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**DATE:** 09/22/09  
**TO:** HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE COMMON COUNCIL  
**FROM:** DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWS*  
**RE:** UNION SAVINGS BANK FOUNDATION GRANT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Health, Housing and Welfare Department to apply for and accept funding from the Union Savings Bank Foundation.

This funding, not to exceed \$5,000, will be used to expand youth violence prevention activities at the three school-based health centers and will be utilized during the 2009/2010 fiscal year. There is no local match required.

The Common Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

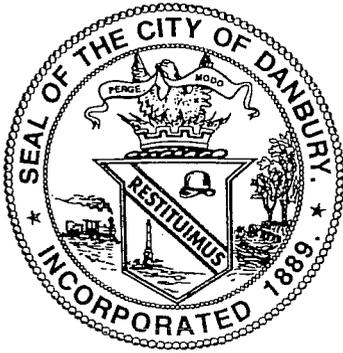
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cc: M. Bonjour  
S. Leroy

# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

**WHEREAS**, the Union Savings Bank of Danbury Foundation has made an opportunity available for the City of Danbury Health, Housing and Welfare Department to apply for grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount requested of \$5,000 will be used to expand youth violence prevention activities at the three school-based health centers and will be utilized during the 2009/2010 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no local match required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or Scott T. Leroy, Director of Health, Housing and Welfare, as his designee, is authorized to apply for and accept this funding and execute on behalf of the City of Danbury all contracts, agreements or amendments and to take all actions necessary to accomplish the purposes of this funding.

**IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**2009 Union Savings Bank of Danbury Foundation Grant Request**  
**Amount Requested: \$ 5,000**

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**Program Impact**

If awarded, the \$5,000 grant from the Union Savings Bank of Danbury Foundation will enable the School-Based Health Centers located at Danbury High School, Broadview Middle School and Rogers Park Middle School to expand youth violence prevention program activities by budgeting for program a program speaker from Rachel's Challenge, who will conduct a one hour evening session with parents and community leaders, showing them how they can reinforce the decisions their youth are making. Funding will also provide for student assemblies led by Interactive Theatre Group, who will carry out skits related to violence related issues (i.e. peer conflict, bullying, date violence, substance abuse and risky behaviors) and engage the audience in developing positive ways to resolve the issues.

The incidence of violent behavior among our nations children continues to be on the rise. In 2006, for children ages one to nine years, homicide was the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Connecticut. For teen's ages ten to fourteen, suicide and homicide were the third and fourth leading causes of death respectively, in the United State and 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively in Connecticut. Unfortunately, in Connecticut, homicide and suicide are ranked second and third among teens ages fifteen and twenty-nine and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively among young adults ages twety to twenty-four.

All of students have the potential of being exposed to violence in some form, be it bullying, conflict, domestic violence, dating violence, and risk behaviors, therefore, outreach and awareness efforts will be designed to reach the broad students population.

To achieve the desired program outcomes, SBHC staff will collaborate with school faculty, and volunteers from community based agencies including adult probation, Danbury Women's Center, Hopeline, etc.

The target audience will include students ages 11 to 21 years of age enrolled in the city's high school and two middle schools. Current total student enrollment at the three schools is approximately 4,000 students. All of the students have the potential of being exposed to violence in some form, be it bullying, conflict, domestic violence, dating violence, and risk behaviors, therefore, outreach and awareness efforts will be designed to reach the broad students population.

Parents and members of the community at large will also be engaged in awareness efforts through a community based forum led by a speaker from Rachel's Challenge, a private foundation whose mission is to equip and empower audience participants to create a permanent, positive culture change in their school, business and community by starting achain reaction of kindness and compassion.

All program activities are being carried out to address the increasing incidence of violence among children and youth, including fighting, conflict, dating violence and bullying.

**2009 USB Foundation Grant Application Request**

<b>Total Funding Requested from the USB Foundation:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Rachel's Challenge - 1 1/2 hour community forum	\$3,000
Interactive Theatre Group - 3 day long student assemblies at Broadview Middle School, Rogers Park Middle School and Danbury High School @ \$600/day	\$1,800
Misc. educational pamphlets and materials to promote event	\$200