

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Public Health
Agency Contact	Gail DeVito (gail.devito@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	CBRTRD-27
Funding Opportunity Title	Community-Based Reducing Tobacco-Related Disparities Grant
CSFA Number	482-00-2688
CSFA Popular Name	CBRTRD
Anticipated Number of Awards	2
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$900,000
Award Range	\$0 - \$450000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	05/28/2026
Application Date Range	05/28/2026 - 06/29/2026 : 4pm
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://idphgrants.com/user/home.aspx
Technical Assistance Session	



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1. Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Department of Public Health
2. Agency Contact:	Name: Gail DeVito Phone: 217-785-1054 Email: gail.devito@illinois.gov
3. Announcement Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of a previous announcement
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9. CFDA Number(s):	N/A
10 Number of Anticipated	2
11 Estimated Total Funding	\$900,000
12 Single Award Range:	\$450,000
13 Funding Source: Mark all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass-through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding
14 Is Cost Sharing or Match	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15 Indirect Costs Allowed? Restrictions on Indirect Costs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction:
16 Posted Date:	5/28/2026
17 Application Date Range: Leave the 'End Date' and 'End Time' empty if there is no deadline.	Start Date: 5/28/2026 End Date: 6/29/2026 End Time: 4:00 p.m.
18 Technical Assistance Session:	Session Offered: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date and time: June 3, 2026, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Conference Info/Registration Link: https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mf8845b998b0cd9308f661de6c8045e85

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

A. Program Description

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) (Grantor), Office of Health Improvement, Bureau of Health Promotion, Division of Chronic Disease, Tobacco Control Program will provide funding to two community-based lead agencies to implement the Community-Based Reducing Tobacco-Related Disparities grant. The lead agency will be funded to implement the grant in a distinct region of Illinois, consisting of a minimum of nine Illinois counties, with combined tobacco and chronic disease adult prevalence rates that are higher than the state average, and an established history consisting of a minimum of five years of facilitating partnerships or coalitions related to public health, social services, health improvement planning, health policy, and other related fields.

The lead agency will facilitate a regional tobacco prevention and control needs assessment, a strategic planning process, and implementation of evidence-based tobacco prevention and control interventions to inform coordination of strategies across local organizations and stakeholder groups, to strengthen capacity in community-based organizations for effective provision of direct services to the target populations, and to reduce geographic tobacco-related disparities. The target populations will include individuals who use tobacco/other nicotine products and have one or more chronic diseases, low socioeconomic status, low educational attainment, a behavioral health diagnosis, military/veteran status, or pregnancy, and youth and young adults who are at risk for use of tobacco, e-cigarette/vaping products, or other nicotine products.

The lead agency will facilitate a regional tobacco control coalition, which must include representation from local health departments, healthcare systems, schools, colleges and universities, community-based organizations, municipalities, park districts, housing authorities, community members, and other partners in the assessment, planning, and implementation process. The lead agency will issue mini-grants, in accordance with Grantor requirements, to community-based organizations, schools, behavioral health facilities, or other organizations upon Grantor approval for implementation of tobacco control policy initiatives, school-based youth prevention curriculum, youth engagement in tobacco prevention and control, tobacco cessation in the behavioral health population, and other initiatives as approved by the Grantor.

B. Funding Information

This award is utilizing federal pass-through, state and/or private funds.

This grant program is subject to appropriation of funds by the Illinois General Assembly and enactment of the Illinois State Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

C. Eligibility Information

Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grantees are required to register with the State of Illinois through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website, <https://gata.illinois.gov/>, complete a prequalification process, and be determined "qualified" as described in Section 7000.70. Registration and prequalification is required before an organization can apply for an award.

The entity is "qualified" to be an awardee if it:

1. has an active UEI (Unique Identity ID) number;
2. has an active SAM.gov account;
3. has an acceptable fiscal condition;

4. is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if the Illinois Secretary of State requires the entity's organization type to be registered. Governmental entities, school districts and select religious organizations are not required to be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. Refer to the Illinois Secretary of State Business Services website: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html;
5. is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List;
6. is not on the SAM.gov Exclusion List;
7. is not on the Sanctioned Party List maintained by HFS.

