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# PORTER COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

**2022 Grant Application**

## **Abstract**

Eligible agencies seeking grant dollars for PY 2022 must complete this application  
Submit to the Council by October 8, 2021 between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM or before  
At 57 S. Michigan, Suite 203, Valparaiso, Indiana

Funding for Porter County community programs and strategies for the period of  
January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.

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### **Grant Application Packet Includes:**

- Dear Prospective Grantee Summary
  - 2022 Grant Proposal Application for Law Enforcement
  - Signatures
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  - Budget Project Proposal Table & Funding Allowances
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Dear Prospective Grantee,

Thank you for considering applying for community funding through the Porter County Substance Abuse Council.

The available funding for 2022 will address the selected problem statements and objectives that affect dire issues related to substance use disorder and the unintended consequences for children, youth, and adults in the county.

The mission of the Porter County Substance Abuse Council is to reduce substance use by providing resources to enhance the quality of life in Porter County. The grant funding available will align with the mission of the Council and provide no cost services to the community in the areas of prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement and criminal justice. Prevention grants are for programs and strategies often requested through a school corporation, youth-serving organization or non-profits poised to implement the curriculum; treatment typically are geared toward counselors and counseling agencies addressing risk and protective factors through counseling; recovery hubs and recovery homes advocating for their clients and return to sobriety; and law enforcement request personnel such as K-9 officers and social workers, interdiction training and community resources.

In addition to the mission, the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a document that has been prepared by the PCSAC epidemiologist in collaboration with community agencies providing specific sector data. The data is then prepared, analyzed, and compiled to develop problem statements and objectives specific to Porter County. Review the CCP in the grant packet, as this will be your guide in developing your case statement for funding. Each proposal must address at least ONE problem statement and at least ONE objective to be considered for funding.

Successful grant applications must be for programs, services and strategies provided to **Porter County residents only**. The applicant that represents the agency or the agency applying for the grant must be an active member of the coalition for at least ONE year. There is a Membership Commitment that must be signed to be considered for funding.

There is a timeline included listing important dates for grant activity. The first date that needs to be noted is October 8, 2021. This is the deadline to submit your application (or before). There will be no extensions. Applications must be brought to the office at 57 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 203, Valparaiso between the hours of 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and handed to any of the grant coordinators during that timeframe. A grant review committee will make the final award selections and are final. Grant awards will be announced at the December 9, 2021, coalition meeting if all approvals are received as anticipated.

Good Luck!



## 2022 GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION

### Contact Information

Name of Agency:

Contact Name & Title:

Contact Phone & Email:

Name of Liaison to Council:

Funding Category: (Check one or more boxes)

- ☐ Prevention
- ☐ Treatment
- ☐ Recovery
- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Criminal Justice

Amount Requested: \$

List Problem Statement:

Objective(s) that aligns with Problem Statement:

Name of Project:



## Signatures

Please print name, title and date. Sign underneath.

<b>Person responsible for Agency:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Person responsible for Accounting of Funds:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Person responsible for Grant Application</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Agency/Coalition Liaison</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**For Use by PCSAC Only**

<b>Date Received:</b>	
<b>Received By:</b>	
<b>Name &amp; Signature:</b>	



## Required Documents

\*\*\*Note the documents listed below must be submitted at the time of application of your proposal will not be considered.

**Attach the listed documents to submission:**

- ☐ EIN #
- ☐ Completed W-9 form
- ☐ Binding coverage as additional insured on insurance policy
- ☐ Board of Directors (in entirety)
- ☐ Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Approving PCSAC Grant Submission
- ☐ Membership Commitment

**Please answer the following questions:**

	Yes	No
Is this a continuation grant?		
Does your agency have annual audits?		
Is this application for equipment?		



## Budget – Project Proposal

Expense	Amount
Salaries	\$
Training	\$
Office Supplies	\$
Equipment	\$
Facility	\$
Contracted Services	\$
Other	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>

List all income sources for this grant project. If the grant is not fully funded by the Council, name other possible sources of funding.

