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Communities that Care Coalition Makes Mini-Grants Available for Youth Recognition Events and Activities

The Youth Recognition Workgroup of the Communities that Care Coalition announces the availability of over \$7200 of mini-grant funding for youth recognition in Franklin County and the North Quabbin.

The mini-grants will fund projects that recognize youth who are making a positive contribution in school, their community or their family. We invite community and youth groups, schools or school personnel, local government and faith groups to apply for grants to support events or activities that recognize youth, impact the community, and reach out to a cross-section of youth in our community. Funded projects may include awards, trophies, plaques, dinners out, events, ads in the newspaper or other media, and other initiatives. Youth Recognition Mini-Grants are intended to fund youth recognition events and activities for multiple youth. Funding is not intended for regular programming activities, staff time, or individuals. Only mini-grant applications that follow these guidelines will be considered.

This year's application is on line at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Youth_Recognition. A link to the survey can also be found on the Communities That Care Coalition web page www.communitiesthatcarecoalition.org and on the Franklin Regional Council of Governments web page www.frcog.org.

The deadline for application is February 17, 2010, with funding decisions made by mid-March. The funding committee will assess applications based on the number of youth the project will impact, and the impact of the recognition on the community as a whole. We encourage applicants to reach out to youth who are not usually recognized by their community. Applicants may request funding from \$25-\$500. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Mini-grant applications are due no later than February 17, 2010.

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