1. Eligible Applicants

Tax Exempt organizations that have the required experience and capacity specified in the program description and grant scope of work are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

n/a

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect costs are allowed but not required.

Annually, each organization receiving an award from a State grantmaking agency is required to enter the centralized Indirect Cost Rate System and make one of the following elections for indirect costs to State and federal pass-through grants:

- I. Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA);
- II. Election of the de minimis rate;
- III. Election not to charge indirect costs; or
- IV. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois.

The awardee shall make one election or negotiate a rate that all State agencies must accept unless there are federal or State program limitations, caps or supplanting issues.

4. Other, if applicable

First time applicants are encouraged to complete the grant management training available through the GATA Learning Management System at gata.illinois.gov/training.html.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

Applications must be submitted via the Illinois Department of Public Health's Electronic Grants Administration and Management System (EGrAMS), accessible at idphgrants.com.

Since high-speed internet access is not yet universally available for downloading documents or accessing the electronic application, and applicants may have additional accessibility requirements, applicants may request paper copies of materials by contacting:

N/A. Applicants have access to EGrAMS.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

All applications should be submitted electronically in EGrAMS. Grant application components, including the budget and work plan, should provide sufficient detail to serve as a guide for grant implementation throughout the period of performance, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each applicant, unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt

from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)), is required to:

- i. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>
- ii. provide a valid UEI in its application; and
- iii. continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency.

The State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. *Submission Dates and Times*

See 17 on Page 1 of this NOFO.

5. *Intergovernmental Review, if applicable*

n/a

6. *Funding Restrictions*

All grant funds must be used for the sole purposes set forth in the grant proposal and application and must be used in compliance with all applicable laws. Grant funds may not be used as matching funds for any other grant program unless specifically allowed under grant program guidelines. Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes may result in loss of grant award and/or place the grantee at risk for repayment of those funds used for the prohibited purpose. Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grant-funded expenses must be compliant with Cost Principles under Subpart E of 2CFR200 unless an exception is noted in federal or State statutes or regulations.

Allowability

Allowable – All grant funds must be used for items that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance of the grant and may only be used for the purposes stated in the grant agreement, work plan, and budget. Items must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Allocable – Grant-funded costs must be chargeable or assignable to the grant in accordance with relative benefits received. The allocation methodology should be documented and should be consistent across funding sources for similar costs.

Reasonable – The amounts charged for any item must be reasonable. That means the nature and amount of the expense does not exceed what a prudent person under the same circumstances would expend; and that the items are generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the performance of the grant.

Allowed Uses

Funding may be used for the following:

Grantees will expend funds in accordance with the budget approved in EGrAMS and on file with the Department. Departmental approval of a budget, including subcontractors or subgrantees, does not constitute written consent for the use of such services.

Prior Approval ONLY

With prior approval, funding may be used for the following:

1. Media development and placement. With IDPH approval utilizing the ITFC Media/Publication Approval Form prior to final design and distribution, ITFC-funded media shall be limited to the following topics:

- Smoke-Free Illinois Act awareness/compliance
- Youth tobacco/vaping prevention/cessation
- Dangers/awareness of secondhand smoke exposure
- Benefits of smoke-free policies (smoke-free living and smoke-free outdoor policies)
- Benefits of tobacco retail policies

2. Educational display items related to ITFC-approved youth prevention curriculum program delivery. Items shall not contain pictures, cartoon drawings, or lifelike models of vaping and tobacco products.

3. Promotional items related to ITFC program delivery (i.e., ITFC-approved youth prevention curriculum, smoke-free multi-unit housing initiative, or behavioral health cessation assistance) including but not limited to pencils, pens, hand sanitizers, magnets, stress balls, string bags, etc.

4. Registration and travel costs for in-state conferences/training related to grant work. The applicant must demonstrate in the budget justification how grantee staff participation would align with ITFC initiatives and benefit ITFC-funded staff.

5. Registration and travel costs for out-of-state conferences/training related to grant work. The applicant must demonstrate in the budget justification how grantee staff participation would align with ITFC initiatives and benefit staff. ITFC staff is limited to attendance at one out-of-state conference/training opportunity per fiscal year.

