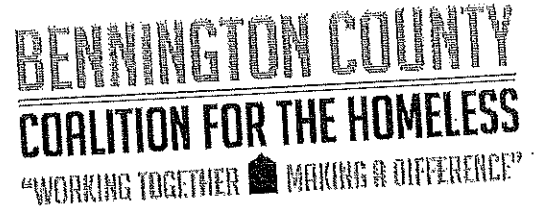


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TO: Town of Bennington, Selectors
From: Stephannie Peters, BCCH Executive Director
RE: Annual Allocation -- Explanation of Use of Funds
Date: November 20, 2019

The Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless is dedicated to collaborating, coordinating, and implementing services to the homeless population in Bennington County. We offer an array of programs and services to help these individuals to regain their self-esteem and ultimately find permanent housing.

In this year, have provided shelter and services to over 280 individuals, including 53 children. We operate an adult shelter at 966 Main Street, and a family transition shelter, Thatcher House, on Pleasant Street. We also have a 4-unit rental apartment building on McCall Street where tenants can have a supported transition while they work with our case manager and other social services agencies to seek more permanent housing. We have also provided referrals and drop-in services (clothing, food, shower, laundry, blankets etc.) to many more. Additionally we have collaborated with numerous community agencies including GBICS, BROCC, SVMC, ESD and UCS to support those facing and experiencing homelessness, as well as our community responses to such a complex issue. In 2019, we had a change in administrative personnel, and added the position of Case Manager/Housing Navigator; this position will enable us to have a more focused approach to having those we serve successfully transition into permanent housing in a timely manner.

Goals for 2020/21 are to partner with Shires Housing to provide a newer and more efficient family shelter, to continue and possibly expand our new case management position, and to collaborate with other community services to expand day (and other) services to those experiencing homelessness.

Revenues from municipalities:

Town of Bennington	\$25,000 (2019)	\$25,000 (2020)
Town of Shaftsbury	\$1,000 (2019)	\$1,000 (2020)
Town of Arlington	\$500 (2019)	\$500 (2020)
Town of Dorset	\$1,000 (2019)	\$1,000 (2020)
Town of Manchester	\$3,500 (2019)	\$3,500 (2020)
Town of Peru	\$500 (2019)	\$500 (2020)

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Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless is extremely grateful for the continued support from the Town of Bennington. Each year, BCCH allocates town funds to support the ongoing effort to alleviate the burden of those experiencing homelessness throughout our community. All town funding is used to support programming and operations expenses which include case management, staffing, utilities, and required insurances.

Attached is our 2018-19 Profit and Loss Statement and our current 2019-20 budget; the 2020-21 budget will be developed in the spring.

I will send you our organization's report for the Annual Town Report in the near future.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,



Stephannie Peters
Executive Director