



Town of Fairfield

Office of the First Selectman
Fairfield, Connecticut 06824

Michael C. Tetreau
First Selectman

Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road

TO: Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, RTM

FROM: Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman

SUBJECT: Request from the First Selectman for a transfer of funds from an increase in grant revenue in the amount of \$5,675 to cover the cost of programs sponsored by Adults and Children Together, Fairfield's Substance Abuse Prevention Council and further resolved that the First Selectman, is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, any or all contracts or amendments thereof with the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project (RYASAP). These costs are 100% reimbursable by a 7/1/12- 6/30/13 State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services grant to Local Prevention Councils, administered by RYASAP.

Date: September 14, 2012

1) **BACKGROUND:**

Adults and Children Together (A.C.T.), Fairfield's Prevention Council, a local partner of RYASAP (Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Prevention Project) was established in 1988 by former First Selectman Jacqueline Durrell. Members of this multi-disciplinary council are appointed by the First Selectman and represent many youth serving agencies. Each year, A.C.T.'s activities are supported by a \$5,675 grant from the Local ATOD Abuse Prevention Council Grant Program (LPCP). This grant is designed to foster the continued development of local, municipal-based activities focused on the prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug use. Grant recipients must choose at least two of six prevention strategies: 1) Information Dissemination 2) Education 3) Community Based Processes 4) Alternatives 5) Problem Identification and Referral and 6) Environmental.

2) **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Local Prevention Council funds for 2012-13 will be used to support A.C.T. local projects that are focused on substance abuse prevention to the Fairfield Community (schools, agencies, community groups). In 2011-12, A.C.T. donated \$3200 to fund six mini-grant projects focused on fitness and nutrition in the Fairfield Community. The projects and programs included a Community of Concern Parent Booklet prepared by the Fairfield Cares Task Force, a Community Garden sponsored by Girl Scout Troup 33103, Flip to be Fit by Jennings School, Healthy Steps for Fitness by McKinley School, and Girls "R" Us by Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. Additional A.C.T. projects will include support for the high schools' alcohol use prevention task forces' program initiatives and providing financial support for a regional youth graphic design contest on tobacco counter-marketing.

3) **DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPOSAL**

The following is the estimated budget (subject to change and approval by the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project).

1)	<u>Reduce Underage Drinking Initiative:</u>	\$1000.00
	Educational Programs delivered by the high schools' alcohol use prevention task forces	
2)	<u>Mobilizing Against Tobacco for Children's Health:</u>	\$500.00
	Donation to RYASAP to partially support regional tobacco counter-marketing design contest for elementary through college age students.	
3)	<u>Community Prevention Activities:</u>	<u>\$4175.00</u>
		Total: \$5675.00

4) **RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATED COSTS:** Costs are based upon running programs in Fairfield over the past fifteen years.

5) **CONDUCTIVE TO INCREASED EFFICIENCY OR PRODUCTIVITY:** Effective prevention programs reduce the risk of involvement with substance abuse, which impairs efficiency and productivity.

6) **ADDITIONAL LONG RANGE COSTS:** None

7) **ADDITIONAL USE OR DEMAND ON EXISTING FACILITIES:**
None

8) **ALTERNATES TO THIS REQUEST:**
This is the only source of funding for A.C.T.'s projects.

9) **SAFETY AND LOSS CONTROL:** None.

10) **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

11) **INSURANCE:** None.

12) **FINANCING:** All A.C.T. projects are 100% funded by this \$5,675 annual grant.

13) **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

14) **OTHER APPROVAL:** Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance
RTM