

Budget Priority Areas

The Federation is seeking funding for the following programs. Our vision is to expand programs that maximize communities' capabilities to prevention substance abuse, intervene on high-risk individuals and institute evidence-based program that prevent relapse and promote a healthy recovery.

\$7,500,000 North Carolina Community Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions Initiative: Create a program to allow each county in North Carolina, to locally engage in the process of building drug-free communities and a central planning office. Coalitions will engage every segment of their communities: businesses, schools, parents, law enforcement and youth. Together, as partners, these segments of the community will identify their strengths and opportunities and collectively create and implement plans of action for their anti-drug efforts.

\$44,135,778 TASC Services and Treatment for Offenders: TASC provides Screening and Clinical Assessment, Service Determination and Placement, Care Planning, Coordination and Management, and Reporting for the MHDDSA System for the Substance Abusing Criminal Justice Offender target population and funds are needed to purchase treatment services for people requiring services.

\$2,153,000 Community Outreach Pilots: Funds for communities to identify substance abuse clients in local emergency rooms, health departments and social services settings, conduct brief intervention services or refer clients to treatment programs.

\$300,000 Seeking Safety Initiative: Fund the training and implementation of the evidence-based practice program Seeking Safety, a program developed to assist individuals with substance abuse problems and post traumatic stress disorder. This program has been reviewed and recommended by the NC Practice Improvement Collaborative and can be used in existing treatment settings.

\$700,000 Strengthening the Families Substance Abuse Prevention Program: Following the success of several pilot sites in North Carolina, the NC Practice Improvement Collaborative has recommended expansion of the science-based program that works with high risk families to prevention substance abuse in children and youth and improve family functioning.

\$2,400,000 Community-Based Detox and Referral: Funding to expand services for non-Medicaid clients in local areas with an emphasis on funding programs that have proven linkages with outpatient services following discharge.

\$1,600,000 Half Way House Service Expansion: Services are needed that provide housing for people in treatment who need residential options and support relapse prevention and long-term recovery.

\$1,500,000 Substance Abuse Workforce Initiative: Funding to improve access to care through the development of a Substance Abuse Fellows Program (like NC Teaching Fellows) that provides education opportunities for students who provide service to communities following graduation and stipends to program offering internships to students (like the medical teaching hospital model).

Total: \$60,288,778