6. Food/beverages for Engaging Youth for Positive Change (EYPC), youth engagement in tobacco prevention and control youth group meetings.

Funding Use Prohibitions

Funding may NOT be used for the following:

1. Commingling of funds between separate grants or subgrants, even if the grants or subgrants are related or the same population is being served.

2. Any expense for political or religious purposes;

3. Contributions or donations;

4. Fundraising or legislative lobbying expenses;

5. Payment of bad or non-program related debts, fines, or penalties

6. Contribution to a contingency fund or provision for unforeseen events;

7. Entertainment, food, beverages, or gratuities, except as noted under prior approval;

8. Membership fees;

9. Subscription costs;

10. Interest or financial payments or other fines or penalties;

11. Purchase or improvement of land or purchase, improvement or construction of a building;

12. Any expenditure that may create a conflict of interest or the perception of impropriety;

13. Audit expenses;

14. Salary and wages, fringe benefits, or contractual costs related to teaching in-person cessation classes, unless related to implementation of strategies to increase tobacco dependence screening and treatment at a behavioral health facility;

15. Tobacco cessation in-person class materials, including instructor and participant materials (i.e., workbooks, unless related to implementation of strategies to increase tobacco dependence screening

- and treatment at a behavioral health facility);
- 16. Tobacco treatment specialist certification;
- 17. Nicotine Replacement Therapy, including but not limited to nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges.
- 18. Tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaping products, or any other product containing nicotine;
- 19. Vape detectors.

Additional Funding Guidance

Source Documentation. Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as canceled checks, bank statements, invoices, paid bills, donor letters, time and attendance records, activity reports, travel reports, contractual and consultant agreements, and subaward documentation. All supporting documentation must be clearly identified with the Award and general ledger accounts which are to be charged or credited. Records must be submitted with required financial reports for all line-item expenditures exceeding \$5000 in a reporting period.

7. Other Submission Requirements

Subgrantee Budget Detail Form. As sub-grantees will be included in the proposed budget, the applicant must complete a separate sub-grantee budget form (available in Show Documents) for each sub-grantee. Upload completed forms in the Grant Budget Detail tab by clicking the plus (+) icon in the File column for the corresponding budget subline.

E. Application Review Information

Applications will be reviewed and scored by Department program staff for completeness, accuracy, and scoring criteria identified below (See Section E.1.).

**1. Criteria
Scoring Criteria**

Review Question/Criteria	Application Section	Page Title or Application Question	Score
Need Does the applicant provide data, facts, and/or evidence that demonstrate that the proposal supports the grant program purpose?	Scope of Work	Brief Narrative Overview of Proposed Activities	10
Capacity Does the applicant demonstrate its ability to execute the grant project according to project requirements?	Scope of Work	Applicant Background and Experience with Tobacco Control Policy and/or Service Delivery Work	10
Quality Does the applicant demonstrate that the project, in total, is well articulated and in alignment with the project requirements?	Scope of Work	Brief Narrative Overview of Proposed Activities	10
Clearly Defined Scope of Work Are target audiences clearly defined and realistic?	Scope of Work	Brief Narrative Overview of Proposed Activities	10

Clearly Defined Scope of Work Is there a complete summary of methods and procedures that will be utilized to accomplish goals stated in the scope of work?	Scope of Work	Brief Narrative Overview of Proposed Activities	10
SMARTIE Objectives and Work Plan Detail Are objectives Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Based, Inclusive, Equitable and aligned with the grant guidelines?	Work Plan	Does the applicant use objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Based, Inclusive, Equitable (SMARTIE) and work plan activities aligned with the grant guidelines?	20
Justifiable Budget Are the budget items and justifications valid and appropriate for the grant project?	Budget	Budget Detail and justification. Are the budget items and justifications valid and appropriate for the grant project? Are sub-grantee budgets attached in the "File" column? If the applicant is purchasing supplies is the cost per unit, total items purchased, and use of supplies related to work plan program objectives and activities explained.	25
Evaluation Clearly defined ability to collect data and participate in evaluation of grant initiatives.	Scope of Work	Brief Proposed Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan	5
Total			100

2. Review and Selection Process

This grant program is competitive, includes eligibility requirements, and limited funding. It is possible that not all applicants will be selected for award.

