

Town of East Montpelier  
Funding Request Study Committee Meeting  
East Montpelier Municipal Building  
Wednesday, November, 2018  
6:30-8:30

**Minutes:**

In attendance: Committee members – Lindy Johnson, Sandal Cate, Jeana Malachowski, Sue Racanelli, Paul Erlbaum and Catherine Rader.

**Guests** – Matt Levin for Community Harvest of Central VT, Susan Crampton and Justin L. for Twin Valley Seniors, and Jim Lockridge for Big Heavy World.

Prior to this meeting Bruce Johnson had done a great deal of work to solicit applications then to organize them incredibly well in one binder. Our committee members took time to review the applications to make notes so that our review and decision-making would be expedited for this meeting. Thanks to all for all the preparations needed in advance of this session.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

- 1) We heard presentations by the guests listed above. Each explained their goals and objectives for serving their distinct audiences and financial needs associated with each group. Their presentations were helpful in clarifying any questions we had about their organizations. Both Community Harvest of Central VT and Big Heavy World are new funding request organizations. Twin Valley was present to explain their need for the increase.
- 2) Lindy Johnson agreed to serve as the Committee Chair. Sandal Cate volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.
- 3) After the guests left, we discussed all the requests that had been submitted. These notes will only reflect decisions to change a given request and possible rationale for those decisions.
  - a. We will approve \$250 for “Big Heavy World” which supports musicians and conservation of Vermont music across the state. They are currently reaching out to many VT towns as they did to us this year for support. We have many fine local musicians in our town and central VT who may receive assistance from this group.
  - b. We will approve \$250 for Community Harvest of Central VT. Their gleaned food products benefit Twin Valley Seniors and the Community Lunch at the Unitarian Church where our neighbors can get inexpensive meals. They utilize volunteers to organize food collection in a way that works for area farmers.

c. We level-funded Girls/Boyz First @ \$300 as only two students in our town receive mentoring assistance from them at this point. They were requesting \$500.

d. We level-funded Prevent Child Abuse VT @ \$300 as they have a large budget and staff.

e. We approved the increase request from Twin Valley Seniors of \$4,000 (from \$3500 last year) as they explained the total cost of providing Meals on Wheels which they do not even meet with the funds they receive.

f. We level-funded VT Family Network @\$100 as they do not seem to appeal or receive a lot of their funding from area towns and they have a large budget and staff.

The other organizations requesting funds were approved at the amounts requested. Our total suggested funding equals \$23,691 for the FY 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted, Sandal Cate for the E. Mont. Funding Request Committee  
Minutes typed and submitted to Committee Chair, Lindy Johnson, 11/19/18