

## 2018 Alcohol Tax Fund Funding Priorities\*

By legislative mandate, ATF dollars must be used to fund programs “whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers.” KSA §79-41a04 (as amended).

For the purpose of this application, these services are generally defined as follows:

- Education and Prevention programs are designed to provide information and skill building to prevent problems with, or addiction to, alcohol and/or drugs.
- Intervention programs are designed to interrupt alcohol and/or drug use.
- Substance Abuse Treatment programs are licensed by the State of Kansas to provide substance abuse treatment services, and are designed to assist clients with stopping use of alcohol and drugs and avoiding relapse.

Overall priority is given to:

1. Programs that offer affordable and accessible services to underserved individuals and/or populations at-risk (such as those with low incomes; those involved, or at-risk of involvement, in the child welfare or criminal justice systems).
2. Programs that provide services to meet a current community need (defined through indicator data or Communities That Care survey trends).
3. Programs that address barriers to services such as accessibility, language, culture, and homelessness.
4. Programs that demonstrate an awareness of the role of trauma in prevention and treatment of substance use.
5. Programs that utilize evidence-based programs or promising practices; include quality assurance practices to maintain fidelity; and, use measureable outcome information to improve service delivery.
6. Strategies and services that involve families, parents, guardians, and/or other support systems.

Priority for Education and Prevention Programs include:

1. Strategies that seek to delay onset of first use of substances.
2. Programs that target use of gateway drugs and address new trends in drug use across all age groups.
3. Programs that utilize *Risk and Protective Factors* strategies.

Priority for Treatment and Intervention Programs include:

1. Programs that provide effective treatment strategies for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
2. Programs that serve targeted populations with early intervention strategies.
3. Programs that collaborate with other organizations, the legal system, and/or community-based recovery services during and after treatment in order to sustain treatment and recovery, and provide linkage to community supports.

\* Numbering of priorities does not indicate one is more important than another.