

FY2024 Request for Applications



Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment Prevention Program Grant Application

Important Dates:

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| <i>Grant Applications Due</i> | October 13, 2023 (COB) |
| <i>Notice of Awards</i> | On/Before November 17, 2023 |
| <i>Required Learning Collaborative Grantee Meeting</i> | Friday, March 22, 2024 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. <i>Hybrid mtg. at PreventionFIRST! and virtual</i> |
| <i>Final Grant Report Due</i> | December 6, 2024 (COB) |

**COB refers to close of business, 5:00 p.m.*

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ The project must have as its principal mission the prevention and reduction of youth substance use/misuse.
- ✓ The applicant must be a public or private nonprofit, governmental, or faith-based organization.
- ✓ The project must serve communities and their residents within Hamilton County.
- ✓ The project must assist with improving capacity of an existing coalition or begin mobilizing one if a coalition does not currently exist in the community.

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Overview

PreventionFIRST! announces the availability of funds for the FY2024 Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment – Prevention Program grant. This is a substance use/misuse prevention-based grant opportunity.

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| Funding Opportunity Title: | Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment – Prevention Program |
| Eligible applicants: | The application must be submitted by a Hamilton County community-based coalition or group of community members committed to developing or expanding capacity of a community-based substance use/misuse prevention coalition. |
| Final Grant Applications Due: | By close of business (COB) on October 13, 2023 to PreventionFIRST! Program Coordinator Jade Jacobs- jjacobs@prevention-first.org |
| Notice of Award: | On or Before November 17, 2023 |
| Required Learning Collaborative Grantee Meeting: | March 22, 2024 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Hybrid meeting @ PF! and virtual |
| Award Levels Dependent on Grant Application Category: | Up to \$1,000 for Mobilizing Up to \$2,000 for Planning Up to \$3,000 for Implementation |
| Length of Project Period: | January 2024-December 2024 |
| Reporting Requirements: | A final report is due COB December 6, 2024 to PreventionFIRST! Program Coordinator Jade Jacobs- jjacobs@prevention-first.org . Phone 513-751-8000. |

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Funding Opportunity Description

The Hamilton County Mental Health Recovery Services Board has contracted with PreventionFIRST! to support local coalition development in Hamilton County. This grant is intended to improve the capacity of a current coalition or group looking to implement prevention.

Substance use/misuse prevention is defined as preventing the onset of alcohol and other drug (AoD) use, misuse and substance use disorders. AoD prevention is a planned sequence of activities that, through the practice and application of evidence-based prevention principles, policies, strategies and programs, is intended to inform, educate, develop skills, reduce risk behaviors, affect environmental factors, and/or provide referrals to other services.

This grant is not intended to merely fund programs that do not move the capacity of a coalition or prevention-intended group. Movement toward positive community change focused on substance use/misuse prevention in a particular community needs to be demonstrated.

Goal 1: To increase community collaboration

Establish and strengthen collaboration among community sectors and county entities to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance use/misuse among youth.*

**youth is defined as individuals 25 and younger because of our partnerships with local colleges/universities.*

Goal 2: To reduce youth substance use/misuse

Reduce substance use/misuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance use/misuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance use/misuse.*

**substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis/marijuana, inhalants, alcohol, and tobacco including e-cigarettes/vaping, where their use is prohibited by federal, state, or local law.*

Grantees are required to work toward these two goals as the primary focus of their county-funded effort. The funds have been made available through the Family Services Treatment Levy since November 2009 and outcomes are reported back to the Hamilton County Mental Health Recovery Services Board.

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Grant Application Requirements

Annual awards are contingent upon the availability of Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment – Prevention Program funds, the continued ability of the coalition(s) to demonstrate eligibility, and grantee(s) progress in meeting grant requirements, as well as all required data and reports. There is no match (in-kind) required for this grant. Applicants will need to choose whether they will be using the funds for prevention coalition development focused on either **1) mobilizing 2) planning 3) implementation**. Please choose **one**.