Income Source	Status of Funds	Amount
Porter County Substance Abuse Council	Application Submitted	\$

### Funding Allowances:

- General overhead expenses – overhead expenses such as rent, utilities, insurance, are not allowable.
- Law Enforcement: Ammunition, cars, and other equipment that would normally be funded as required by the regulatory body in order to keep forces operating is not allowable. Unable to fund school resource officers (SRO).
- Law enforcement must attach a quote for any equipment or training that is requested. Receipts and invoices must be submitted upon receipt and attached to the quarterly report.
- Organizations are encouraged to use funding for registration and tuition costs related to trainings and professional development. However, travel and lodging are not allowable.
- Funding WILL NOT compensate for a short fall in general operating and administrative costs. Do not expect this grant to cover salaries unless it is for a specific initiative, program or service that cannot be provided without the key person (facilitator, therapist, counselor, or sponsor, etc.) This position may not be fully funded.



## **Budget Narrative**

Provide a narrative explanation for the budget proposal. Use this form to explain the budget expenses. Narrative should detail funds requested from the LCC funds only.

- A. Salaries (only for key personnel facilitating program, service or strategy – therapist, counselor).
- B. Training (Attach documentation supporting the registration and tuition costs of the training- lodging and travel excluded)
- C. Office Supplies (Be as specific as possible)
- D. Equipment (Attach quote)
- E. Facility (Specific location)
- F. Contracted Services (Who, what, when, where, how, why – and attach credentials)
- G. Independent Evaluation Costs
- H. Other (Be specific - itemize)



## GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION – SUMMARY OF PROJECT

*Below is the information required for your proposal to be eligible for LCC grant funding. You are to compete each question fully and completely. Type your responses/narrative underneath each numbered request. Use Arial 12 pt. for the font. Do not bold text or use all uppercase letters. When submitting proposal, submit only the application and required documents NOT the instructions. Do Not bind the proposal in folders, report covers or envelope – just the 5 copies of each proposal for Grant Selection Committee for review.*

1. Name of Project
2. Estimated number of people to be served between January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
3. Agency/Organization/Business
  - a. Primary business type, number of years in business, primary funding sources, governance, not-for-profit/public/for-profit status
4. Provide a description, goals and detailed timeline to accomplish this project from implementation to completion. Include any cooperative efforts within the community, and/or interagency collaborations. Is this program evidence-based or another model peer reviewed program site? If it is evidence-based and not listed on these sites, please show where it is listed.
5. Provide data to demonstrate community need for the project.
6. Explain how your program will address the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP)? The proposal must align with at least one Problem Statement and one Objective that align with the CCP.
7. How does your project align with the Porter County Substance Abuse Council Mission Statement?
8. What target population will be addressed by this project and how many will be served?
9. What are the primary activities or services that will be provided and how they apply to ATOD prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement? Who will be responsible for the projects' implementation? Please provide the name, title and contact information of those implementing the project.
10. What measurable short term and long-term outcomes will be accomplished by the project? How will you evaluate or measure the success of your project?
11. How do you plan on continuing this project after LCC funding ends?



## Supplemental Information

- Providing data to demonstrate community need.
  - Are there service gaps?, If yes, provide data to support service gaps
  - Provide evidence why this project is needed in your community
  - How will it help toward the goals of PCSAC and align with the mission statement?
  - Provide data such as: high school graduation rates, Census data, Indiana Stats, Quality of Life indicators, Uniform Crime Report data, State Epidemiological Data, Pre/Post tests and Empowerment Zones
    - Data sources may include: Alcohol Tobacco other Drugs (ATOD) Survey, Monitoring the Future Survey, Indiana Youth Institute reports, Indiana Department of Education (DOE – COMPASS), and local crime reports
- Describe the goal of your project and a detailed timeline to accomplish this project from implementation to completion. Is it evidence-based or another model peer reviewed program site?
  - Length of grant cycle
  - School year
  - Summer program
  - Evidence Based Program timeline
  - Purchasing of equipment to utilization of equipment
  - Special patrols
    - Provide site where your program can be referenced
- What problem statement and objective will you address? How will it work with the Porter County Substance Abuse Council Mission Statement?
  - Mission Statement is: Reduce youth and adult substance abuse by assessing for, promoting through, and educating about effective community-based programs.
- What target population will be addressed by this project and how many will be served?
  - Be specific as possible – total population, age specifics, demographics, location and target audience
  - Include those that are directly or indirectly impacted by the program
- Primary activities of services that will be provided and who is responsible for implementing the project? Name and title of those implementing required.
  - Drug curriculum
  - Additional patrols
  - Events
  - Counseling
  - Drug Testing
  - DUI Checkpoints
  - Workshops
  - Training
  - Evidence based programming



