and document coalition performance;
- provide training and technical assistance for coalition leaders and community teams, with an emphasis on the development of coalitions serving communities disproportionately affected by substance use;
- bridge the gap between research and practice by translating knowledge from academia into practical information to be used by community coalitions and infusing it into training materials, training curriculums, and all NCI supported events;
- provide broad and open access to all NCI-supported training and technical assistance opportunities at no cost, including but not limited to webinars, trainings, workshops, learning communities, and other capacity building activities ensuring availability to coalition leaders and youth substance use prevention professionals across the country;
- utilize resources from multiple agencies located throughout federal, state, local governments, prevention research entities, and academia to bring the best available knowledge, information, research, and technology to local community coalitions working to prevent youth substance youth;
- implement all virtual new recipient training curriculum and focus on minimizing burden of training deliverables (not to exceed 40 hours of training in the first year of the DFC grant);
- provide ONDCP with access to all training and technical assistance materials shared with DFC grant recipients;
- incorporate regional training and technical assistance to afford community coalitions more opportunities to engage with state and local resources; and
- coordinate bi-monthly NCI Meetings with ONDCP and other partners.

Statutory Authority

This grant is authorized by the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, codified at 21 U.S.C. § 1521. The SUPPORT Act authorized a 4-year competitive grant for the





continuation of the NCI. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Public Law 119-75, appropriated \$2,500,000 to fund this grant consistent with § 4 of Public Law 107-82 as amended by § 8204 of Public Law 115-271. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 1521 note.

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are applicable to the government and applicants, grant applications, and grant awards to non-Federal entities. *See* 2 C.F.R. pt. 200 et seq., as adopted in full by ONDCP via 2 C.F.R. § 3603.1





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Get Registered

SAM.gov

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

To register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](#) and select Get Started. From the same page, you can also select the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

Grants.gov

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](#). You can see step-by-step instructions at the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

Have questions? See [Contacts and Support](#).

Find the Application Package

The application package has all the forms you need to apply. You can find it online. Go to [Search Grants at Grants.gov](#) and search for opportunity number NCI-NCI-26-001.





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Step 3:

Prepare Your Application

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Required Application Format and Content

Application Disclosures



Required Application Format and Content

This section includes guidance on the main components of the application.

Table 1. Required Format for Project and Budget Justification Narratives

Required format for project and budget justification narratives

Font: Times New Roman or Arial

Format: PDF

Size: 12-point font

Footnotes and text in graphics may be 10-point

Spacing for project narrative main content: Double-spaced

Spacing for budget justification narrative: As needed

Spacing for project summary, tables, footnotes: Single-spaced

Margins: 1-inch

Include page numbers. Number pages in the following manner: “1 of 30”, “2 of 30”, etc.

I. Proof of Eligibility

Page Limit: None

Applicants must provide proof of non-profit status and its exemption from income tax under Title 26, section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. See also Definitions, 21U.S.C. 1701(13). Any of the following is acceptable evidence of non-profit status:

- A copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax exemption certificate.
- A reference to the applicant organization’s listing in the IRS’s most recent list of tax-exempt organizations as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).



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II. Partnership Agreement

Page Limit: None

In an effort to amplify the reach and impact of the NCI program, prioritization will be given to applicants who partner with other NFEs to implement the NCI project. Applicants engaging with other NFEs on this project **must** submit a formal partnership agreement. The Partnership agreement must outline plan for collaboration, be signed by the partners, and dated within the last year. Additional details about this partnership will be described within the Project Narrative & Application Deliverables section of this notice of funding opportunity. If the applicant is not partnering with any other organization(s), applicant **must** indicate so. Please note, this is not a request for Letters of Support for this project but instead a formal agreement for how partners will work together to carry-out the deliverables of this project and leverage their networks, resources, and skillsets for greater impact in creating effective youth substance use prevention community coalitions across the country.

III. Project Narrative

Page Limit: 30

Applicants must respond to the criteria outlined in the Project Narrative and Application Deliverables section of this notice of funding opportunity.

