



Deadline Extended to Apply For Anti-Smoking and Vaping Project Funding

(2/7/23) -The Kane County Health Department is extending the deadline to apply for funds to support anti-smoking and vaping policies, educational campaigns and cessation services.

Kane County middle and high schools may apply for **\$3000** to promote anti-vaping educational campaigns and initiatives.

Healthcare organizations are eligible for **\$4000** to make tobacco cessation resources available to their patients.

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.

The funding opportunity is provided by the Kane County Health Department's Tobacco Control and Prevention Program and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Apply here: www.kanequits.com

“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 8th 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/>).

Applications will be accepted through **February 28, 2023**, and are available at: www.kanequits.com