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Mayor Fiorentini Announces JAG Grant to Combat Opiate Addiction

The Haverhill Police Department has received the Edward J. Byrne Memorial JAG program grant in the amount of \$98,446.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The Haverhill Police Department has partnered with North American Family Institute (formerly known as Team Coordinating Agency) to combat substance abuse through enforcement and intervention, with an emphasis on opioids. Under this grant, NFI has hired a fulltime outreach social worker as well as a part time supervisory mentor for the coordination of street outreach efforts. Together they conduct follow-up visits with “at risk” individuals, as well as an increase in drug enforcement efforts by the Department’s narcotics unit.

Some of the goals include:

- 1) Education about opioid and other substance abuse,
- 2) Raise community awareness about opioid abuse and seek community participation in addressing the opioid problem,
- 3) Parental training as support groups in families whose children are currently abusing opioids and other drugs, including families where overdoses have occurred,
- 4) Providing treatment when indicated by assessment, and
- 5) targeted drug/opioid suppression and enforcement.

Mayor James J. Fiorentini stated:

“This grant will assist us with fighting the national opiate addition epidemic. I appreciate the support of the state in receiving this grant.

“It is my hope that this grant, along with the new health teachers we added to our schools, this epidemic will start to decline.”