

BENNINGTON FREE CLINIC
(A Program of Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services, Inc.)
Report to the Town of Bennington for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

The Bennington Free Clinic provides primary medical care to persons over the age of 18 who do not have health insurance or who cannot afford their health insurance premiums and co-pays. In addition to providing access to primary care practitioners, the Free Clinic provides laboratory and X-ray tests, pharmacy prescriptions, and referrals to medically necessary specialty care at no charge to patients. All patients are screened for eligibility for health insurance programs and assisted to apply as appropriate. Referrals are also made to local social service agencies as needed. Medical care at the Bennington Free Clinic is provided by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses, and lay-persons who live in the area. Off-site laboratory and X-ray services are provided on a contractual basis with Southwest Vermont Medical Center.

During the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the Bennington Free Clinic provided 239 medical visits to 136 Bennington residents. Of these, 58 were new patients to the clinic. There were 78 returning patients. Lab tests were ordered in 125 different instances and imaging services in 6. In 169 instances, patients were given stock medications or prescriptions for medications at local pharmacies. 100% of patients were screened for tobacco use. Of new patients, 83% were screened for use of alcohol and other substances and co-occurring mental health conditions. Eight residents took part in smoking cessation services.

In addition, seventy-five Bennington residents were enrolled in and received services from the Ladies First (now You First) program, which provides cancer and cardiovascular disease screening and services for Vermont female residents. Of these women, 14 received a summer CSA share at Clear Brook Farm, 11 received Bennington Recreation Center memberships through Ladies First, and 13 received Bennington Recreation Center memberships through the Bennington Free Clinic.

Eighty-four Bennington residents made 137 appointments with a Navigator to learn about health insurance through Vermont Health Connect. Of these, 59 signed up for health insurance. For too many residents, the cost of insurance premiums and/ or cost of out of pocket expenses precluded enrollment in a health insurance plan. The State of Vermont has discontinued community-based Navigation services as of 2019 and invites residents needing assistance to call the Vermont Health Connect Help Desk at (855) 899-9600.

Also during this period, the Bennington Free Clinic established the Molly Stark Preventative Dental Hygiene Clinic using space at the Molly Stark Elementary School. This free preventative dental hygiene clinic was established for students attending the Molly Stark Elementary School, which has some of the worst oral health outcomes in the State of Vermont. All students in the approximately 500 member student body were asked to return a form that provided basic information about their oral health. Based on the returned forms, 51 high risk children received a targeted visual assessment and cleaning by a Registered Dental Hygienist. Thirty-two children had follow-up examinations by a dentist. Eighty-eight x-rays revealed 156 cavities. Forty-seven children received fluoride varnishes on their teeth; 27 had sealants placed in their 6 year molars. An additional 57 teeth were treated with sodium diamine fluoride, which temporarily arrests the development of dental cavities. Forty-two children were referred to local dentists for further treatment. Of these, 21 had been seen by a dentist by September 2019. Only 12 children had a normal exam. The Preventative Dental Hygiene Clinic will continue its efforts with funding from several foundations and the Town of Bennington.

Residents seeking free medical care are encouraged to call the clinic between 9 AM and 1 PM, Monday through Friday at 802 447 3700. We are located at 121 Depot Street in Bennington.

Town of Bennington Funding Application FY 2021

Name of Organization: Bennington Free Clinic (a program of Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services, Inc)
Address: 121 Depot Street, PO Box 702, Bennington VT 05201
Telephone Number(s): (802) 447-3700 (802) 379-0149
Principal Place of Business: 121 Depot Street, Bennington
Executive Director: Sue Andrews
Board Membership: Please see attached list

Chartered purpose of organization: To provide free primary medical and dental care, and financial support for basic human needs including food, fuel, clothing to low income persons.

Tax Status: 501 (c) (3) tax exempt Federal Tax ID: 03-0369844

	2021 Budget	FY 2020/ Current Budget
Amount of Funds Requested:	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>

Please provide a copy of your budget for FY 2021/ next year and FY 2020/ current year.

Our Fiscal Year is the calendar year. Please find attached our current budget for 2019. The budget for 2020 is under development and will be voted on at the December 2019 meeting of the GBICS Board of Trustees.

