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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) IS TO BUILD AND INCREASE CAPACITY BY FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SUBCONTRACTING WITH THE LGBTQ CENTER OC AND PARTICIPATING IN LGBTQ+ TOBACCO CONTROL EFFORTS.

Read funding announcement [here](#)

Fill out application [here](#)


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Reflection

**“Wear gratitude like a
cloak, and it will feed every
corner of your life.”**

—RUMI



A photograph showing several e-cigarettes and a battery. One e-cigarette is in the foreground, lying horizontally, with its clear tip and black body visible. Other e-cigarettes are in the background, some lying vertically and others horizontally. A grey battery is also visible in the upper right. The background is a plain white surface.

FLAVORED E-CIGARETTE SALES ARE BOOMING DESPITE FEDERAL CRACKDOWN

June 22, 2023

Efforts to restrict e-cigarette flavors favored by teens may have fallen flat as new brands hit the market, according to a new report.

Fruit, candy, spice and dessert-flavored e-cigarettes that have long been popular among underage smokers have proliferated in recent years, according to data analyzed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC Foundation and the Truth Initiative.

Flavored e-cigarettes represented 41.3% of U.S. retail-store e-cigarette unit sales in December 2022, up from 29.2% in January 2020, the organizations found. Overall e-cigarette sales in the U.S. rose about 47% during the period.

The spike in sales comes despite a federal crackdown that placed more restrictions on the flavors and marketing for tobacco products.

The CDC found that most popular brands of disposable e-cigarettes on the market aren't FDA-approved and are illegal.

Source: [Link](#)

LGBT

The **LGBT community** is disproportionately impacted by tobacco.

LGB FEMALE YOUTH (Aged 14-17 years)

3x more than 3x as likely to use cigarettes and cigars as straight females in the past month.

2x more than 2x to as likely to use e-cigarettes as straight females in the past month.

2x LGBT ADULTS



Project SCUM

One tobacco manufacturer's marketing strategy called **Project SCUM** targeted gay men and homeless individuals.



GOING SMOKEFREE MATTERS

MULTIUNIT HOUSING

There is no safe amount of secondhand smoke exposure. The home is the main place many children and adults breathe in secondhand smoke.^{1,2}



- About **80 million (1 in 4) people** in the US live in **multiunit housing**, such as apartments, including about **7 million living in government-subsidized housing.**^{3,4}



What is government-subsidized housing?

When the government helps people pay their rent. Public housing is one type of subsidized housing.

- Each year, an estimated **28 million** multiunit housing residents are **exposed to secondhand smoke in their home or apartment** that came from somewhere else in their building like a nearby apartment.^{3,5}
- **Every person** living in multiunit housing **deserves to breathe smokefree air.**

Smokefree



Approximately **1 in 3** multiunit housing residents are covered by **smokefree building policies.**⁵



About **8 in 10** multiunit housing residents have chosen to make their own homes smokefree.⁵



A **majority** of multiunit housing residents want smoke-free building policies.⁵



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CAN SECONDHAND VAPE EXPOSURE BE HARMFUL?

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According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand vape exposure may be harmful because people may breathe in substances such as nicotine and toxic chemicals within the vapor.

Secondhand vape aerosol may contain harmful chemicals such as:

- nicotine
- ultrafine particles that can enter the lungs
- diacetyl, a flavoring that may cause serious lung disease
- volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as benzene
- heavy metals such as nickel, lead, and tin

Research suggests that the use of e-cigarettes may link to respiratory and cardiovascular health issue due to the substances in vape aerosol.

Secondhand vape exposure may cause people to inhale ultra-fine particles, which may enter the lungs and bloodstream and cause health issues. A 2022 study found a link between secondhand vape exposure and an increased risk of shortness of breath and bronchitic symptoms in young adults.

According to the American Lung Association, vaping products may have several harmful effects on health:

- Propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin, two of the main ingredients in e-cigarettes, may be toxic to cells.
- E-cigarettes may form chemicals such as acetaldehyde, acrolein, and formaldehyde, which can lead to lung and cardiovascular disease.
- E-cigarettes may contain acrolein, a weed killer, which may cause asthma, lung injury, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and lung cancer.

Source: [Link](#)