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### MAYOR LAUDS FEDERAL GRANT TO HELP FIGHT YOUTH DRUG USE

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. announced that Peabody has been awarded a \$625,000 federal grant to help prevent drug use by the city's youth.

“This grant money will help us focus our drug prevention efforts on kids who are often the most vulnerable to the temptation to use drugs,” said Mayor Bettencourt. “If we can stop young people from ever using drugs to begin with, we help put them in a much better position to achieve their dreams. This continues to be our priority in the City of Peabody.”

Mayor Bettencourt has tasked the Healthy Peabody Collaborative with overseeing the grant award and specifically addressing underage use and abuse of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs.

“We are not powerless against the challenge of drug use among young people in Peabody,” said Sarah Grinnell, Director of the Healthy Peabody Collaborative. “Research shows that prevention is the most effective tool we have to reduce the terrible consequences associated with drug use among young people. This new funding will allow the Healthy Peabody Collaborative to help place more young people on the path toward success and enable them to live healthier and safer lives.”

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