



Substance Prevention Grant meeting minutes for Tuesday, January 7, 2025

1. Approval of minutes from November 5, 2024

* Minutes were approved

2. Review of any applications submitted.

* Smokescreen application was approved by the committee. This program is an evidence-based game designed to educate students about the dangers of vaping and promote healthier choices. 230 6th graders will benefit from this grant. We recommend the Council approve the request for \$2,500. This is a tier one program, so they are getting it at a reduced cost.

* Windham Middle School Band and Orchestra was approved by the committee. This is to offset the cost of attending the music festival for 98 students and we felt it met the intent of the grant. We recommend the Council approve the request for \$2,600. The total cost is \$11,600 but they were able to raise the rest through fundraisers.

* Windham High School Students Council RSVP Training was approved by the committee. This will train 100 students to be leaders and also to train other students to make good decisions and be capable of leading. We recommend the Council approve the request for \$1,500. The total cost is \$2,400 but they are hoping to receive additional funds from a PTA grant and Students Council funds

3. Review fund balance as of 12/23/2024

* There was a lengthy conversation on the fund balance and the fact that we had to make some adjustments due to the fact that our balance prior to any recommendations was \$10,927.28 we collectively agreed to the following;

1. We decided to no longer keep a \$3,000 balance





2. We are recommending that we reduce the number of scholarships from 3 to 2 per year. The money benefits more students when it goes out in a grant.

3. We would like the town to notify the public etc. that we are not accepting any further applications at this time due to the fact that the account is very low on funds After the \$3,000 for the 2 scholarships and the approval of the 3 applications (\$6,600) there will be a balance of \$1,327.28. There is an expectation that between February and May, assuming all businesses are still opting to remain in business, there will be an additional sum of \$2,940 added to the Substance Prevention Grant fund. That would then give us a fund balance of \$4,267.28 in June.

4. Open discussion

* We are not scheduling another meeting till there is a significant increase in funds, so we are requesting a SP Grant fund financial report each month.

Thank you for your continued support of this program and our next meeting is TBD

Best,
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