IV. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative

Page Limit: None

Applicant must provide an itemized budget for the first grant project period (6/1/2026 – 5/31/2027). Applicant must submit budget worksheets and budget narrative in one file. At a minimum, the following categories need to be addressed: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Overtime, Travel, Facilities, Services, Equipment, Supplies, Contracts/Consultants, Partnerships, and Other Costs. The budget narrative should thoroughly and clearly describe every category of expense listed in the worksheet and describe how it supports the goals of the NCI. Proposed budgets are expected to be complete, reasonable and allowable, cost-effective, and necessary for project activities.





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The narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond with the information and figures provided in the budget detail worksheet. The narrative should explain how costs were calculated and how they are relevant to the completion of the proposed project. ONDCP may enter into negotiations where the budget and the budget narrative fail to demonstrate price reasonableness and/or price realism.

Additionally, **if applicable**, the applicant must include a copy of their current Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. Per *Executive Order 14332, Section 4(b)(iii)*, preference may be given to institutions with lower indirect cost rates.

V. Key Personnel

Page Limit: None

Applicants **must** identify NCI key personnel. Key personnel are staff members who must be part of the project regardless of whether or not they receive a salary or compensation from the project. These staff members must make a substantial contribution to the execution of the project. The key personnel for this program will be the Program Director, Program Coordinator, and Training/Technical Assistance Manager. Partners supporting the legal applicant in implementing this project and those engaging with ONDCP must also be identified as part of the NCI application. To demonstrate proficiency in NCI project, the applicant must submit resumes for filled positions or position descriptions for unfilled positions. Key personnel on the NCI project require ONDCP prior approval. If awarded the grant, the successful applicant will be notified if the Key personnel designated for this project have been approved. If recipient needs to replace key personnel during the project period, ONDCP will review the credentials and job description prior to approving any replacements.

Application Disclosures

Applicants are to disclose whether they have pending applications or awards for federally funded grants or sub-grants (including cooperative agreements) that include requests for funding to support the same or similar projects being proposed under this solicitation **and** will cover identical cost items outlined in the budget worksheet and narrative in the application under this announcement. The disclosure should include both direct applications for federal funding (*e.g.*, applications to federal agencies) and indirect applications for such funding (*e.g.*, applications to State agencies that will sub-award federal funds).





Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities are to provide the detailed information requested on the form, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL). Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities are to enter “N/A” in the text boxes for Item 10 (“a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant” and “b. Individuals Performing Services”).





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Step 4:

Learn About Review and Award

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Application Review

Initial Review

ONDCP will review each application to make sure it meets basic requirements. ONDCP will not consider an application that:

- is from an organization that doesn’t meet all eligibility criteria;
- does not fully comply with the five (5) sections described in the Required Application Format and Content portion of this notice of funding opportunity; or
- is submitted after the deadline.

ONDCP will not review any pages over the 30-page limit.

Merit Review

Applications that comply with the submission of all five (5) sections in the Required Application Format and Content portion of this document will proceed to Merit Review. ONDCP will review applications against the established evaluation criteria described below and make an award to the responsive applicant determined to offer the best service and value to ONDCP’s DFC Program and advances the Trump Administration’s Drug Policy Priorities.

Table 2. Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Total Number of Points = 100
Partnership Design	20 points
Proposed Approach and Implementation Plan	50 points
Capabilities and Competencies to Implement Approach	10 points
Evaluation and Performance Measurement Strategy	20 points





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Criteria – Project Narrative and Application Deliverables

Partnership Design (Maximum points: 20)

The applicant should identify any other NFE that will partner on the implementation of the NCI project. At a minimum, the response should include the three areas described below. If no partnerships exist, please explain why and note that prioritization will be given to applicants that partner with other NFEs.

- Demonstrate each partner's experience providing education, training and technical assistance to youth substance use prevention coalitions or experience in community mobilizing.
- Describe each partner's specific role and responsibilities on the NCI project.
- Describe the diversity of these partnerships and how it will advance the goal of prevention and enhance the capacity of prevention coalitions to implement effective evidence-based interventions nationally.

Proposed Approach and Implementation Plan (Maximum points: 50)

The applicant will be scored on the strength of the proposed approach and implementation plan. The response must, at a minimum, include the five areas described below.

