Mental Health and Developmental Services Division
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Funding Allocation Policy for Substance Abuse Prevention Services
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The funding formula for substance abuse prevention funds will be equity based and inclusive of these required considerations:

- Minimum funding base for each recipient
- Coalition service area variables

Defining the Required Considerations

SAPTA, in implementing the funding formula for the allocation of substance abuse prevention funds, realizes that it is important to provide an equity based model that can support evidence-based prevention services within all areas of Nevada. When funds are a companion to population and other variables, there will be less opportunity for subjective allocation of funds based on locally defined priorities and need. Universal variables yield a more equitable distribution of funds and increase the opportunity for all areas to access funds. Consideration of local priorities and needs will be addressed through the local process for the distribution of funds.

SAPTA and the funded coalitions will review and discuss the requirements of the funding source to determine the appropriate funding method in light of the requirements of the funding source. The funding method may be based upon the requirements of the funder, and may be allocated in a competitive or non-competitive request for application (RFA). Below is a review and further explanation of the required considerations that will be used by SAPTA when allocating substance abuse prevention funds.

SAPTA recognizes that in order to achieve the equitable allocation of substance abuse prevention funds, community coalitions may require technical assistance, resource development, and training.

Minimum Funding Base for Each Recipient

The formula for the distribution of funds will include an equal funding base for each new Coalition which will be established according to the availability of the resources and the stipulations of the funding entity. The base will be determined by taking into consideration the requirements of the funding source, the needs of the coalitions' infrastructure and capacity, and the support for the implementation of services within the coalitions' service area.

Coalition Level Demographic Variables

The formula for the distribution of funds will consider coalition data inclusive of:

1. Population: The target population to be served by the funding
2. Geography: The geographic size of the coalitions' service area

Regionalized Process for Distribution of Funds

This process may include coalitions working together across traditional service area boundaries in order to implement a project. Items to be taken into consideration include:

1. Honoring the identified priorities of the local community
2. Increasing the opportunity for collaboration beyond community boundaries
3. Providing the resources to support evidence-based prevention strategies

A representative of each coalition will collaboratively release and process an RFA to the communities within that region. The total amount of funding available within each region will be inclusive of the combined funds identified through the formula for each coalition serving the identified region. The RFA process will follow the usual and customary requirements for distribution of funds.

Distribution of Funds for Special Projects

Special funding projects can be requested through the Statewide Coalition Partnership or initiated by SAPTA. Coalitions, administrative programs, community organizations, state programs, or prevention providers chosen for funding will either compete through a Request for Application process or a SAPTA risk assessments process to ensure that they are capable of completing the project or program successfully and within established deadlines.