- What measurable long-and-short term outcomes will be accomplished with the project?  
How will you measure success of your project?
    - Increased knowledge/awareness of drugs and alcohol
    - Increase of youth involved in prevention programs
    - Increase in people in treatment
    - Increase in arrest rates
    - Decrease in accidents
    - Increase in drug arrests
    - Reduced recidivism rates
    - Increased completion programs
    - Decrease in positive drug tests
  - What tools will be used to measure the success of your project with the consultation of the independent evaluator assigned to your project?
    - Surveys – pre/post tests
    - Intake and exit interviews
    - # of clients enrolled in a program vs. clients completing a program
    - Yearly data comparison
    - Indiana Youth Survey Data (Sporadic Reporting)
    - Epidemiological county data
  - How will this project be sustained after funding ends? Can this project run with partial funds?
    - If your agency is not awarded full funding, will this project be viable?
    - What other resources do you have to implement this project?
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## **Porter County Substance Abuse Council**

### **LCC Grant Timeline**

**2021/2022**

August 19, 2021	Grant Writing Workshop – LE (DDTF)
August 27, 2021	Grant Applications Available
October 8, 2021	Grants Proposals Due
November 2021	Grant Approvals (Commissioners)
December 14, 2021	Grant Approvals (Council Nov 2/23)
December 21, 2021	Grant Awards Announced
April 15, 2022	Quarter 1 Report Due (Jan, Feb, March)
July 1, 2022	Quarter 2 Report Due (April, May, June)
October 15, 2022	Quarter 3 Report Due (July, Aug, Sept)
January 5, 2023	Quarter 4 Final Due (Oct, Nov, Dec)

\*\*\*Dates may change depending on approval status or other unforeseen circumstances.

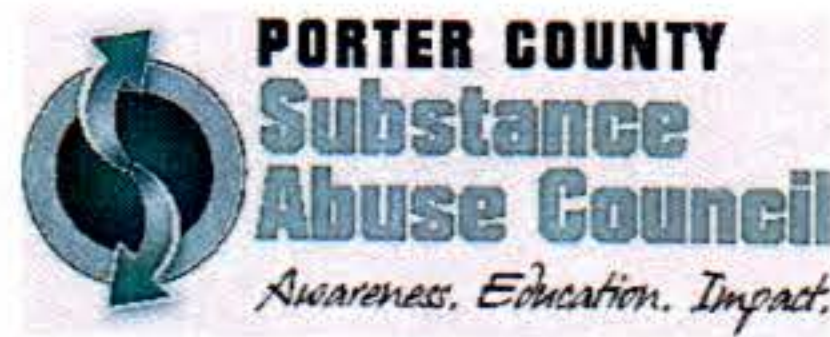


**Most Problematic Substances in  
Porter County  
According to Epidemiological Data  
2021**

- 1. Heroin/Opioids**
- 2. Tobacco/Vaping/Marijuana**
- 3. Alcohol – underage drinking**
- 4. Methamphetamine & Cocaine (Emerging)**

**\*\*\*CCP is available upon request**





## **LCC Grant Funding Condition of Award 2021/2022 Grantee Obligations**

By accepting grant funds from the LCC and signing the binding document (contract), you as a representative of Agency agree to the following terms. If awarded Agency is unable or unwilling to agree with stated terms of the contract, then the total or remaining amount of award will be returned to the auditor at the request of Porter County Substance Abuse Council's Executive Director, Board of Directors or Authorized Representative for future grant distribution.

"Agency/Grantee" will be used to define the role of the entity receiving the grant funds and "Grantor" will be used to designate the Porter County Substance Abuse Council as the funder.