Total Budget for Fiscal Year:	FY 2019/ Current Budget
Total Salary and Benefit Cost:	\$183,730
Total Dollars Expended:	\$231,065

% of dollars spent in Bennington:	No major changes	100%
Total Persons Served	anticipated for 2020	504

# of Bennington residents served	346
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List of all other revenue sources (including grants) and amounts. (Please list all towns separately.)

Individuals \$15,000
Faith Communities \$1,236
Business Donations \$3,000
Non-profit donations \$26,000
Municipal (Bennington) \$12,500
Municipal (Pownal) \$2000
Municipal (Shaftsbury) \$1000

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12/2019**

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Budget Narrative

The 2019 draft budget includes a 5% increase for all employees. Rationale is that the free clinics have told the legislature for years that we are doing more work than they are compensating for. In the last legislative session, the VCCU was awarded a significant annual increase in its appropriation. An increase in 5% for employees is recognition that it is they who are doing the work.

This budget gathers oral health activities together for the first time. This column includes the work of the Bennington Oral Health Coalition and the dental hygiene services expansion into Molly Stark Elementary School. Because Molly Stark is new year this year, this is the first time we have a budget for this work.

This budget includes two very part-time positions for 1) a 10 hour per week communications worker, who will work on updating our social and print media efforts; and 2) a 10 hour per week volunteer coordinator, who will work on formalizing our volunteer recruiting, training, supervision and evaluation.

The budget includes moving from two elderly in-house printers/ FAX machine to a leased unit that will accomplish all these tasks. While the service is costed out to be slightly higher than our current efforts, we believe that it will result in increased staff efficiency for those who are using it. The machine will also include regular service, which we do not have presently. Our current machines are on borrowed time.

The budget includes 40 Rec Center memberships at the corporate rate of \$57 each. These will be used for low and moderate income women who wish to work on their cardiovascular health who are not otherwise eligible for the Ladies First Heart Healthy program that will start up again in 2019.

The budget draft includes the full cost of a financial audit to be done in 2019.

2019 GBICS Organizational Budget

2019 ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET		BFC	FFF	GBICS
Income				
4000 · Direct Public Support Revenue				
4001 · Individual Donations		\$5,000	\$50,400	\$55,400
4002 · Faith Community Donations		\$1,200	\$16,397	\$17,597
4003 · Business donations		\$3,000	\$15,550	\$18,550
4004 · Non-profit Organizations		\$25,000	\$3,000	\$28,000
4005 · Other Comm Fundraising			\$2,000	\$2,000
4006 · Municipal		\$15,500		\$15,500
Total 4000 · Direct Public Support Revenue		\$49,700	\$87,347	\$137,047
4100 - Special Events				
4101 Ski for BFC		\$16,025		\$16,025
Total 4100		\$16,025	\$0	\$16,025
4600 · Grants				
4605 - VT DOH Grant		\$91,935		\$91,935
4606 - Ladies First Grant/ Tobacco		\$20,150		\$20,150
4607 · SBIRT		\$0		\$0
Delta Dental Grant		\$20,000		\$20,000
B&J Dental Grant		\$20,000		\$20,000
Other Dental Grant		\$8,000		\$8,000
Food Grants			\$10,000	\$10,000
Total 4600 · Grants		\$160,085	\$10,000	\$170,085
4700 · Other Revenue				
4701 · Miscellaneous Revenue		\$0		\$0
4702 · Interest & Dividends		\$3,000		\$3,000
Total 4700 - Other Revenue		\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Total Income		\$225,810	\$97,347	\$323,157
Expense				
5000 · Personnel Expense				
5001 · Salaries and Wages		\$89,235	\$16,075	\$105,310
5002 - Payroll Taxes		\$6,827	\$1,230	\$8,057
BOHC Coordinator @20 hours per week		\$12,694		\$12,694
5002 - Payroll Taxes		\$971		\$971
Dental Hygienist 20 hours at \$36/ hr		\$28,800		\$28,800
5002 - Payroll Taxes		\$2,203		\$2,203
Communication 10 hours @\$15/hr		\$7,800		\$7,800
5002 - Payroll Taxes		\$597		\$597
Volunteer Coordination 10 hours @\$15/hr		\$7,800		\$7,800
5002 - Payroll Taxes		\$597		\$597
Total 5000 · Personnel Expense		\$157,524	\$17,305	\$174,829
5500 · Contracted Services				
5501 · Accountant Services		\$4,000	\$2,500	\$6,500
Audit Expense		\$5,000		\$5,000
5502 - Other Contracted Services (cleaning)		\$6,500	\$300	\$6,800
Total 5500 · Contracted Services		\$15,500	\$2,800	\$18,300
6000 · Office Expense				
6001 · Office Supplies		\$2,200		\$2,200
6002 - Copying/Printing		\$2,400		\$2,400

