

COUNTY MANAGER



THOMAS C. FISHER

August 31, 2021

Re: Letter of Support - Communities That Care - Drug Free Communities Federal Grant

To Whom it May Concern,

In 2016, our Summit County Community discovered together how deeply invested we are in the wellbeing of our youth. It was the drug-related deaths of two 13-year old Park City students within two days of one another that spurred the community to reconcile the intersection of individual behaviors with community conditions and policies that facilitate youth substance use.

Through the shared commitments of Summit County, Park City Municipal, our 3 school districts and Park City Community Foundation we brought the Communities That Care (“CTC”) evidenced-based model to Summit County. Our CTC coalition has established and expanded capacity for prevention work. CTC Summit County builds across existing programs to harness investments already made, coordinate across them, and advance us toward our strategic goals addressing youth.

January 2021, CTC Summit County was awarded the highly competitive Drug Free Communities grant for \$125,000 annually for up to 10 years. This federal grant brings new funding to continue strengthening our community’s capacity for prevention of youth substance use and suicide. This federal grant requires a 100% non-Federal match.

The Summit County Council, elected offices and staff recognize *Investment is key* to advancing our community’s prevention work under the Mental Wellness Alliance Strategic Plan. We are committing a match of \$60,000 to CTC Summit County for 2022, with an ongoing annual consideration of further match commitments. Summit County is doing this in consideration of this tremendous opportunity to leverage this program for the benefit of our youth and because of the shared commitment all our community partners that are committing to this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Fisher".

Thomas C. Fisher
County Manager