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WORCESTER ROTARY CLUB GIVES \$41,000 GRANT TO CITY OF WORCESTER TO FIGHT OPIOID ADDICTION.

Funds support "Recreation Worcester", education, prevention. Targets 7 to 13 year olds.

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Left to right in the photo are:

Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus, Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty, Worcester Rotary President [Barbara Guthrie](#), and Rotarians [Bob Mangan](#), [Satya Mitra](#), [Ron Fraser](#), [Bill Moore](#), and Fred Nathan

One of the largest grants made in recent years by the Rotary Club of Worcester was presented to the City of Worcester in support of its efforts to fight opioid addiction in the Worcester area. The presentation of a \$41,000 check was made to the City at a recent City Council meeting.



The funds will be used as follows: \$20,000 to support the City of Worcester's "Recreation Worcester" program which provides recreational and educational programs for the City's youth, ages 7-13. The program provides academic, athletic and arts related programs three days a week in several Worcester Public Schools. The goal of the program is to allow students to grow academically, athletically and become more engaged with their community.

The balance of the grant, \$21,000, will support education and prevention activities related to the opioid epidemic provided by the Central Massachusetts Regional Health Alliance. Funds will be used for educational materials, protective equipment, and rescue equipment as well as funding for a regional Safe Prescribing Seminar for medical personnel.

The Worcester Rotary Club, founded in 1912, supports local and global causes with funds raised through various fund raising programs. The Worcester Club is one of the oldest continuously operating Rotary Clubs in the world, having been founded in 1912. It meets weekly on Thursdays at noon at the Grill on the Hill in Green Hill Park. Currently it has approximately 75 members drawn from business, professional and nonprofit organizations. Rotary is open to both men and women in the region.