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6003 - Postage		\$1,000		\$1,000
6004 - Phone/Internet		\$3,200		\$3,200
6005 - Computer/Software/Equipment/Web		\$1,500		\$1,500
Total 6000 - Office Expense		\$10,300	\$0	\$10,300
6500 - Administration Expenses				
6505 - Dues & Subscriptions		\$300		\$300
6506 - Mileage Reimburse/Other Travel Exp		\$500		\$500
6507 - Director's & Officer's Insurance		\$1,000		\$1,000
6508 - Payroll Fees		\$550		\$550
6509 - General Liability Insurance		\$1,200		\$1,200
6511 - Development Expense		\$0		\$0
6512 - Bank Fees		\$0		\$0
6514 - Advertising & Publicity		\$0		\$0
6515 - Meetings & Conferences		\$1,000		\$1,000
6518 - Miscellaneous Expense		\$0		\$0
6519 - Volunteer Recognition		\$3,000		\$3,000
Employment Practices Insurance		\$300		\$300
6520 - Flood Insurance/Other		\$1,600		\$1,600
6521 - Legal Services		\$0		\$0
6522 - PayPal Fees		\$300		\$300
Total 6500 - Administration Expenses		\$9,750	\$0	\$9,750
6600 - Fundraising Expense				
6602 - Special Event Expense		\$1,000	\$2,033	\$3,033
Total 6600 - Fundraising Expense		\$1,000	\$2,033	\$3,033
7000 - Program Expense				
7001 - Program Supplies		\$7,280	\$45,000	\$52,280
7003 - SVMC Labs and X-Rays		\$3,500		\$3,500
7004 - Pharmaceuticals		\$1,000		\$1,000
7005 - Medical Supplies		\$1,000		\$1,000
7050 - Food Fit Program Supplies		\$0	\$5,209	\$5,209
Total 7000 - Program Expense		\$12,780	\$50,209	\$62,989
7200 - Financial Assistance				
7201 - Home Heating Assistance			\$6,000	\$6,000
7203 - Health Ins Assistance		\$400		\$400
7204 - Electric			\$4,000	\$4,000
7205 - Dental Care Assistance		\$7,000		\$7,000
7206 - Transportation Assistance			\$1,500	\$1,500
7207 - Rent Assistance			\$10,000	\$10,000
7208 - Miscellaneous Assistance			\$3,500	\$3,500
Total 7200 - Financial Assistance		\$7,400	\$25,000	\$32,400
8000 - Facility Expense				
8002 - Trash Removal		\$1,500		\$1,500
8003 - Electricity		\$6,000		\$6,000
8004 - Maintenance & Repairs		\$1,000		\$1,000
8005 - Water & Sewer		\$1,100		\$1,100
8007 - Heat		\$2,500		\$2,500
8008 - Snow Removal/Landscaping		\$1,000		\$1,000
8009 - Cleaning Supplies		\$456		\$456
8010 - Non-Capital Furnishings/Equip		\$1,000		\$1,000
Total 8000 - Facility Expense		\$14,556		\$14,556

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Total Expense		\$228,810	\$97,347	\$326,157
Net Income		-\$3,000	\$0	-\$3,000

**BENNINGTON FREE CLINIC
SUMMARY OF BUDGET TOTALS FOR PAST 6 Y**

	2019	2018
TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$231,065	\$161,052
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFIT COST	\$183,730	\$105,999
TOTAL DOLLARS EXPENDED		
% OF DOLLARS EXPENDED IN BENNINGTON	100%	100%
TOTAL PERSONS SERVED	504	391
# OF BENNINGTON RESIDENTS SERVED	346	224

YEARS

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	\$143,594	\$161,095	\$154,064	\$96,791	\$78,370
	\$103,070	\$114,795	\$78,642	\$51,150	\$43,556
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
526	510	506	621	427	
254	270	276	342	210	