1. Agency/Grantee understands that all awarded funds are to be strictly applied to the implementation of project goals and objectives. If Agency is found negligent, Agency will be required to return the full award or remaining balance to the Grantor upon request. The grant shall be used for the purposes described in the grant application and program/budget narrative ONLY. If a modification is needed than Agency will request in writing and will be pending approval of the Grantor. Request must submit request one week prior to the Board of Directors meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month).
2. The bills, invoices, canceled check, receipts, etc. that document disbursements of funds will be maintained by both the Agency and Grantor. Copies of the documents will be furnished at the Quarterly intervals and again when the Final grant report is submitted on January 5, 2022, or upon request. If the funds are for a one-time expenditure (i.e., purchase of a K-9 or equipment) receipts will be submitted to the Grantor with the following Quarterly Report. The Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors has the right to access and examine records and documents related to the grant administration and outcomes during site visits if requested. It is understood that records and documents are to be maintained for a minimum of 5 years by the Grantee and Agency.
3. Under no circumstances may grant funds be expended, borrowed (inter-fund) pledges, or transferred for reasons not associated with the stated purposes contained in the grant application without approval of the Grantor. If unapproved changes are made Agency understands that grant funds shall be returned to the Grantor for deposit into the LCC Drug Free Community Fund.
4. Any unused (not spent or unaccounted for dollars as documented by invoices, receipts, etc.) will be returned to the Grantor at the end of the grant cycle, January 5, 2022, or



before. If Agency is unable to produce a receipt or invoice for expenditure, then that amount will be refunded to the Grantor regardless of amount.

5. It is understood that an evaluation will be implemented in the form of a Survey Monkey in quarterly intervals to ensure fidelity of the programs/strategies. The evaluation will assist the Grantee with projected outcomes and provide guidance if necessary. The evaluation will assure that stated goals and objectives remain in alignment with the Comprehensive Community Plan as outlined in the proposal. The evaluation will reveal the impact of outcomes of the project and will help determine future funding opportunities.
6. Agency project must be completed by December 31, 2022, or before.
7. If Agency project is partially funded by Grantor, Agency is responsible for the completion project in its entirety using other funding sources. If Agency is unable to fulfill this obligation, then full funds are to be returned to the Grantor.
8. Funding is NOT to be used for food, speakers, speaker gratuities, recognition gifts, gift cards or awards.
9. A press release must be submitted to local news media announcing the acceptance of the grant monies and the collaboration between the Agency and the Grantor. In addition, any other publicity on the funded program, credit for funding must be given to the Grantor. Any promotional pieces such as fliers, programs, brochures, social media posts or digital announcements must give credit to the Grantor. We kindly request PCSAC (logo) is listed as a partnering agency on Agency website. A digital PCSAC logo will be available to the Grantee.
10. Grantor will communicate with the Agency in various ways where an active email is used as updates, announcements and requests will be periodically sent. Agency is responsible to update contact information in the event of the change of project director or representative. It is the responsibility of the Agency to open the mail, email and announcements sent to the contact Grantor has on file. If you are not receiving emails from the Council it is your responsibility to check your Spam folders.
11. Grantor will be notified immediately of changes in project directors, changes of address or change in status of organization (i.e. merger, dissolution).
12. All funds must be used for the direct benefit of Porter County residents ONLY.
13. An Agency representative is required to attend a grant orientation at the time the grant funds are released to Grantee; active participation in the coalition and annual award ceremony are required.
14. Agency will remain an active partner in good standing throughout the duration of the grant. Active participation is required at coalition activities and events. Volunteer hours (in-kind) hours are required to be half the amount of total funds allotted to the recipient agency. Agency agrees to submit a monthly in-kind report by the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month. Agency representative is required to attend no less than 9 of the 12 coalition meetings, 4 committee meetings and 4 events as evidenced by sign in sheets.
15. The Grantor requires to be named as additional insured on Agency policy. A representative from Anton Insurance will contact Agency to arrange for receipt of the binding insurance coverage.



