

Town of Windham

Town Offices 8 School Road Windham, Maine

Cover Sheet

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I. Council Action Requested.

To award three \$1,500 scholarships as established and recommended by the Town Council to this year's three recipients identified only by applicant number.

II. Basis for Council Action.

Council approval of this item is required because;

- a. Pursuant to §160-6 of the Marijuana Business Licensing Ordinance, Chapter 1160, as adopted by the Council on May 26, 2020, a business license "applicant shall also pay an "education fee" in an amount set by Council" and "granted at the Council's discretion to educational institutions or nonprofit agencies for support of initiatives aimed at educating Windham youth regarding marijuana and other drugs," and
- b. The Marijuana License Fee Committee, established by the Council on September 8, 2020, was tasked the responsibility "to review application requests for funding and make recommendations to the Town Council on proposed fund disbursements," and
- c. The Marijuana License Fee Committee recommended establishing an annual scholarship program from collected education fees at the Council meeting of October 12, 2021, with support from the Town Council.
- d. The Substance Prevention Grant Committee recommended expanding the scholarship program to three (3) award recipients of \$1,500 with the recommended requirement of one award designated to a candidate pursing a career in a medical/health profession, another award designated to a candidate pursuing a career in a professional trade, and a third award designated to a candidate pursuing any other course of Study, which was approved by the Town Council on February 13, 2024.

III. Issue Summary.

The Town Council elected to keep the scholarship recipients confidential until the High School's scholarship awards night on June 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM.