

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COALITIONS APPLYING FOR DFC FUNDING

Requirement 1: Sector Representation

The coalition must consist of one or more representatives from each of the required 12 sectors. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(2)(A))

An individual who is a member of the coalition may serve on the coalition as a representative of not more than one sector category. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(2)(C))

Requirement 2: Six-Month Existence

The coalition must demonstrate that members have worked together on substance abuse reduction initiatives for at least six months at the time of submission of the application, acting through entities such as task forces, subcommittees, or community boards. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(3)(A))

The coalition must also demonstrate substantial participation from volunteer leaders in the community. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(3)(B))

Requirement 3: Mission Statement

The coalition must have as its principal mission the reduction of youth substance use. At a minimum, this should include the use and abuse of drugs in a comprehensive and long-term manner, with a primary focus on youth in the community. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(3)(B)(4)(A))

Requirement 4: Focus on Multiple Drugs

The coalition must have developed a 12-Month Action Plan to reduce substance use among youth which targets multiple drugs of abuse. Substances may include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, inhalants, marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(4)(D))

Requirement 5: National Evaluation Requirement

The coalition must establish a system to measure and report outcomes, established and approved by the DFC Administrator, to the federal government. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(5)(A))

Requirement 6: Eligibility to Receive Federal Grants

The applicant must demonstrate that the coalition is an ongoing concern by demonstrating that the coalition is a non-profit organization or has made arrangements with a legal entity that is eligible to receive federal grants. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(5)(A))

Requirement 7: Necessary Support from Non-Federal Sources

The coalition must have a strategy to solicit substantial financial support from non-federal sources to ensure that the coalition is self-sustaining. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(5)(C)) & (21 USC 1531 §1032 (b)(1)(A)(i))

Requirement 8: Federal Request

The applicant must not request more than \$125,000 in federal funds per year. (PL 109-469 §803)

Requirement 9: Location

Two DFC-funded coalitions may not serve the same zip code(s) unless both coalitions have clearly described their plan for collaboration in their application and each coalition has independently met the eligibility requirements. (21 USC 1531 §1032 (a)(5)(C))

Requirement 10: One Grant at a Time

Grant recipients may be awarded only one grant at a time through the DFC Support Program.

Requirement 11: No more than 10 years of funding

In order to receive a DFC grant, coalitions may not have received 10 years of DFC funding.