16. Agency understands that failure to meet Conditions of Award may impact Agency grant and the ability to receive future funding through the Drug Free Community Fund. If requirements are not met, funding will be returned upon request to Grantor.
17. Each Agency will be assigned a number of hours that need to be met as in-kind or (volunteer hours) throughout the grant cycle. The number of hours is dependent on how much funding the Agency is requesting. In-kind opportunities are available and attainable. Work on special projects, committees, and coalition support count toward the completion of the assigned hours.

I agree to the terms and conditions of the "Conditions of Award" and will fulfill the "Grantee Obligations" as set forth by this binding legal instrument.

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Agency Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director PCSAC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **Porter County Substance Abuse Council Reserves the Right To:**

### **I. During grant submission and review stage:**

- a. Request a modification of the proposal or budget.
- b. Deny funding if application is incomplete, late or lacking required documentation upon submission.
- c. Deny funding if mission, problem statements and objectives are not aligned with the comprehensive community plan.
- d. Give preference to proposals that are evidence-based, align most closely with the CCP, introduce new and proven strategies, and address areas of special interest or special populations (list attached).
- e. Request return of funding if misappropriation of funds has been disclosed.

### **II. After grant award:**

- a. Examine physical location, books, documents, papers, accounting records or other relevant information pertaining to the administration of the grant.
- b. Request funding to be returned if any legal, moral, or unethical accounts have surfaced.
- c. Deny 2022 funding if agency has not fulfilled the requirements of the 2021 Condition of Award such as In-Kind requirements.



## **Grant Review Criteria**

Grant applications will be reviewed by the Grant Selection Committee (GSC) comprised of 3 or more individuals from outside the Porter County Substance Abuse Council and 2 from the coalition. The members of the GSC will review all grant applications based on a set of criteria that has been approved. The following is a list of the Grant Application Criteria against which the applications will be reviewed.

### **1. Participation in coalition**

The Condition of Award specifies a required number of in-kind hours that each agency must complete by the end of the project year. Each grantee is required in-kind that equals half of the total dollar amount funded. Agencies receiving grants are expected and contractually bound to fulfill their obligation of active participation.

There are 4 coalitions that we rely on to assist us completion of projects – 1. Local Coordinating Council (coalition); 2. Drug Free Communities (12 sectors); 3. Partners for Success (Valparaiso, Portage & Chesterton coalitions); and Mental Health Awareness (advisory board). Examples of participation – attend meetings (required), events (vendor fairs, town hall meetings), host meetings (at your agency), and many more.

### **2. Interagency Collaboration**

Agencies willing and able to collaborate on a program or evidence-based strategies with other agencies to reduce community duplication of service is favorable. If agencies are willing to partner with each other and reduce duplication of services that weighs in favorably.

### **3. Innovative/Creative Evidence Based Programs or Strategies**

Programs or strategies that are innovative, creative and trending in the approach to substance use disorder is desirable.

### **4. Number of people served**

Applications that serve more people based on the service and the population is favorable.

### **5. Cost per person**

Programs that have a lower cost per person well received.

### **6. If a current program, demonstrated outcomes**

#### **If a new program, expected outcomes**

Outcomes are vitally important to the work the PCSAC is funding. Programs should be able to demonstrate either past successful outcomes or predict future outcomes based on information and documentation. Clear and descriptive narratives expected with correlating documentation from evidence-based sources, (Peer/Published Journal citations, local successes). PCSAC has a full-time epidemiologist that you may ask for current data to support your proposal.



**7. Evidence based**

Programs that are evidence based are more likely to be funded. Keep in mind that PCSAC is required to select EBP. There is no sense going through the entire approval process just to be rejected at the end because you didn't heed this warning.

**8. Evidence of community support**

Organizations that show support from the community. Provide documentation of other group's support, funding from other sources, an MOU with a provider (if applicable), letter from School Board, etc. If you are planning on partnering with another agency, then a letter solidifying the relationship is needed. If you are building a case for funding and innovative strategy, then attach signed letters of support with your proposal.

**9. Budget evaluation**

A budget that is transparent, clear, and detailed is required. Include program budget, not organization budget. Be realistic in your ask.

