

Communities Putting Prevention to Work Tobacco Grant Efforts

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Est. Completion Date: Ongoing

Synopsis: Smoking and second-hand smoke are problems locally. Tobacco causes more deaths each year than all deaths from HIV, illegal drugs, alcohol, motor vehicle injuries, suicides and homicides combined! Evidence-based best practices show that policies to protect the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and to protect minors from accessing tobacco products are effective. Santa Clara County Public Health has received a \$6.9 million Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant to facilitate policy systems and environmental change within the realm of tobacco prevention and control. Funding and other valuable resources are available to cities for work around tobacco policy.