

**2012 TOWN MEETING REPORT OF THE FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE
FY2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Our committee reviews requests for financial support from local non-profit organizations and recommends appropriations to the Selectboard. These organizations provide our citizens vital assistance and operate programs to help educate and support families, preventing them from needing an even greater level of social support. The committee considers the nature of the services provided, the number of residents served, the availability of other funding sources, and each organization's unique ability to serve citizens in East Montpelier. These appropriations acknowledge and encourage valuable non-governmental programs for people in need and strengthen our neighborly connections.

Last year voters agreed to appropriate \$15,200 to support 23 organizations. This year the committee considered requests totaling \$21,061 from 26 organizations. The committee recommended appropriations to support 25 organizations for a total of \$16,016, a 5.4% increase, which includes two previously funded organizations that did not apply last year.

[At the request of the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center, the Selectboard approved an individual article for the 2012 Town Meeting Warning requesting \$1,000 in funding for the Civic Center. Due to this individual article, the Selectboard voted to amend the Funding Request Study Committee's report by removing the Civic Center recommendation. This decreased the funding request article to \$15,716 (3.4% increase) for 24 organizations.]

This year's funding recommendations appear **in bold** in the list below along with the amounts approved in the previous two years. If available, we have included the number of residents directly served who live in East Montpelier. Please feel free to contact these organizations when in need, to volunteer your own time and skills, or to make additional financial contributions.

Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (479-1053 or 800-639-1053) works with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities through Head Start and Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support services, including Emergency Food and Crisis Fuel, Home Weatherization assistance and more. It served 142 people in 61 households in the town during the past year. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

Central Vermont Community Land Trust (476-4493) develops and manages affordable housing projects; it provides education, counseling, loans, and financial services for homeowners through its Homeowner Center and facilitates community development projects. Services reached 23 residents during the past year. (\$150; \$150 **\$150**)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (479-0531) provides meal and transportation services, legal advice, case management, and advocacy for Central Vermont elders. It served 74 residents in the past year. (\$1,500; \$1,500; **\$1,500**)

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (223-1878) provides nursing and hospice services in residents' homes. Town funds help those not covered by insurance or whose insurance is inadequate to cover required health care. In addition to those attending clinics, it served 77 residents with home care last year. (\$3,200; \$3,200; **\$3,200**)

Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center (229-5900) operates the ice skating rink used by area schools and offers open skating times for residents in East Montpelier. (\$250; \$300; **\$0**) [**Originally (\$250; \$300; \$300); as explained above, the Selectboard eliminated the Funding Committee's FY13 recommendation for the Civic Center**]

Circle (formerly **Battered Women's Services and Shelter**); (Hotline: 877-543-9498) serves families in Washington County in cases involving domestic abuse. The Shelter provides safe homes, emotional support, legal assistance, food and clothes, and a 24-hour hotline; staff offer prevention programs in local schools. The organization served 11 residents in the past year. (\$675; \$675; **\$675**)

Community Connections (223-3456) provides afterschool, vacation, and summer programming for pre-school and school-age children, including mentoring and youth outreach, and creates opportunities for children to learn from community members. It served 179 students in the past year. (\$2,500; \$2,500; **\$2,500**)

Family Center of Washington County (828-8765) provides services for children and families, including preschool, playgroups, parent education, home visits, and child care support services. It served 115 residents in the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

Friends of the Winooski River (655-4878) is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River, including its tributaries and watershed, from Cabot to Colchester. Members monitor water quality, conduct river cleanup projects, and educate landowners and students in river stewardship. (\$150; **\$150**)

Green Mountain Transit (223-7287) is a community transportation service that matches requests for rides from local residents with available transport, including vans, volunteer drivers, and van/pools and also operates the commuter bus service along U.S. Route 2. It served 22 townspeople with residential transport in the past year. (\$1,300; \$1,300; **\$1,366**)

Green Up Vermont (229-4586) uses town funds to provide biodegradable bags, posters, publicity, and information for town chairpersons to promote roadside cleanup and litter control on Green Up Day. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (223-2518) provides seniors with opportunities for learning, recreation, travel, and health improvement through programs and classes. Funds from contributing towns support services for dues-paying members living outside Montpelier. Last year 36 residents from East Montpelier were members. (\$200; **\$400**)

Onion River Food Shelf, Inc. (223-6548) provides emergency meals for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. It served 88 residents in the past year. (\$600; \$600; **\$800**)

People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (479-1229) provides basic primary and preventive care to the uninsured and underinsured through a team of volunteer doctors and caregivers. It served 8 residents in the past year. (\$950; \$950; **\$950**)

Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont (229-5724) works to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support, and public awareness programs. The Care for Kids program trains childcare professionals, parents, and others who interact with children to prevent child sexual abuse. Last year 134 residents participated in various training programs (\$250; \$250)

Project Independence (476-3630) provides adult day health services for the elderly and disabled to enable them to remain in their homes while also providing respite for regular caregivers. Services include mental and physical health therapies, nutritious meals, and recreation at the center. Last year 3 residents benefited from the services. (\$250)

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom (828-4770) links retired and senior volunteers with organizations (hospitals, schools, and nonprofits) that can use their volunteer skills. Funds help offset travel expenses, insurance, and volunteer training. Nineteen volunteers from East Montpelier participated in the program. (\$275; \$275; **\$275**)

Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington Co. (476-1388; hotline: 479-5577) operates a hotline and provides emergency medical assistance, shelter, counseling, advocacy and legal advice for victims of sexual violence. One resident received direct assistance last year. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Twin Valley Senior Center (426-3447) serves meals at the Schoolhouse Common in Marshfield and delivers meals-on-wheels to seniors in the local area. It provided services for 12 residents in the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

U-32 Project Graduation (229-0321), sponsored by the senior class at U-32 High School, provides students with a drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration. It served 40 graduating students from East Montpelier last year. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (828-5997) provides training and support services to children and adults with vision problems, either blindness or impairment, to maintain independence. It served two residents in the past year. (\$100; \$150; **\$100**)

Vermont CARES (371-6222) supports and advocates for those infected with HIV/AIDS. It works to prevent infection through testing and awareness programs. Last year 10 residents received services. (\$150; 0; **\$150**)

Vermont Center for Independent Living (229-0501) provides services and advocacy for people with disabilities. The organization assists disabled people to lead active and productive lives with as great a degree of independence as possible. It served one resident in the past year. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Washington County Diversion Program (229-0536) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims and providing community service hours to local organizations. The program saves tax dollars that would have been spent on court proceedings. It served 28 residents in the past year. (\$350; \$350; **\$350**)

Washington County Youth Services Bureau — Boys and Girls Club (229-9151) helps youths and their families create healthy conditions in their lives. Emphasis is on problem resolution; crisis intervention; individual and family counseling; and substance abuse prevention, including early intervention, and treatment. It served 24 youths in the past year. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

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