



March 31, 2023

The *All Together Now* Community Wellbeing Project requests select board approval for the Town of Richmond to be the fiscal agent for the disbursement of \$10,000 in grant funding from the Northwest Vermont Prevention Network of the United Way of Northwest Vermont for special project work between now and June 30th.

An MOU and description of the use of funds (Interim Program Manager job description) are included with this request. Hartsfield Health Systems Consulting will continue its role as the coordinating organization overseeing day-to-day management of the All Together Now operations and fiscal management and will invoice the Town of Richmond according to the Prevention Network MOU and be responsible for all grant reporting.

This collaborative arrangement between Hartsfield Health Systems and the Town of Richmond has worked extremely well in the current fiscal year to allow progress for the All Together Now project, while alleviating burden on Town staff. Community Wellbeing/All Together Now program Updates are below:

All Together Now – Summary

What: A multi-sector collaborative, empowering youth mental health and wellbeing through creating opportunities and finding needed resources driven by youth and supported by the greater community.

- When youth are actively engaged in activities
-which means connecting with others
- They are engaged in primary prevention strategies
- These strategies help them NOT engage in risky behaviors like substance and tobacco use that also lead to lower mental health outcomes.
- When youth are involved with the design and selection of activities
- They are more bought in
- They want to feel heard, listened to
- And see their thoughts put into action
- Youth are talented
- And have solutions

Youth Accomplishments Since January 2023:

1. Provided stipends and awards to 10 different youth for their contributions to the program.
2. Created a [Promotional Video](#) about All Together Now
3. Video shown to all 700 students at MMU through collaboration with the school administration and their advisory structure. Led by the student project interns.



COMMUNITY WELLBEING INITIATIVE

4. Created a [social media account](#) and increased engagement by over 200%. @alltogethernow_802
5. Surveyed MMU HS students around mental health and desired opportunities to increase wellbeing. Results currently being analyzed by UVM Public Health nursing students.
6. Awarded a second-year fellowship of [findhelp.org](#) customized resource and social care software. [ATN Site](#) was customized by a group of student interns for ATN and is linked on the Town of Richmond website. UVM Nursing students are currently working with other MMU town selectboards to educate them and have them share the link as well.
7. Splashpage site for Community Wellbeing designed and live on the Town of Richmond website.
8. All Together Now Advisory Team and community partners met with MMUUSD Superintendent and school board members to talk about a long term fiscal agent arrangement and how to best create a prevention coalition for these towns which have been an identified gap area for many years.
9. United Way and Vermont After School are providing consulting experts to support the organizational framework development and conversations with MMUUSD Administration and the Advisory Team.

Example Response from recent student survey:

