



Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC Grant)

Grant Overview:

- Federal Grant from the federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
- Funding Timeline: December 31, 2019 – December 30, 2025.
- Award Amount: \$125,000 per year for up to 5 years, renewed annually based on performance requirements. After five years of funding, there is an option to reapply in a competitive bids process for an additional 5 years of funding.
- Funds 1 Full Time DFC Project Coordinator position
- There is a 100% or \$125,000 match requirement for this grant.
- Interventions must focus on populations of youth 18 years of age and younger. This means the work is prevention and early intervention focused.
- Communities must send 2 people to the National Coalition Academy training (3 week- long trainings.)
- Award represents a contract with the federal government for fiscal and programmatic adherence; it is obligated, non-discretionary funding.

Funding Intent:

By statute, the DFC Support Program has two goals:

1. 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.
2. Reduce substance abuse 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.

Abstract:

The Town of Lynnfield, Massachusetts' Substance Use Prevention Coalition, A Healthy Lynnfield, will work to decrease the misuse of alcohol and electronic vaping product use among youth under the age of 18 by implementing a comprehensive mix of evidence based programs that address behaviors that lead to the initiation or progression of use. The primary goals of A Healthy Lynnfield include 1) reducing substance use among youth by addressing the factors in Lynnfield that increase the risk of substance misuse and promoting factors that minimize the risk of substance misuse and 2) establish and strengthen collaboration among community partners to reduce youth substance use. Strategies and objectives designed to achieve these goals are outlined in AHL's work plan. Strategies are environmentally focused to 1) limit access to substances 2) change the culture and context within which decisions about substance use are made 3) reduce the negative consequences associated with this use and 4) increase developmental assets and social-emotional competencies that help youth thrive.