**10. Adherence to the CCP**

Programs that adhere to the Comprehensive Community Plan is a requirement. Pick out at least ONE problem statement and at least ONE objective.

**11. Previous funding/sustainability**

Programs that are actively seeking additional funding dollars, from other sources. What is your sustainability plan for this program to move forward without LCC funding? This is a consideration in reviewing the proposal.

**12. Goals/purpose**

Projects with program goals and objectives that mesh with the mission of the PCSAC are more favorable.

**13. New Programs**

We are looking to fund new programs and strategies. If you are asking for funding for the same thing you did last year and the year before, then consider thinking about a new strategy or program that will serve the community. The LCC is able to fund very young populations, older populations, veterans, recovery homes and areas of special interest. We have middle and high school specific grants if you are interested. See list of special interest groups.



## PCSAC Membership Commitment

PCSAC relies on the participation of coalition members for active involvement to engage the community and ultimately address substance use and the unintended consequences. Additionally, if you are requesting funds for your agency, there must be a representative (or more than one) that will assist the Council throughout the year. We document each time your agency volunteers and apply that toward your in-kind credits. The following is a list of expectations for you.

1. Support the mission, goals, and objectives of PCSAC.
2. Abide by the policies, procedures, and terms of the PCSAC.
3. Prepare, attend, and participate in meetings.
4. Attend or send a representative on your behalf to the monthly coalition meeting – the third Thursday of every month.
5. Attend the year-end award ceremony.
6. Track and submit your in-kind hours to [dpelc@portercountysac.com](mailto:dpelc@portercountysac.com)
7. To coordinate projects and activities with the PCSAC staff.
8. Act as a link with other agencies to assist the PCSAC staff with projects.
9. To update your email if necessary and respond to monthly emails.
10. To be considered for funding you or your agency must be an active participant in the coalition.

\*\*\*Please sign below to acknowledge that you understand and agree to bullet points of commitment listed above.

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Printed Name of Member

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Name of Agency

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Signature of Member

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Date

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Monitoring Role of LCC**

Recognizing the need for accountability to the community as well as funding agencies, PCSAC has established the following procedures for monitoring the progress of programs and activities:

1. **Coalition Meetings:** The Council meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 am at the Community Foundation, 1401 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso. The Drunk Driving Task Force meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every other month at 12:00 noon.
2. **Establishment of Grant Review Committee** - A Grant selection Review Committee is assembled to review submitted community agency proposals for annual funding. The committee is comprised of volunteers that are not member of the coalition and have knowledge of funding guidelines.
3. **Memorandum of Agreement with all funded programs and projects.** PCSAC maintains a signed Condition of Award with all funded programs and projects.
4. **Presentations to PCSAC from funded agencies:** Agencies having funded programs and strategies make oral presentations on a rotating schedule at the monthly general, and present at committee meetings and public meetings as requested.
5. **Quarterly Reports and Year End written reports** containing both financial and program data. Reports are designated to provide both program and fiscal accountability and serve as source of data to monitor progress of identified problem statements.
6. **On site reviews of programs and projects as determined:** Conducted on site reviews of funded programs and projects as determined necessary.
7. **Media releases are required to satisfy the grant requirement to announce the partnership between the Council and the grant recipient agency.**



# IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FORM

## GRANTEE ORGANIZATION:



Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Coaliton Member \_\_\_\_\_

Coaliton Member E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Coalition Member Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Circle One: Grantee / Not A Grantee

Date of Service	Total Hrs.	Event/Meeting	Description of Activity	Office Use Only: Reported on Sign-In	

**TOTAL**

GRANT:		MILEAGE RATE	VOLUNTEER RATE		
LCC					
DFC					
PFS					
MHAT					
COMMENTS:					

STAFF VERIFY:					
Name:					
Date:					
Initial					





## **Problem Statements, Objectives and Goals of the Comprehensive Community Plan**

### **Problem Statement #1:**

**Abuse of Prescription Drugs, Opioids, Heroin, and other illicit drugs is a significant problem in Porter County**

### **Goals:**

1. Reduce the number of deaths in Porter County from illicit drug, prescription, opioid, and heroin abuse through community wide collaboration incorporating the initiatives of Justice, Treatment, and Education.
2. Increase public awareness of, and solutions to, the problems associated with illicit drug, prescription, opioid, and heroin abuse and/or dependence.

