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## **FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ANTI-SMOKING AND VAPING PROJECTS**

The Kane County Health Department is making funds available for workplaces, schools, and healthcare providers to support anti-smoking and vaping policies, educational campaigns and cessation services. This is part of the work done by the Health Department's Tobacco Control and Prevention Program with funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Our goal is to keep people from starting to smoke or vape and to provide resources to anyone who is trying to quit using these highly addictive products," said Michael Isaacson, Kane County Health Department Executive Director. "Additionally, we want to create environments that protect everyone by reducing exposure to smoking and vaping."

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States. People of all ages are getting hooked on tobacco and nicotine due to the popularity of e-cigarettes and other vape pens. In Kane County, 9% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders report using electronic cigarettes within the past year and the rate reporting use within the past month is significantly higher than the national average (5% vs 3.3%). (source: <https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/>).

Kane County businesses and organizations may apply for up to \$750 to cover the costs of anti-smoking and vaping policy development, signage, and quitting resources for employees. Kane County middle and high schools may apply for \$2000 to promote anti-vaping educational campaigns and initiatives. Healthcare organizations are eligible for \$3000 to make tobacco cessation resources available to their patients. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2023, and are available at: [www.kanequits.com](http://www.kanequits.com).