



**Community Gathering - \$500**  
**DUE April 1, 2018**

**Purpose:** The purpose of hosting a community gathering (such as a town hall meeting, candidate/legislative education forum, sobriety pow wow, talking circle, nature walk, or presentation) is to educate and unite communities and candidates/current legislators about substance abuse issues, solutions, and prevention.

The community gathering will address one or more of the following five state priorities:

- underage drinking (ages 12-20)
- adult binge drinking (ages 18-34)
- drinking among pregnant women
- drinking and driving (especially among people ages 16 to 34)
- opioid use for non-medical purposes (with a focus on people ages 20-54)
  - or emerging issue (i.e. synthetic drugs, methamphetamine use).

Coalitions that host an event are eligible for a **\$500** incentive to offset the cost of staff time for coordinating logistics, facility fees, speaker fees, food/beverage, printing/copying, promotion or other expenditures as deemed appropriate by the coalition. The event itself will ideally be 1.5 hours in length. Coalitions will be provided with *Community/Candidate Forums: Guide to Organizing a Successful Event* and *Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking Quick Start Planning Guide*.

Coalitions that participate must:

- Apply to participate by September 15, 2017.
- Communicate with Marshfield Clinic Center for Community Outreach staff as needed regarding the event.
- Include recognition of Northwoods Coalition on printed materials, etc.
- Invite key representatives to participate in the event, such as:

▪ Business leaders & retailers	▪ Legal professionals	▪ Public health officials
▪ Community leaders	▪ Local & state elected officials	▪ Religious/Fraternal Organizations/Spiritual Leaders
▪ Education professionals	▪ Medical professionals	▪ Senior Citizens/Elders
▪ Human service staff	▪ Parents	▪ Youth
▪ Law enforcement officials	▪ Prevention specialists	

- Submit event agenda or invite and project Invoice by April 1, 2018.
- Document the event and planned follow-up activities by completing the evaluation in SurveyMonkey by April 1, 2018.