### **Objectives:**

1. Work to increase the amount of unused prescriptions collected each year through the drug drop-off boxes located in the various communities.
2. Promote the use of the INSPECT prescription data base system by doctors and law enforcement as a means to reduce overprescribing of medications with a high propensity for addiction/abuse.
3. Support education programs for both youth and adults concerning the potential dangers of illicit drugs and prescription medications, with an emphasis on opioid based prescriptions, and the part they play in substance abuse and dependence.
4. Encourage the planning of Drug Awareness Nights at school sponsored events and/or other community events in Porter County.
5. Support local law enforcement and government agency efforts to increase their capacity, through various means, to reduce prescription, opioid, heroin, and other illicit drug use/abuse.
6. Support and encourage therapeutic and/or alternative treatment programming to address prescription, opioid, heroin, and illicit drug use/abuse, with an emphasis on evidence based programming.
7. Encourage and support formation of recovery groups and alternative peer groups to aid those individuals struggling with abuse of, and addiction to, prescription drugs, opioids, heroin, and/or illicit drugs.



8. Encourage schools to continue their participation in, and support of, the Indiana Youth Survey for the purpose of collecting data on prescription abuse, opioid, heroin, and other illicit drug use by the youth of Porter County
9. Encourage and support programs that seek to improve and increase community attachment for both the youth population and those individuals in recovery as a means to increase protective factors against substance use.



**Problem Statement #2:**

**Alcohol use and abuse by both Porter County youth and adults is a problem within the county. Goals:**

1. To reduce misuse of alcohol by both adults and youth in Porter County.
2. Increase awareness and educate Porter County residents on the harmful effects and consequences of the misuse of alcohol

**Objectives:**

1. Support and encourage therapeutic programming that focuses on use and/or abuse of alcohol, with an emphasis on evidence based programs.
2. Promote alcohol awareness and/or education programs within Porter County.
3. Support local law enforcement and government agency efforts to increase their capacity, through various means to reduce underage drinking and drunk driving.
4. Collaborate with local businesses in Porter County to raise awareness of the issues of alcohol abuse through various programs. (Sticker Shock, Social Hosting, #NotAMinorProblem, Server's Trainings, et c.)
5. Support programs that educate parents of their importance in modeling responsible consumption of alcohol in the presence of their children .
6. Encourage and support alternative treatment programming for alcohol related offenders through problem solving courts and other diversionary programming.
7. Encourage and support formation/expansion of recovery groups and alternative peer groups to aid those individuals struggling with abuse of, and addiction to, alcohol.
8. Encourage and support the schools to continue their participation in and support of the Indiana Youth Survey for the purpose of collecting data on alcohol use by the youth of Porter County.
9. Encourage and support programs that seek to improve and increase community attachment and recognition for both the youth population and those individuals in recovery as a means to increase protective factors against substance use.



### **Problem Statement #3:**

**Porter County continues to have a problem with marijuana use/abuse by both adults and youth.**

### **Goals:**

1. Increase awareness and educate the community concerning the risk of use/abuse of marijuana.
2. Decrease use of marijuana by adults and juveniles within Porter County.

### **Objectives:**

1. Support local law enforcement and government agency efforts to increase their capacity, through various means, to reduce marijuana use/abuse.
2. Support and encourage therapeutic and/or alternative treatment programming, with an emphasis on evidence based programming, to treat marijuana use/abuse.
3. Encourage elected officials, through various means, to oppose legalization of marijuana in the State of Indiana.
4. Support efforts for both youth and adults that seek to educate about the potential risks of marijuana use and its role as a gateway drug.
5. Continue focus groups and peer panels in the local area schools to stay informed on current marijuana trends among youth in the community.
6. Encourage schools to continue their participation in and support of the Indiana Youth Survey for the purpose of collecting data on marijuana use by the youth of Porter County.
7. Encourage and support programs that seek to improve and increase community attachment for both the youth population and those individuals in recovery as a means to increase protective factors against substance use.