

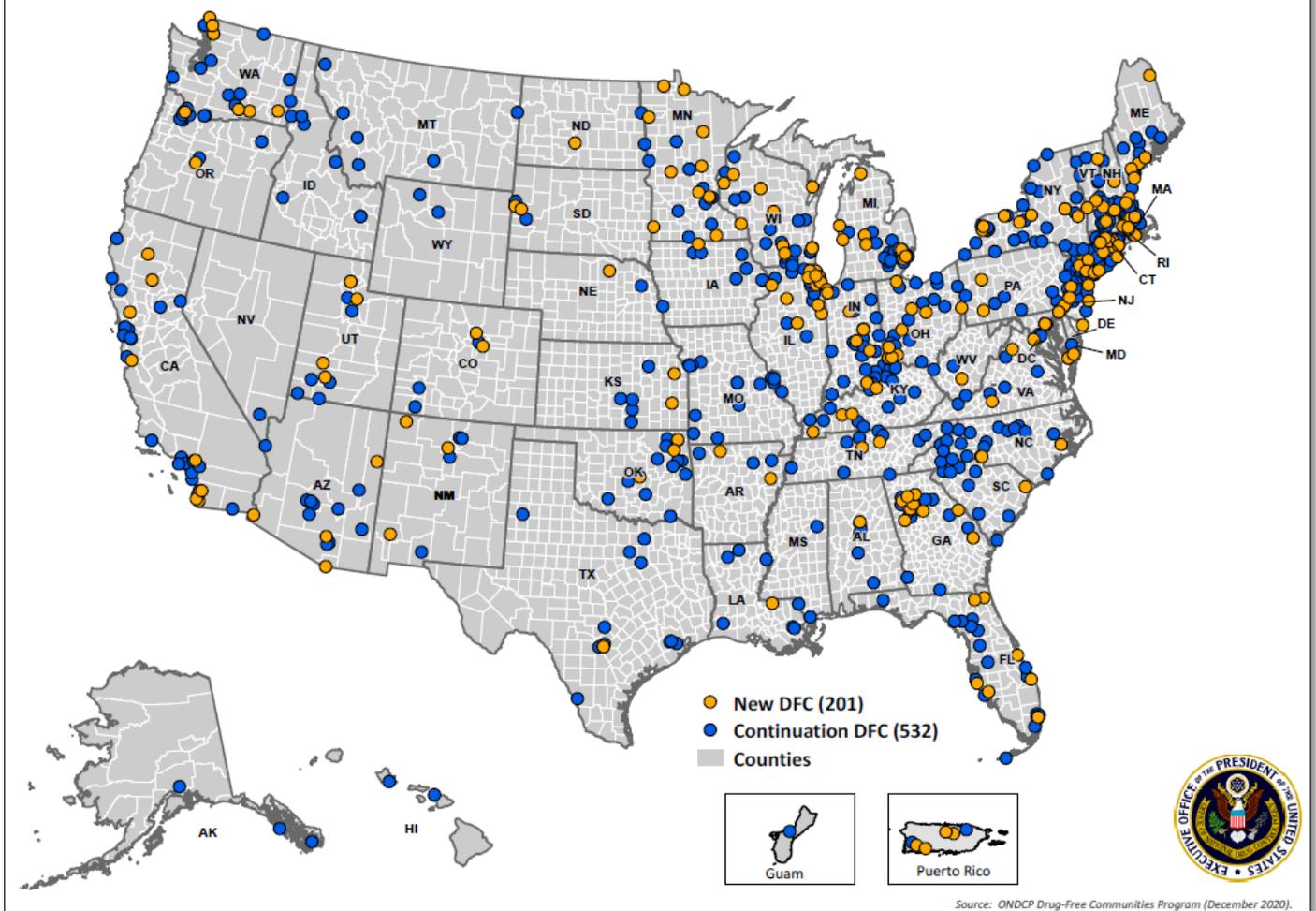
## FACT SHEET:

# Office of National Drug Control Policy Drug-Free Communities Support Program



The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the Nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

## 733 Drug-Free Communities Program Coalitions for Fiscal Year 2020



### The Solutions are in the Community

Recognizing that local problems need local solutions, DFC-funded coalitions engage multiple sectors of the community and employ a variety of environmental strategies to address local substance use problems. DFCs involve local communities in finding solutions and helps youth at risk for substance use recognize the majority of our Nation's youth choose not to use substances.

