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# FACT SHEET

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## Funding Resources for Prevention Programs

There are many different sources of funding available to support violence prevention programs in the United States. Amounts and availability can vary depending on budgets, priorities and time periods and some funding is allocated only to particular kinds of organizations such as schools or community agencies. The following are some suggestions for exploring the various resources which may be available.

### Federal Resources

#### U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

[www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/grants.html](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/grants.html)

#### U.S. Department of Education, E-Grants

<http://e-grants.ed.gov/egHome.asp>

#### U.S. Department of Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Grants.Gov

<http://www.grants.gov/>

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/grants/>

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

### State Resources

#### Federal Block Grants

Most prevention funding for states comes from federal block grants. States are allocated a certain amount of money and then different agencies compete for the funds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Preventive Health and Health Services distribute most of the federal block grants for violence prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/blockgrant/>

#### Tobacco Settlement Funds

States receive funding as a result of a 1998 settlement with a number of tobacco companies to recover tobacco-related health care costs. Some violence prevention programs qualify for these funds. As an example, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recently announced 93 grants totaling nearly \$5 million which were funded from the master tobacco

settlement fund and the state's general fund and awarded to 150 Colorado youth-serving organizations by the Tony Grampas Youth Services Program.

## **Allocations within state health department budgets**

### **Line item in state budget**

#### **Foundations**

The Foundation Center offers basic information on grantmakers in the U.S., including private and community foundations, grantmaking public charities, and corporate giving programs. [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)  
Some private national foundations that support violence prevention programs are:

- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation ([www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org))
- The Carnegie Corporation of New York ([www.carnegie.org](http://www.carnegie.org))
- The Ford Foundation ([www.fordfound.org](http://www.fordfound.org))
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ([www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org))
- The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation ([www.macfound.org](http://www.macfound.org))
- The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation ([www.emcf.org](http://www.emcf.org))

#### **Corporate Sponsors**

Large national corporations and smaller local companies often have foundations or corporate-giving departments with an interest in supporting prevention programs. Among the more well-known corporations are:

- General Motors Corporation  
([www.gm.com/company/aboutgm/corporate\\_responsibility/gm\\_foundation\\_gmfo.html](http://www.gm.com/company/aboutgm/corporate_responsibility/gm_foundation_gmfo.html))
- Kroger Company  
([http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo\\_charitablegiving\\_foundation.htm](http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm))
- Metropolitan Life Foundation ([www.metlife.com](http://www.metlife.com))

#### **Insurance Companies and HMOs**

Insurance companies and HMOs sometimes fund smaller grants or a component of a larger program. Some that have supported violence prevention programs are:

- Kaiser Permanente (<https://www.kaiserpermanente.org>)
- The Allina Foundation ([http://www.allina.com/ahs/united.nsf/page/foundation\\_programs](http://www.allina.com/ahs/united.nsf/page/foundation_programs))
- The Allstate Foundation ([www.allstatefoundation.org](http://www.allstatefoundation.org))

#### **Other Funding Resources**

Some schools have discovered unique ways to raise money for programs. These include:

- Using existing administrative fees and fines that could be earmarked for violence prevention programs
  - Creating new funds with innovative ideas such as promoting vanity license plates
  - Increasing local taxes to fund violence prevention programs
  - Collaborating with local agencies and businesses
  - Getting organizations, such as men's or women's service clubs or groups, to sponsor community fundraisers
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