

Twin Valley Seniors

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Funding Study Request Committee
Town of East Montpelier
P.O. Box 157
East Montpelier, Vt. 05651-0157

For many years Twin Valley Senior Center has asked the taxpayers of East Montpelier to provide funding for the center. Every year we write about the center and all it has to offer along with our request. I was thinking as I was preparing our request and cover letter that there is not much left to say about the center and the wonderful things that take place here.

With saying that, I want the committee to know how much we appreciate the time and thought that you put into the process before bringing before the town taxpayers.

As we move forward I do want the town to know that we need more space for dining area, exercise room and our extracurricular activities. Twin Valley is researching with the hope that we can purchase the existing property we are now renting. With the purchase of the property TVSC could do the expansion needed for the center plus make a permanent home which the center has never had.

As Director, my goal for the rest of this year and 2020 is to visit each town we serve. I am hoping I can do this by having a place in each town where residents could stop by, visit with me so we can discuss the center and all it has to offer. If they can learn what they have available in their own back yard to help them with their well-being and good health plus, combat isolation then, I will feel we have succeeded in helping our aging population in our area.

Respectfully yours,

Rita Copeland

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Executive Director

Town of East Montpelier FY2021 Funding Requests

Each year the Town of East Montpelier receives requests for funds from many different organizations. The Selectboard appoints a committee to review the requests and to recommend which should appear on the Town Meeting Warning for action. The committee requires certain information to make sound decisions for each request. In order for your organization to be considered for funding, it is mandatory that you complete this information form. Submit the form and supplementary information to:

Funding Request Study Committee
Town of East Montpelier
P.O. Box 157, east Montpelier, VT 05651-0157 (submit by mail)
eastmontadmin@comcast.net (submit by email)

On or before **Friday, October 25, 2019**. Incomplete forms and/or requests received after this date will be disqualified for funding. The Committee reserves the right to require any requesting organization to defend its request in person at the Committee's annual meeting normally held in early November. An organization applying for the first time or requesting a substantial increase in funding should expect an invitation to attend the annual meeting.

If your organization operates two or more programs with separate budgets or funding sources, please fill out one form for each program. All information should be given for your latest complete fiscal year (12 months). Approved requests will be acknowledged in the fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) budget for the Town of East Montpelier. Please feel free to submit any other information you feel would be helpful to the committee in making their decision.

If you have any questions please contact Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator, at (802) 223-3313 x 204 or eastmontadmin@comcast.net.

STANDARD INFORMATION

Organization Name: Twin Valley Seniors, Inc.

Address: 4583 U.S. Rte. 2, East Montpelier, Vt. 05651 (P.O. Box 152)

Fiscal Year Reported: 2018-2019

Program Description: Senior Center serving Meals on Wheels, Congregate meals, clinics and different programs.

Name of Person filling out this form: Rita Copeland

Name of Person to contact with questions: Rita Copeland

Phone Number: 802-223-3322 E-mail: Twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUEST: 4,500.00

SERVICE INFORMATION

What is your organization's service area? State? **Washington County?** Or Other? East Montpelier, Calais, Woodbury, Cabot, Marshfield, Plainfield

What is the total number of individuals served by your organization in your prior Fiscal Year? 940 individuals

How many people in East Montpelier were served by your organization in the same period? 26 East Montpelier residents. This is only classes, meals at center & home delivered. Does not include art class, meditation, Tai Chi, Yang 24, free tax service, flu clinics & more.

What type of service(s) does your organization provide to East Montpelier residents? Free exercise program, blood pressure, foot & blood pressure clinics. Free tax service, educational speakers, pet assistance, art classes, and tai chi, meditation, yoga & yang 24 classes.

Approximately how many staff hours are dedicated to provide the services your organization offered East Montpelier residents during this time period? 10,400 staff & volunteer hours.

What services does your organization provide that are not available elsewhere? Meals on Wheels, Congregate meals, socialization, healthy exercise classes. Free transportation, pet assistance, tax preparation free of charge, foot clinics, and more as stated on page 1.

What (if any) organizations provide similar services? None on a daily & monthly basis and also support a gathering place for the elderly to combat loneliness.

If applicable, how does your organization collaborate with organizations providing similar services? We collaborate with hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers, VCIL, physician offices, health centers, CVHHH, CVCOA, local schools and businesses.

In what way are the services your organization provides preventative in nature?

The health clinics are very preventative. The Volunteer delivery drivers do checks on the homebound, nutritional meals, assistance with people needing help @ home, transportation, getting things done for the change of seasons. Helping with food & pet needs for their most beloved companions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How did your organization determine the amount of the funding request? Please explain in detail your reasoning for any increase or decrease (use attached sheet if necessary). TVSC has proven to be an asset to our service area. Our programs for healthy living once again is out of space. The 8% of appropriations from the towns we serve is very

minimal compared to what the taxpayers pay. Our services are and will continue to grow. We see residents come to the center from other areas because they say they cannot afford the annual dues and program fees as they keep increasing.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers in our communities that commit to the center and activities of the center plus, fundraising so we can keep the costs where everyone can take advantage of the center and programs. We are trying to purchase the property we are located at so that we can add more needed space. We want to add more participates and programs in the very near future.

If approved by the town, how will your organization use the funds? We use the town funds to help the overall operations of the center.

Do any of your grant sources require local financial commitment? Explain. NO

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

If yes, indicate your approval type: 501c3: X other: _____

| INCOME SOURCES | PERCENT OF INCOME | TOTAL INCOME |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Federal | 0 | |
| State | 34 | 46,372.00 |
| Local Towns | 8 | 10,500.00 |
| United Way | 0 | |
| Fundraising | 40 | 54,990.80 |
| Other Ind. Donations | 19 | 8,209.50 |
| Other Meals on Wheels | | 17,635.00 |
| Non-Gov't Funds | | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | 101 | 138207.30 |

| EXPENDITURES | Budgeted Percent | Budgeted Dollars | Actual Expense Percent | Actual Expense Dollars |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Personnel | 39 | 53210.00 | 38 | 52550.29 |
| Insurance/Rent/Utilities | 26 | 32208.45 | 24 | 33554.24 |
| Fundraising Costs | 8 | 11487.00 | 12 | 16306.20 |
| Other- Food & Consumables | 19 | 26376.00 | 12 | 15168.01 |
| Other-Maintenance & Contracts | 2 | 3021.90 | 5 | 6631.66 |
| Other-Mileage | 7 | 10000.00 | 9 | 12696.34 |
| Total | 101 | 136303.35 | 100 | 136906.74 |

Number of full-time paid staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours):3,380

Number of full-time volunteer staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours) 6,628