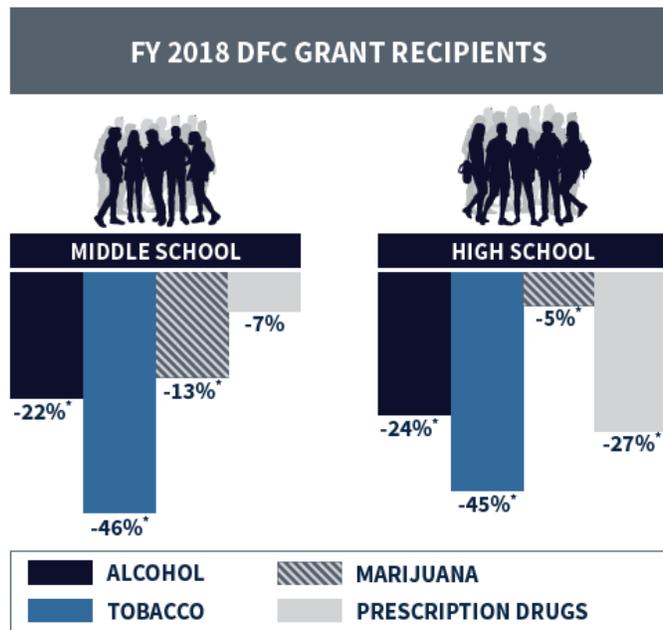
To increase local community participation in efforts to reduce substance use among youth ages 12-17, the DFC Program requires funded coalitions to include active participation from the 12 sectors of the community below.



- Coalition members conduct ongoing community assessments to prioritize efforts to prevent and reduce youth substance use. These assessments are used to plan and implement data-driven, community-wide strategies that address these complex social issues.
- The DFC Program requires funded coalitions to employ environmental prevention strategies—broad initiatives aimed at addressing the entire community through the adaptation of policies and practices related to youth substance use.

### Past 30-Day Substance Use Decreased Significantly

- As shown in the adjacent chart from the latest DFC National Evaluation Report, the DFC Program is effective. The past 30-day prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drug misuse has declined significantly among middle school and high school aged youth in DFC-funded community coalitions.\*
- Most DFC coalitions (86 percent) indicated they targeted opioids (heroin, prescription drugs, or both), which is reflective of the ongoing national opioid crisis.\*



### Providing Support for Communities Across the United States

- ONDCP awarded 733 grants, the highest number in the program’s 20 year history. As a result, DFC awarded 201 new and competing continuation grants and funded 532 coalitions continuing in a 5-year cycle. This represents a \$91.4 million investment for community coalitions in all 50 states.
- In FY 2019, DFC-funded community coalitions served communities with an estimated 60 million people, or 19 percent of the population of the United States. Similarly, nearly one in five youth was living in a community with a DFC (19 percent of all United States youth at the middle and high school level).\*
- Community coalitions six months or older can apply for up to \$125,000 per year for up to 5 years. Each coalition can apply for two cycles of funding, for a maximum of 10 years.
- To be eligible for DFC funding, coalitions must comply with a minimum one-to-one match requirement, thus doubling the Federal investment. The matching amounts—whether in-kind, donations, or cash—must come from non-Federal sources. Learn more by visiting: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/the-dfc-program/overview/>.

\* ICF. (2020). Drug-Free Communities Support Program, 2020 DFC National Evaluation Annual Report. Office of National Drug Control Policy. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-ONDCP-DFC-Evaluation-Report.pdf>