



1. Agency: 0645 - Arkansas Department of Health
Center for: Health Protection
Branch: Infectious Disease
Section: STI/HIV/Hep-C/TB

Grantee: Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network
Arkansas Supportive Services
P. O. Box 154
Jonesboro, AR 72403-0154

Term: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027
Cost: \$7,135,426.19
Funding Source: 100% Federal

Selection: Request for Application
Agreement #: 4600050875

Purpose: Amendment #: 05 Amount: \$1,436,096.00
Amend to add \$1,436,096.00 in funding to continue to serve HIV positive individuals under the funding awarded by the Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS (HOPWA) Program. NARAN will continue to provide a collaborative process for linking eligible clients to appropriated HIV case management, care retention and advocacy for access to other wraparound services that meet holistic needs of persons living with HIV and will, also, continue to assist HIV positive individuals with Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities (STRMU); Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); and Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) assistance while continuing to provide supportive services to include case management and assistance with educational/technical trainings along with transportation to attend the trainings.

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Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: ARKANSAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
300 South Spring Street, Ste. 800
Little Rock, AR 72201

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027 **Selection:** Request for Application
Cost: \$74,972 **Sub-grant#:** 1532

Fund Source: MSA
Target Counties: Faulkner, Garland, Hot Springs, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline, White

Purpose:
Arkansas Human Development Corporation (AHDC) has chosen the theme of “Tobacco and Cessation for a Healthier Community in Arkansas.” AHDC seeks to help community members make informed decisions about tobacco use and reduce its health, social, and economic impacts. The smoking rate among female high school students within the community is the highest among all groups, highlighting the need for continued education on tobacco risks. AHDC will work to raise awareness about the dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes, current tobacco laws, and the importance of signing up for the Be Well Arkansas Program. In partnership with faith-based organizations, AHDC plans to establish youth leadership groups to strengthen these efforts. Additional activities will include educational presentations, distribution of informational materials, and direct engagement with community members in a familiar language and setting. Moreover, AHDC will host events expected to reach more than 6,000 people in person, alongside a broader media campaign that aims to connect with nearly 50,000 individuals.

Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: ARTS ABSOLUTELY, INC

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027 **Selection:** Request for Application
Cost: \$74,893 **Sub-grant#:** 1533

Fund Source: MSA
Target Counties: Faulkner, Garland, Hot Springs, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline, White

Purpose:
Arts Absolutely, Inc. proposes, through a shared vision of a healthy community, to continue its work with the neighborhood associations, Midtown Health Coalition and will join other coalitions to educate youth about tobacco use, the effects of secondhand smoke and health disparities. Arts Absolutely, Inc. will inform key decision makers by hosting roundtable discussions to educate on negative health consequences and exposure to second and third hand smoke, as well as host presentations at school board meetings to provide information about second and third hand smoke. Youth will be trained as advocates and develop messages to reach other adolescents and teens. Through mass reach health communications, Arts Absolutely, Inc. will produce the #ARYouth campaign to promote at school pep rallies and open mics. Additionally, they will use evaluation and data to promote sustainability; create and produce several media projects on billboards, radio ads and social media with such communications such as Too Young to Die skits, Music Therapy Album, and Let’s E.A.T. (Engage and Teach) podcasts with prevention messages to denormalize and de glamorize tobacco use and the use of electronic vaping devices. Youth who are nonsmokers will be recruited and trained to conduct prevention workshops and messages designed to increase the knowledge and awareness on the harm and effects of tobacco and e-cigarette use.

Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: COALITION FOR A TOBACCO-FREE ARKANSAS
1100 N. University, Suite 257
Little Rock, AR 72207

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027 **Selection:** Request for Application
Cost: \$75,000 **Sub-grant#:** 1534

Fund Source: MSA
Target Counties: Arkansas, Chicot, Desha, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie & Pulaski

Purpose:
The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Arkansas (CTFA) will continue to work on efforts to help improve the health of the vulnerable and disparate population groups in Arkansas, Chicot, Desha, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie and Pulaski counties. The CTFA will target previously identified disparate population groups, helping them to become empowered to effect and implement tobacco/nicotine-free policies in places where people work, worship, learn, live and play. The smoke-free policies will not be gained unilaterally. Partnerships will be formed and fostered with community leaders, government and

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appointed officials, parents, grassroots advocates, etc. CTFA will provide partners and supporters with trainings, technical support, informational materials, and other tools that will help equip community residents to work effectively for social norm changes surrounding the acceptability of smoking/tobacco use in their community. Goals/aims will be accomplished through the adoption and implementation of 100% smoke-free policies in the targeted areas. The comprehensive smoke-free policies will subsequently, over time, help improve health and save the lives of Arkansans. Additionally, there is an expected positive economic impact too; fewer people smoking will reduce the substantial financial burden of smoking, including the financial hardship of the state's Medicaid Program.

