

Article 2

Appropriate for Youth Health Initiatives (Children's Hospital Community Benefit Payment)

- In lieu of personal property tax payments, Children's Hospital has agreed to make payments to the Town to be spent on youth health initiatives. The Town has received \$200,000 and anticipates receiving an additional \$200,000 this fiscal year.
- Article 2 request appropriation of \$400,000 to support two new full-time staff positions within the Town's Youth & Family Services division:
 - An Outreach Clinician who would split their time between the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Park & Recreation, and other community locations to identify and address unmet mental health challenges in the community and provide case management, referrals and crisis intervention.
 - A Community Training Coordinator to expand the offerings of mental health programs, such as Youth Mental Health First Aid, to the community and to Town and Needham Public Schools staff.
- It is anticipated that this appropriation would be expended over two years.

The Select Board unanimously recommends adoption of this article.