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## Press Release



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### Governor Hassan Applauds Approximately \$1.5 Million in Federal Grants to Prevent Youth Substance Misuse in New Hampshire

CONCORD – As she continues working across party lines to implement a comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin and opioid crisis, Governor Maggie Hassan today applauded the announcement of approximately \$1.5 million in federal grants for New Hampshire youth substance misuse prevention programs through the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program.

"Educating our young people about the dangers of substance misuse and preventing addiction before it starts are critical components of our comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin and opioid crisis and help save lives," Governor Hassan said. "The Drug-Free Communities Support Program's evidence-based prevention work will strengthen our efforts to reduce and prevent youth substance use, supporting effective, local youth prevention programs in communities across the state."

Of the 12 New Hampshire grants, two are first-time awards – Reality Check of Jaffrey and the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition of Littleton. Continuing grants in New Hampshire were awarded to: Merrimack Safeguard; Raymond Coalition for Youth; Franklin Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force; Monadnock Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coalition of Keene; Nashua Prevention Coalition; All Together of Lebanon; Southern Rockingham Coalition of Youth Prevention of Marijuana and Prescription Drug Abuse Project; Somersworth Prevention Coalition; Bridging the Gaps-Rochester Community Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Prevention; and Winchester We've Got Your Back.

Each DFC-funded coalition can receive up to \$125,000 in federal funds, depending on the matching funds contributed by the coalition. The 12 New Hampshire grants will total approximately \$1.5 million.

"I want to thank Senator Shaheen for her leadership in supporting the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, as well as Director Botticelli for awarding these New Hampshire youth prevention programs with these important grants," Governor Hassan said. "This existing grant program provides critical support to local youth prevention programs, but we still need Congress to provide emergency federal funding in order to fully support states in our efforts. We have worked across party lines in New Hampshire to provide additional state resources to those battling addiction on the front lines, and it is unconscionable that Congress has refused to pass emergency funding to support states in our efforts to combat this horrible epidemic."

Recognizing that local partnerships are critical to tackling substance abuse, the DFC Support Program is the federal government's flagship effort to support communities in preventing youth substance use. The DFC Support Program is a matching federal grant where each community provides a minimum of one-to-one match in local funding. For more information on the DFC Support Program, visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/Drug-Free-Communities-Support-Program>.

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