A **mobilizing** grant would permit a community group to collect quantitative (i.e. data expressing a certain quantity, amount or range for instance height) and qualitative data (i.e. data collected through observations or recorded through focus groups or interviews) to identify the substance use problem in their community. This type of grant would allow a group to identify existing prevention resources or gaps in services and build coalition capacity (increase coalition membership and increase coalition sector representation). ***Up to \$1,000**

A **planning** grant would be used to plan for eventual implementation of environmental strategies in the community, based on your local substance use/misuse identified problem. By choosing a planning grant, the group can begin to plan for the intervention and outcomes sections of the action plan/logic model process. This would entail carrying out a community-based planning process that identifies environmental strategies based on the 7 Strategies for Community Change by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) in order to achieve outcomes. ***Up to \$2,000**

An **implementation** grant allows for a group to ensure the strategies and activities chosen are evidence-based and/or evidence-informed practices moving toward positive community change related to prevention with policies, maintain multi-sectors in the plan that is culturally competent and implemented with fidelity. ***Up to \$3,000**

*If you are unsure of which category you fit in to, please reach out to PF! Chief Program Officer Amanda Conn Starner at aconnstarner@prevention-first.org or (513) 751-8000, ext. 13.

If you have received funding from the Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment Prevention Program grant in the past, you are eligible to apply again if you have demonstrated prudent fiscal management, completed action plans and filed required

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reporting to PFI. If selected to receive a grant, funds will be awarded for one year, from January-December 2024.

Submission Information

Applications must be received via email by **COB (5:00 p.m.) October 13, 2023**. PreventionFIRST! will not accept applications sent by facsimile. Email to PFI Program Coordinator Jade Jacobs at jjacobs@prevention-first.org.

Outline of Grant Application

Applications must follow this checklist and order of narrative questions when compiling your application. Application that do not follow the checklist and answer all narrative questions accordingly will not be accepted. Each section, and the required information for each, is detailed below.

- **Cover Sheet** (first page of application) (See attachment 1); Include organization's EIN number and fiscal agent
- **Project Narrative** (See attachment 2)
- **One Year Action Plan** including timeline of activities (January 2021-December 2021), including what prevention strategies you intend to implement, and who will be involved in the project; Attached template must be used (See attachment 3); Attachment 4 lists prevention strategies and examples
- **Budget & Budget Narrative**; attached template must be used (See attachment 5)
- **Listing of who is represented in your group from the Community Sectors or prospective members.** The sectors are youth, parents, business community, media, schools, youth-serving organizations, law enforcement/fire department agencies, religious or fraternal organizations, healthcare professionals, state, local or tribal government agencies, civic and volunteer groups, senior citizens, and other organizations with expertise in the field of substance abuse (See attachment 6)

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Budget

All applicants must provide a one-year budget and budget narrative from January 2024-December 2024 using the budget table included: (See attachment 4)

Unallowable expenditures

- Award dinners & fundraising events
- Capital construction or improvement
- Operating/indirect expenses such as utilities, rent, etc.
- Salaries
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns
- Grants to individuals
- Food/beverages that exceed 5 percent of the total budget
- Debt retirement
- Cash incentives or Visa/MasterCard gift cards

Allowable expenditures

- Evidence-based prevention programming and/or training
- Supplies/photocopying/postage & mailing
- Alternative school activities (i.e. after prom parties)
- Marketing/promotion cost for the specific project
- Local travel
- Food/beverages up to 5 percent of the total budget
- Small stipends for consultants, not to exceed 10 percent of total budget
- Small incentives such as prevention products, gift cards to specific retail establishments such as Starbucks, Kroger permitted, however, the cards cannot exceed 5 percent of total budget

Award Notices

PreventionFIRST! will notify you through email that your application has been received. Half of the award will be administered to grantees in January; the remaining half will be administered in July if the grantee has completed the required learning collaborative meeting. If you are approved for funding, you will receive a Notice of Award (NOA), signed by PreventionFIRST! The NOA is the sole obligating document that allows the grantee to receive the county funding for work on the grant project.

Administrative Requirements

Grantees must comply with all terms and conditions of the grant award. Grantees will be held accountable for the information provided in the application related to performance targets. Failure to meet stated requirements or goals and objectives may result in suspension or termination of the grant award.

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Attachment 1: Cover Sheet Template

Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment Prevention Program

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | | |
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| Application (check one) | | Type | Date Received* *for office use only |
| New Previously Funded | | Mobilizing Planning Implementation | |
| Coalition/Group Name | | | |
| Street Address | | | |
| City | | State | Zip Code |
| County | | Phone | |
| Fax | | Email | |
| Zip Codes of coalition/group geographic area | | | |
| Coalition/Group contact | | Title | |
| Coalition/Group contact signature | | Date | |
| EIN number | | | |
| Fiscal agent representative (if applicable) | | Title | |
| Fiscal agent signature (if applicable) | | Date | |

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Attachment 2: Project Narrative

The Hamilton County Family Services and Treatment Tax Levy of 2009 authorizes grant funding for community coalitions in Hamilton County. **Applications may not exceed 2 pages and must be single-spaced.** Applications must answer the questions below.

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| Organization's History | |
| Briefly describe your organization's history. | |
| Mission and Vision Statements of Organization | |
| The project must have as its principal mission the prevention and reduction of youth substance use/misuse. *Mobilizing grants must demonstrate their plan for developing their mission and vision statements, if not already in place. | |
| Substance Use/Misuse-Related Problem(s) in the Community | |
| What substance use data/trends are present in your community? (i.e. PreventionFIRST! Student Drug Use Survey Data, Monitoring the Future Survey Data, public health data, etc.) | |
| Data Supporting Substance Use Problem(s) | |
| Data related to youth consequences (i.e., social indicators) such as crime data, juvenile justice/social services referrals, school failure, impaired driving rates, emergency room data, substance use/misuse treatment admissions, and EMS data. | |
| Community factors/norms leading to substance use-related problems | |
| What factors/norms are contributing to your community's youth substance use-related problem? | |
| Describe strategies to address the two goals of this grant. | |
| Describe the objectives and strategies your organization has identified to address a. Goal 1: To Increase community collaboration b. Goal 2: To reduce youth substance use/misuse | |

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Attachment 3: One Year Action Plan

| Timeline | Activities | Who in your community will help your group with your activity(s)? (i.e. school, church, prevention coordinator/professional, law enforcement, etc.) | What prevention strategy(s) do you intend to implement? (see attachment 3 for examples and the full list) |
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| January | | | |
| February | | | |
| March | | | |
| April | | | |
| May | | | |
| June | | | |
| July | | | |
| August | | | |
| September | | | |
| October | | | |
| November | | | |

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| December | | | |
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Attachment 4: Prevention strategies

1. Providing Information: Educational presentations, workshops, webinars, public service announcements (PSAs), billboards; *one way or two way educational or informational sharing*

2. Enhancing Skills: Seminars/webinars, trainings, technical assistance, retreats; *activities designed to increase the skill set of members needed to achieve population-level community change*

3. Providing Support: Alternative activities to AoD use (drug free dances or events), mentoring, support groups

4. Enhance access/reduce barriers: Time/location of meetings, providing education, providing transportation and/or childcare; *improving measures to increase opportunity for prevention to be implemented*

5. Changing Consequences: Increasing public recognition for good actions, individual/business rewards, tax incentives, citations/fines, revocation of licenses; *increasing/decreasing a particular behavior that reduces risk or enhances protection by altering the consequences*

6. Physical Design: Signage, lighting, number of liquor outlets in a given area, parks, school or community climate to reduce alcohol/drug use; *changing the structure of an environment to reduce risk or enhance protection*

7. Modifying/Changing Policies: Workplace initiatives, procedures, public policy, community systems' changes

Source : Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Seven Strategies for Community Change: CADCA.org

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Attachment 5: One Year Budget and Budget Narrative for January 2024-December 2024

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| EXAMPLE: Budget Item: Training-Registration | | |
| Request: Coalition Academy registrations | Cost: 8 individuals X \$50 per registration fee | Total Requested: \$400 |
| Narrative: <i>Eight coalition members will be selected to attend the annual PF!</i> <i>Coalition Academy</i> | | |
| Budget Item: Travel- Mileage | | |
| Request: | Cost (\$0.45/mile is the current rate): | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| Budget Item: Supplies- Printing/Copying | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| Budget Item: Supplies- Mail/Postage | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| Budget Item: Supplies- Materials and Incentives (gift cards, up to 10%) | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| Budget Item: Consultants- Honorariums (up to 10%) | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |

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| Budget Item: Training- Registration | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| Budget Item: Other- Food/Beverages (up to 5%) | | |
| Request: | Cost: | Total Requested: |
| Narrative: | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED | | \$ |

Attachment 6: List the Community Sectors for Coalition Building (name and organization) **Not required to have all sector representatives.

| Category | Current Coalition Member(s) | Prospective Coalition Member(s) |
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| Youth (persons <= 25 years of age) | | |
| Parents | | |
| Business community | | |
| Media | | |
| Schools | | |
| Youth-serving organizations | | |
| Law enforcement/fire department agencies | | |
| Religious or fraternal organizations | | |
| Healthcare professionals | | |
| State, local or tribal government agencies | | |

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| Civic and volunteer groups | | |
| Senior Citizens | | |
| Other organizations with expertise in the field of substance abuse | | |