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Grantee: FAMILY & YOUTH ENRICHMENT NETWORK, INC.
P.O. Box 661
Helena, AR 72342

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$75,000

Sub-grant#: 1535

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Arkansas, Chicot, Desha, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie

Purpose:

The Family & Youth Enrichment Network's (FYEN) has an over-arching goal of reducing tobacco-related health disparities among at-risk communities coordinated extensively through its People for Tobacco Free Communities Project (PTCP). FYEN is a non-profit community-based organization located in Phillips County, AR. Through a youth, non-initiation/education component of the program, high school students will spearhead letter-writing campaigns urging for policies that will reduce the appeal of tobacco among youth/young adults. This will be done via community and faith-based education and prevention interventions, voluntary smoke-free policy enactment, and legislative advocacy to increase awareness and educate state lawmakers on the negative impact that tobacco use and addiction have on vulnerable constituents and youth. Traditional media will be used to continue promotions of PTCP services/activities, increase awareness of tobacco-related health disparities, promote *Be Well* Arkansas cessation services, and increase community support for tobacco policy change.

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Grantee: FUTURE BUILDERS
P.O. Box 127
Wrightsville, AR 72183

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$75,000

Sub-grant#: 1536

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Ashley, Bradley, Cleveland, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, & Lincoln

Purpose:

Future Builders inter/intra-community tobacco prevention and awareness program is strategically focused on addressing disparities in tobacco use, particularly emphasizing the dangers faced by vulnerable populations. Future Builders approach targets women who are pregnant, individuals living with HIV, those grappling with mental health challenges, the elderly, and specific marketing-targeted groups such as youth, young adults, and the community, as a whole. Future Builders Tobacco Prevention Program proposes using mass media campaigns, including social media, to discourage youth from starting to smoke and use electronic devices. Podcasts, forums, and listening sessions will be used to encourage both youth and adults to quit, change attitudes about tobacco use, work against tobacco marketing to reduce consumption, and procure smoke-free policies to increase population/political support for tobacco policy change. The work will be done using the expertise of trained staff/consultants, coalition members, and an array of willing volunteers. Collaborators in each of the seven counties will be identified with the assistance of each County's Chamber of Commerce to assist with collecting data in their respective rural communities; assist with finding community champions willing to tackle the status quo of the tobacco culture in their communities; assist in identifying disparate populations; assist in identifying media outlets (i.e., local newspapers in the area for both paid and earned media adverts). All activities are Centers for Disease Control (CDC) evidenced based strategies proven to work and vital to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure; prevent the initiation of tobacco use among youth and young adults; identify and eliminate tobacco-related disparities; and promote cessation among adults and youth. Proposed activities will reach over 100,000 youth and adults.

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Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: LEGACY INITIATIVES
124 Darter Circle
Lockesburg, AR 71846

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$75,000

Sub-grant#: 1537

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Sevier

Purpose:

Legacy Initiatives (LI) proposes to implement evidence-based strategies for tobacco prevention incorporating the principles of community intervention, engagement, education, and mass-reach communications. Social media and radio campaigns, specifically targeting and informing vulnerable population groups, community partnerships, educational events, meetings, and forums will all be utilized in their efforts. LI proposes to work in their target counties to promote quitting. This will be done in partnership with new and established support from healthcare providers and continued efforts to prevent initiation among youth and young adults by providing area schools with training and resources. Also, LI will advance efforts to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke by advocating for the adoption of comprehensive tobacco-free policies. They will work to identify and reduce tobacco-related disparities, pursuing those business policies banning the advertising of tobacco and nicotine products by tobacco retailers.

Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: MADISON COUNTY HEALTH COALITION
P.O. Box 336
Huntsville, AR 72740

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$72,037

Sub-grant#: 1538

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Benton, Washington, Boone, Newton, Carroll and Madison

Purpose:

The Madison County Health Coalition (MCHC) will continue to work on voluntary tobacco-free business policies working to develop and/or strengthen partnerships with schools, community and faith-based organizations in their six (6) target counties. MCHC will work on outreach to vulnerable population groups; be tobacco prevention advocates; work collaboratively to increase tobacco-free policies; reduce youth access to tobacco, promote cessation, and reduce disparities. MCHC will partner with area prevention providers for its teen summits that focus on the prevention of tobacco and other drugs in the six counties of Northwest Arkansas. They will promote quitting by including *Be Well* Quitline information with all outreach activities and by including media campaigns with billboards, Facebook, newspaper ads, and newsletters. MCHC plans to offer evidenced-based tobacco prevention summits/opportunities including dangers of chewing tobacco products and the use of other tobacco products in Madison and Carroll counties. MCHC will continue to help educate youth and vulnerable population groups on the negative effects of tobacco usage, vaping, spit tobacco, and exposure to second-hand smoke. Youth will be involved in the collecting and tracking of Smoke-free Home and Car pledges during outreach activities.

Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: ST. FRANCIS HOUSE NWA, INC. (DBA NORTHWEST AR TOBACCO AND DRUG-FREE COALITION)
614 E. Emma, Ste. 300
Springdale, AR 72764

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Selection: Request for Application

Cost: \$75,000

Sub-grant#: 1539

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Benton, Washington, Boone, Newton, Carroll and Madison

Purpose:

With longevity and success, the Northwest Arkansas Tobacco and Drug Free Coalition (NWATDFC), a community-based coalition, will work to improve the quality of life for Arkansans as it relates to tobacco control. Establishing partnerships with local businesses, health coalitions, organizations serving youth, faith-based groups, school programs, media outlets, and other organizations, they will graft to continue to build supportive networks to help educate about the negative social, health, and economic impacts of tobacco use. They will engage with coalition members, youth advocates, key decision-makers, and stakeholders to engage in advocacy for cessation resources, Act 811 education and comprehensive tobacco-free

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policies, within each of their target counties. These partnerships will also strengthen future tobacco prevention efforts by including future generations in the efforts showing community participation with prevention efforts. They will continue the work by mitigating the health and economic impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use through education, prevention, cessation, and public policy. NWATDFC will continue to focus its efforts in Northwest Arkansas vulnerable communities. Moreover, they will provide education and outreach services through evidenced-based practices for tobacco prevention and intervention strategies and utilizing S.M.A.R.T. goals to reach objectives.

Agency: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program
Grantee: TEEN TOURS SOCIETY

Term: 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027

Cost: \$75,000

Fund Source: MSA

Target Counties: Statewide

Purpose:

The HATE THE VAPE Statewide Youth Initiative, led by Teen Tours Society, Inc. in partnership with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff–MISRGO and regional prevention partners, is an evidence-based, community-driven program designed to reduce youth initiation of electronic vapor products across Arkansas. The initiative will deliver at least 25 interactive school-based presentations in a minimum of 25 counties, reaching 5,000 middle and high school students with education on secondhand aerosol exposure, nicotine addiction, refusal skills, and youth-accessible cessation resources. Program outcomes will be measured through pre- and post-assessments demonstrating increases in knowledge, refusal confidence, and cessation awareness. Youth leadership development, a statewide youth conference, and a mass-reach counter-marketing campaign—including youth-created billboards and digital messaging—will reinforce tobacco-free norms and reduce vaping risk, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

Dept. of Energy and Environment Grants for Review

1. Agency: 0430 – Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board

Grantee: Arkansas Propane Gas Association
257 HWY 287
Plumerville, AR 72127

Term: 5/1/2026 – 6/30/2026

Selection: Submitted Proposal

Cost: \$40,000

Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: To conduct important safety training for employees in the industry.

2. Agency: 0930 – Division of Environmental Quality

Grantee: Free Geek of Arkansas
521 W Ash St.
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Term: 5/1/2026 – 6/30/2027

Selection: Submitted Proposal

Cost: \$180,000

Funding Source: Special Revenues

Purpose: To assist in the development of sustainable processes for recovery, recycling, and de-manufacturing of scrap computers and electronics.