- Provide a one-year training and technical assistance plan for how the applicant intends to meet the purpose and goals of the NCI for both DFC and non-DFC funded community coalitions. The one-year training and technical assistance plan must provide details of all necessary activities (i.e., webinars, factsheets, templates, and materials) that will be supported through the approved budget. The plan will be used by ONDCP to monitor the implementation of the activities and used to assess progress towards meeting program goals and the expectations described within this notice of funding opportunity. The applicant may submit the one-year training and technical assistance plan in a format that is conducive to them, however, at a minimum, the following essential elements must be included: Strategy, Activity, Objective, and Completion date. Additional elements are strongly encouraged (i.e., length of training, curricula used, how training will be delivered, population(s) of focus, and estimated number of unduplicated people served).

In addition, state the unduplicated number of individuals you propose to serve





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during the project period (one-year).

- Describe how the one-year training and technical assistance plan provided above will address topics for both new and existing community coalitions with a range of experiences (i.e., DFC-funded coalitions in Years 1-10, Strategic Prevention Framework, substance use prevention core competencies).
- Describe how the applicant will incorporate the most current substance use prevention research, practices, policies, and strategies into the training and technical assistance provided to coalition teams and members, including how the applicant bridge the gap between science and practice.
- Describe how the applicant will tailor and deliver services to meet the needs of American communities.
- Describe a high-level training plan for how the applicant intends to meet the purpose and goals of the NCI for DFC and non-DFC funded community coalitions for subsequent years of the project. Applicant should identify how the work to be provided will reach populations and/or communities of greatest risk.

Note: ONDCP encourages applicants to be innovative in meeting the goals of the NCI. Applicants are encouraged to minimize burden on DFC grant award recipients and consider cost effective approaches to train DFC grant award recipients.

Capabilities and Competencies to Implementation the Approach (Maximum points: 10)

- Demonstrate that the applicant is a national nonprofit organization that represents, provides technical assistance and training to, and has special expertise and broad, national-level experience in community anti-drug coalitions. (Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other organizations to ensure all areas of expertise and experience are represented).
- Demonstrate how adequate and appropriate organizational infrastructure exists to successfully carry-out the NCI project. Provide an organization chart with a notation of where the NCI project will be implemented.
- Demonstrate how the applicant and its proposed staffing (i.e., key personnel, trainers, TA providers, consultants, partners) have expert knowledge, and extensive experience in providing education, training, and technical assistance for coalition leaders and community teams on youth substance use prevention.





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- Demonstrate experience with similar projects and/or providing culturally and linguistically appropriate, state of the art, research-based training and technology transfer activities, including providing training and technical assistance to the populations of focus at the national, state and local level.
- Demonstrate experience working with diverse populations, including underserved and historically under-resourced populations and explain how it is reflected in your staffing (i.e., key personnel, trainers, TA providers, consultants, partners).

Evaluation and Performance Measurement Strategy (Maximum points: 20)

The applicant should develop a clear and rigorous evaluation and performance measurement strategy to effectively track the implementation of activities outlined in the one-year training and technical assistance plan and demonstrate progress toward achieving intended outcomes.

Applicants are to present both process and outcome evaluation questions, and explain:

- The specific performance measures that will be used to assess the reach, quality, and effectiveness of TTA (e.g., number of coalitions served, participation satisfaction, changes in coalition capacity).
- The data sources and methods (e.g., surveys, attendance logs, follow-up assessments) that will be used to collect relevant performance data.

A timeline and responsible parties for data collection, analysis, and reporting:

- How the applicant will use the data to manage and improve program performance during the period of performance; How performance findings will inform ONDCP and its partners to support continuous improvement and accountability.

Risk Review

ONDCP will review the risk posed by applicants using publicly available information in the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM prior to making a federal award.





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Application Submission and Deadlines

The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. This funding opportunity is not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review. (In completing the SF-424, applicants are to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, indicating that the “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”).

Each applicant is required to (i) be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting its application; (ii) provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and (iii) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by ONDCP. ONDCP will not make an award until an applicant has fully complied with all applicable SAM and DUNS requirements; and if the applicant has not so fully complied by the time ONDCP is ready to make award, ONDCP may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive the award and use that determination as a basis for making award to another applicant.

Deadlines

Application

Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application. All applications are due and in receipt of a successful validation message submitted in Grants.gov by **11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Time, on **May 1, 2026**.

