



September 3, 2025

Ledyard Town Council

Finance Committee

Chairman Councilor Saccone, Councilor Buhle, Councilor Ryan

On behalf of the Ledyard Prevention Coalition, I thank you for the opportunity to present our proposal for our continued efforts to activate the funds received by the Town of Ledyard from the opioid settlements. It has been our honor to put these funds to good work over the last 18 months and we are eager to continue our efforts to assure that the funds received by the Town of Ledyard are used to protect and promote the health and safety of Ledyard residents impacted by the overdose epidemic.

Recognizing there is continued information unfolding regarding the amount of the funds to be received over the duration of the 18-year settlement, we are submitting a proposal for \$60,000 over a 12-month period. We propose to essentially continue the work of the last 18-months – overdose recognition and response trainings, naloxone promotion and saturation, and awareness raising/stigma reduction, with two added components.

First, we will work with neighboring towns to organize a training opportunity for First Responders. This training – provided by an overdose survivor who then became a paramedic and fire fighter, has been credentialed by the Department of Public Health to provide continuing education credits for EMS providers. Ledge Light Health District hosted two offerings of the training a few years ago that were very well received and we think there is opportunity to work with the neighboring towns to co-host another offering of the training in a central accessible location.

Second, as you might know, the federal Drug Free Communities funding which has supported staffing of the Ledyard Prevention Coalition for ten years is winding down. As you know the Ledyard Prevention Coalition brings together the perspectives, ideas and contributions of parents, students, educators, business leaders, civic groups and others to identify opportunities to promote protective factors and reduce risk factors in Ledyard. While the Drug Free Communities grants operate on a ten-year cycle, the work of the Coalition remains vitally important and we believe sustaining coordination of the Coalition is crucial to reducing overdose. Therefore our new proposal increases the amount of staff time supported by the settlement funds from 4 hours per week to 16 (still short of the full time staffing covered by the federal grant).

We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you in service of the residents of Ledyard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Muggeo", is written over the typed name and title.

Jennifer Muggeo, MPH
Director of Health