

Connecticut Underage Nicotine Prevention Program (UNPP) Community Mini Grant Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

UNNP Mini Grant Process Timeline	
<i>(Grant Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)</i>	
Grant Announcement and Open for Applications	Monday, January 5, 2026
Grant Deadline	Friday, March 20, 2026
RBHAO Review and Approval Process	March 20 – April 30, 2026
Coalition Grant Notification	By Friday, May 1, 2026
RBHAO Contracting Process	May 1 – June 30, 2026
Mini Grant Program Start Date	Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Is this opportunity limited to Local Prevention Councils (LPC)?

No, this is not limited to LPCs. If an organization that is applying is not an LPC it is recommended that they include a letter of support from their city's/town's LPC in their application.

What are the goals of this grant?

There are 2 goals for this grant, Goal One: Decrease nicotine use among individuals under the age of 21 and Goal Two: Increase community capacity to address nicotine use among individuals under the age of 21.

What is the target population for this grant?

This grant is focused on preventing nicotine use for those under the age of 21.

What if my organization has limited data for my community? Can we still apply?

Yes, we encourage all interested organizations to apply. If you currently have limited data, please include any existing local and regional data available. Also, the grant allows for additional data gathering for key informant interviews, community feedback, and focus groups.

If my coalition receives other prevention funding, can we apply?

Yes, you can apply for this funding opportunity if you currently receive other state or federal prevention funding. It is preferred that new strategies are developed and implemented to complement existing nicotine prevention efforts.

Could this grant be shared among multiple organizations from the same town?

Yes, multiple organizations from the same town may apply for one award. However, they must have previously demonstrated partnership experience and must designate a lead organization that will be responsible for programmatic oversight and budgetary deliverables. Please explain within the narrative of the application why this collaboration is necessary, how it would enhance the prevention work in the community, and the prior history of collaboration between coalitions.

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Can organizations from different towns apply together for one award?

No, separate organizations serving in different towns may not apply together for one award.

What if my organization spans multiple towns?

If one organization spans multiple towns, they must pick a town to prioritize. They may also choose to submit more than one application for each town that they are based in.

How much funding would awardees receive and when would funding begin?

The maximum award would be \$10,000, and the grant period will run from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Can this grant support staffing?

Yes, however, staffing, also denoted as 'Personnel' on the application budget, may not exceed 15% of the total budget. As part of 'Personnel', stipends may be provided for young people or community members who have defined roles and responsibilities within your proposed nicotine prevention workplan. Per person speaker honorariums should be budgeted under 'Contracted Services' and may not exceed \$500.00.

Can we use these funds to develop a nicotine social norms campaign?

Funding cannot be utilized for the development and implementation of other social marketing/advertising prevention campaigns other than those created and/or approved by the Regional UNPP Coordinator. If there is a need that isn't covered by existing campaign materials, please contact your UNPP Regional Coordinator.

Are there any unallowable expenses?

Yes. In general, those activities which are not supported as being evidence-based will not be an allowable expense. For example, funding may not be used to purchase vape detectors. If in doubt, please direct any specific questions to the UNPP Regional Coordinator.

Can we implement activities other than those outlined in the application?

Yes, you may choose to do other activities *in addition* to those outlined within the application. However, it must be approved by the UNPP Regional Coordinator in writing prior to implementation.