Submission Methods

Grants.gov

You must submit your application through Grants.gov. See [get registered](#).

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password protect any files.





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Notification of Award

Notice of Federal Award

A Notice of Federal Award (NoA), the only official award document, will be issued via GrantSolutions alerting applicants of award. The NoA is a legal document authorizing performance of work. If you are successful, the NoA will detail the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. Until you receive the NoA, you do not have permission to start work.

All applicants will be notified by email or mail of their application status—successful, unsuccessful, or disqualified.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All activities and expenditures under this NOFO must comply with applicable Executive Orders and applicable laws. The below is not an exhaustive list:

- [Protecting the American People Against Invasion](#) (Jan. 20, 2025)
- [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing](#) (Jan. 20, 2025)
- [Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#) (Jan. 20, 2025)
- [Enforcing the Hyde Amendment](#) (Jan. 24, 2025)
- [Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets](#) (July 24, 2025)

Additional Executive Orders, including any issued during the period of performance, may apply. **Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders and public policies governing financial assistance awards.**

Recipient organization(s) are required to register and establish an account with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Program Support Center





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(PSC)/Payment Management Services (PMS) to request payments and electronically submit the Federal Financial Report (FFR). Registration with HHS-PSC-PMS will be initiated from the submission of the SF-424 by ONDCP. Once the PMS account has been established, the awardee will be notified to complete the Direct Deposit Form (SF-1199) for banking set-up. The form and instructions may be downloaded from the [PMS website](#) within the “Grant Recipient / Banking – Add/Update” menu.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: All applicants must complete this information.

Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities are to provide the detailed information requested on the form, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL).

Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities are to enter “N/A” in the text boxes for Item 10 (“a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant” and “b.

Individuals Performing Services”).

Financial Management and Systems of Internal Control

If selected for funding, the recipient must:

- Establish and maintain effective internal controls over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with the guidance in “Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government,” issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the “Internal Control Integrated Framework,” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- Comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- Evaluate and monitor the recipient’s compliance with statute, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified, including noncompliance identified in audit finding.
- Take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identified information and other information the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or the recipient considers sensitive consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of





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confidentiality.

- Keep complete records on the disposition of funds, and records related to federal financial assistance must be retained for 3 years.

Training and Technical Assistance Reach

- The number of coalitions (DFC vs Non-DFC) that received training or technical assistance.
- The number of coalitions (DFC vs Non-DFC) serving rural and/or underserved communities.
- The number of coalitions who received training and technical assistance from the NCI broken out by: Drug-Free Communities Support Program, and Community-Based Coalition Enhancement Grant to Address Local Drug Crisis (CARA) recipients; and other coalitions funded by federal, state, and local funding sources.
- Percent of coalitions served relative to total eligible coalitions (overall and by community type).
- Percent of coalitions served that report increased access to prevention infrastructure (e.g., data systems, partners, funding).
- Utilization rates of training materials and resources provided (i.e., downloads, views, or distribution numbers).
- Frequency and type of engagement—one-time vs. ongoing support.

Topic Area Relevance

- Alignment of training topics with coalition reported priority needs (measured via post-training survey or periodic needs assessments).
- Percent of trainings adapted to emerging issues (e.g., youth mental health, polysubstance use, opioid overdose, vaping).

Quality of Support Provided

- Satisfaction rating of trainings/TA.
- Percent of participants who report the training/TA was useful and applicable.
- Number of repeat engagements, suggesting value/reliability of support provided.

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- Percent of coalitions reporting increased capacity in key core areas (e.g., strategic planning, evaluation, sustainability)—pre/post training or annual coalition survey.
- Number or % of coalitions implementing new practices or programs as a result of TTA.

Reporting

- Performance Reports: The award recipient will be required to provide ONDCP with quarterly progress reports within 30-days at the close of each quarter. Progress report criteria will be outlined in the Terms and Conditions of award. In addition, an annual continuation application is required to be submitted in April of each subsequent year. The annual continuation application criteria will be outlined in the Terms and Conditions of award.
- Financial Reports: The award recipient will be required to provide ONDCP with quarterly Federal Financial Reports (FFR) within 30-days at the close of each quarter, and 90-days at the end of the period of performance using the HHS-PMS system.





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