

East Montpelier Funding Application Request for FY19

Organization Name: Friends of the Winooski River

Address: PO Box 777 Montpelier VT 05601

Fiscal Year Reported: FY 2016 January to December

Program Description: The Friends is a mostly volunteer organization that is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River watershed. We undertake a range of activities that include riparian restoration and streambank stabilization, pollution abatement projects, water quality monitoring and stream assessment projects and education and outreach. In all endeavors we are committed to working with local organizations, schools and towns to achieve community supported goals.

Name of Person Filling Out This Form: Ann Smith 802-882-8276 ann@winooskiriver.org

Name of Contact Person for Questions: Colin McCaffrey

Telephone Number or email: 802-454-1007 colin@colinmccaffrey.com or Ann Smith

Amount of Funding Request: \$200

SERVICE INFORMATION

What is your organization's service area?

The bulk of the Friends work has been in the upper Winooski watershed (above Montpelier) on the mainstem as well as the major tributaries of the North Branch, Stevens Branch, Kingsbury Branch and Dog River. We also have several substantial projects in the Lower Winooski.

What is the total number of individuals served by your organization in your prior Fiscal Year?
How many people in East Montpelier were served by your organization in the same period?

This is a difficult question to answer since we do not provide services to specific individuals. Our services may ultimately impact all residents of the Winooski watershed. We interact with individuals by engaging them in volunteer projects. On an annual basis, we engage between 300-400 volunteers throughout the watershed.

What type of service(s) does your organization provided to East Montpelier residents?

This question is similarly difficult to answer. As an organization, we work on restoration and protection projects that improve water quality, increase stream and river stability to reduce flooding, improve habitat and educate and engage the public. East Montpelier benefits from our upstream work on the Winooski main stem and the Kingsbury Branch. We have completed river

assessments on the Winooski and Kingsbury within East Montpelier. We work closely with and supported educational projects at U32, which would include East Montpelier students. We have worked with the Regional Planning Commission to complete an assessment of road erosion issues in East Montpelier and several other towns. The information from the study will help the town take preventative actions that will protect roadways as well as waterways. Also, East Montpelier residents are invited to participate in workshops and events in nearby communities. Recently, we held workshops, which provided technical assistance to help individual landowners to manage runoff from their properties, driveways and private roads. Many East Montpelier residents are on the Friends' email list and we also periodically publish educational material via Front Porch Forum.

Approximately how many staff hours are dedicated to provide the services your organization offered East Montpelier residents during this time period? _____ hours

Unfortunately, our time is not tracked in this way.

What services does your organization provide that are not available elsewhere?

The Friends mission is to safeguard and enhance the natural resources of the Winooski River and its watershed in harmony with human communities through protection, restoration, education and outreach partnerships and recreational opportunities.

We are the only organization whose mission is focused solely on the restoration and protection of the Winooski River watershed. We are committed to working partnership with local communities and other organizations to accomplish this goal. As a non-profit watershed group, we have the flexibility to develop and implement projects by combining resources in a unique manner. We often pool together multiple funding sources including contributions of individual members along with volunteer resources and partner organizations to implement projects.

What (if any) organizations provide similar services? None to our knowledge

If applicable, how does your organization collaborate with other organizations providing similar services? Collaboration is a cornerstone of our approach. We seek out organizations with similar goals and work together to identify projects and leverage resources. We often partner with the municipalities or other nonprofits. We also engage local schools and residents on specific projects. We have supported U32's aquatic biology students with hands on exercises and presentations. We have also integrated their work on water quality monitoring into our volunteer monitoring program.

In what way are the services your organization provides preventative in nature? Our projects are a combination of fixing problems (eg. streambank restoration, pollution source identification and elimination) and preventing them. In the latter category, we work on both a site specific case (protecting healthy stream reaches) as well as general prevention through education and engagement of the public.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How did your organization determine the amount of the funding request? Please explain any in detail your reasoning for any increase or decrease. We looked at the relative size of towns in the upper Winooski watershed based on both square miles in the watershed and population. We applied a formula based on these two characteristics to come up with a figure. This number was adjusted up or down to reflect past services to the town and the strength of our current relationship. Our request is the same as last year.

If approved by the town, how will your organization use the funds? The majority of our program and projects are funded by specific grants. These are usually both time limited and deal with a limited geographic location; sometimes a very specific sites. Funds such as those from East Montpelier and other towns as well as individual and business donations provide flexibility for us to address unanticipated requests such as a school program, individual landowner assistance or working with a municipality.

Do any of your grant sources require local financial commitment? Explain. None specifically require it. In some cases, if we are partnering closely with a town, the town may commit in-kind services or financial resources.

Please visit our website at www.winooskiriver.org for more information on the Friends.

Is your organization approved by the IRS as tax-exempt? Yes

If yes, indicate your approval type: 501c3:

FOR FY16

INCOME SOURCES	% OF INCOME	TOTAL INCOME
Federal	34.79%	\$72,396
State	44.63%	\$92,853
Local Towns==Budget Appropriations	1.03%	\$2150
Local Towns—projects (contract)	0.60%	\$1250
Membership/Business donations	8.56%	\$17,814
Program Fees/Merchandise	2.53%	\$5259
Private & Corporate Foundations	7.41%	\$15,411
Miscellaneous	0.45%	\$934
Total	100.00%	\$208,067.00

EXPENDITURES	%	BUDGET \$	Actual %	ACTUAL \$
--------------	---	-----------	----------	-----------

Personnel	25.24%	\$52,000	28.10%	\$55,571
Consultants/Contract Labor	60.68%	\$125,000	56.58%	\$111,903
Insurance/rent/utilities	2.18%	\$4500	2.29%	\$4520
Fundraising costs	1.94%	\$4000	1.97%	\$3900
Supplies/Equip/Outreach	2.91%	\$6000	4.72%	\$9341
Plants and Materials	5.83%	\$12,000	4.87%	\$9624
Miscellaneous	0.49%	\$1000	0.42%	\$829
Travel	0.73%	\$1500	0.91%	\$1803
Total	1	\$206,000.00	1	\$197,767.00

Number of full-time paid staff positions (or full-time equivalents, or hours): 1.75

Number of full-time volunteer staff position (or full-time equivalents, or hours): An East Montpelier resident, Colin McCaffrey, is president of our Board. We do not have volunteer staff positions. As previously noted we do engage volunteers (300-400 annually) on project implementation (tree planting, water quality monitoring, river clean ups etc).