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Nice work everyone!

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That is great news! Congrats. Always nice to have state orgs come on board with local policy movement.

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On Sep 18, 2025, at 7:05 PM, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Good evening,

Pretty good news from our MTCP meeting:

- . NFG finally made the list of policies MTCP is “endorsing”.
NFG is now part of our workplan!
- . Also, the 84 workplan has NFG as a stipend project.

Many Tobacco Program managers are still focused on updating tobacco regs to synch with the 2020 state law.

And many are focused on enforcement of the regs already in place – like the flavor ban.

Admittedly some communities have very poor compliance rates which is a priority of course.

Others work in communities where there is limited or no community readiness.

And some of my peers have large collaboratives and just don’t have the band width to take on a brand new tobacco control policy.

Still, this is good news and may help move some who were themselves on the fence. Or worried that this policy was not in their workplan.

It should remove some barriers.

On the not-so-good-news front, there are fewer CP programs (Community Partnerships) being funded. That means fewer community outreach collaboratives like Baystate Community Services that might be called on to help promote NFG by identifying local residents/organizations to testify at public hearings.

For instance, we no longer have a CP program representing the North East.

Best,
maureen

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