Team Review Process

Merit-based review of applications, unless disclosed above, is conducted by one or more review teams. Each review team will consolidate scores, and final application rankings may be adjusted to address variability between teams.

Merit-Based Review Appeal Process

For competitive grants, only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. Evaluation scores or funding determinations/outcomes may not be contested and will not be considered by the Department's Appeals Review Officer.

To submit an appeal, the appealing party must:

- Submit the appeal in writing and in accordance with the grant application document through IDPH's Merit-Based Review Appeal Request Form available here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ed4d113385de41feb38964a8005ce72b>
- Appeals must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice was published.
- Appeals must include the following information:
 - The name and address of the appealing party
 - Identification of the grant
 - A statement of reasons for the appeal
 - If applicable, documents or exhibits to support statement of reason

The IDPH Appeals Review Officer (ARO) will consider the grant-related appeals and make a recommendation to the appropriate Deputy Director as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information.

- The ARO must review the submitted Appeal Request Form for completeness and acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 14 calendar days from the date the appeal was received.
- The ARO will utilize an Appeal Review Tool to consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation.
- The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by the agency within the time period set in the request.
- The ARO shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required.

Documentation of the appeal determination shall be sent to the appealing party and must include the following:

- Standard description of the appeal review process and criteria
- Review of the appeal
- Appeal determination
- Rationale for the determination
- In addition to providing the written determination, the grant-making office may do the following:
 - Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and re-review all submitted applications.
 - Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and implement improvements into the following year's grant evaluation process.
 - Provide written notice to the appealing party as to how the identified actions will be remedied.

Appeals resolutions may be deferred pending a judicial or administrative determination when actions concerning the appeal have commenced in a court of administrative body.

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.

Anticipated Announcement Date (if known): 5/28/2026
 Anticipated Program Start Date: 7/2/2026
 Anticipated Program End Date: 6/30/2027

F. Award Administration Information

Upon completion of the review process and revisions if required, each successful grantee will receive a grant agreement to be signed by the entity's authorized official. The grant agreement is non-binding for both parties until it has been fully executed by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

1. State Award Notices

A Notice of State Award (NOSA) shall be issued to the finalists who have successfully completed all grant award requirements and have been selected to receive grant funding. The NOSA will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from applicable pre-award risk assessments.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is exempt from utilizing the standard NOSA issued on the GATA Grantee Portal. Successful applicants will receive an email notification from EGrAMS and must review the funding terms and specific conditions in the grant agreement and accept utilizing an electronically signature. Both the electronic signature in EGrAMS and a physical signature on the grant agreement must be completed by an authorized representative of the grantee organization and submitted to IDPH.

A Notice of Denial shall be sent to the applicants not receiving awards via EGrAMS.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

N/A

All grantees receiving one or more federally-funded subawards from IDPH equal to or greater than \$30,000 must provide compensation information within EGrAMS prior to issuance of an award. Grantees will not be able to sign grant agreements or amendment agreements until this requirement is complete. Annual completion of this requirement is necessary for multiyear grants.

3. Reporting

All grantees are required to submit reports and other deliverables in accordance with the deadlines specified for this grant, as required by the Department. Failure to submit required reports in a timely manner may result in holding reimbursements and may affect future funding to the grantee. Reports will be submitted electronically in the format required by the Department. Additional details will be provided in grant agreements issued to selected applicants.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Gail DeVito
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H. Other Information, if applicable

N/A

Mandatory Forms -- Required for All Agencies

1. Uniform State Grant Application – Available at idphgrants.com for eligible applicants

2. **New to EGrAMS, click [HERE](#) to see how to Get Started**
3. **Project Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)**
4. **Budget (included in EGrAMS application)**
5. **Budget Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)**

Other program-specific mandatory forms:

Personnel and Duties List, Subcontractor List, Subgrantee Budget, Subgrantee MOU.