



MEMORANDUM

To: Bennington Select Board
From: Cathy Aliberti, Director Green Mountain RSVP
Re: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget request for level funding
Date: November 20, 2019

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), a Senior Corps program of the Corporation for Community and National Service (CNCS) is a volunteer network, connecting volunteers age 55 and over with people and organizations that need them the most. Our program covers Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties and our fiscal sponsor is The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. We match volunteers with many nonprofit organizations, including The AARP TaxAide Program, Meals on Wheels/senior meal sites, schools, blood drives, hospitals, libraries, and museums. We place volunteers with social service agencies as drivers to medical appointments and companions who visit with or help seniors balance checkbooks and pay bills. We sponsor the popular Bone Builder program which is an exercise class for seniors to help address osteoporosis.

We are currently in the third year of our CNCS Federal grant. We are required to collect and report on impact areas within our grant and feel that we will hit our target numbers by the end of the grant cycle as we have already reached our goals in many areas.

In the town of Bennington, we have 110 volunteers placed. Our volunteers processed 892 tax returns for the AARP TaxAide program. Volunteers staffed blood drives at the Baptist Church and SVMC, delivered and helped prepare meals for Bennington County Meals on Wheels, supported the Bennington Free Library, Bennington Museum, Bennington Project Independence, CRJ, Downtown Alliance, Green Mountain Community Network, HIS Food Pantry, Molly Stark Elementary, Seedlings, the Senior Center, Sunrise, and SVCOA.

We trained and certified the volunteer leaders and provided weights for the class participants of the five bone builder classes in Bennington. There active Bone Builder classes are at the Senior Center (2), Brookdale at

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Fillmore Pond, Missionary Alliance Church, and St. Peters Episcopal Church. These classes in total regularly have 50 participants. In addition to the benefits of the exercise, we have found that participants feel improved social connections within the community.

In January, we held our annual “Stuff the Bus” food drive, collecting over 1 ton of non-perishable food donations, which were dispersed throughout the county and specifically in Bennington to BROCC, The Kitchen Cupboard, HIS Food Pantry, and Grace Christian Ministries.

It is our wish to continue these relationships and support our community partners with all these programs in the year ahead. I would like to see our program increase the number of volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery and Green Mountain Community Network for rides for seniors to medical appointments. We have begun offering training for our volunteers and to the Bennington community on the topic of senior financial exploitation. We have 3 volunteers so far in Bennington who have done “Fraud Squad” presentations. We are seeking outside grants to grow this initiative.

All GMRSVP Volunteers enjoy the benefits of supplemental insurance, direct support from the volunteer coordinator, newsletters, volunteer recognition events, information and social gatherings, supplies and equipment. In addition, Bone Builder classes are provided weights for the group and instructor training and certification. Nonprofit organizations benefit from GMRSVP recruitment and orientation of volunteers. DMV and Criminal Record Checks are done on all volunteers expected to work with vulnerable clients which is a significant savings for organizations where volunteers are placed.

Our office in Bennington is located on Benmont Ave and my contact information is at the bottom of the page. Please let me know if you have additional questions. We appreciate your support and consideration of this request of level funding of \$5500.00.

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GMRSVP Budget

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging is our fiscal sponsor. Green Mountain RSVP has a separate budget. Our budget runs on our grant cycle, April 1st through March 31st.

	FY 20	FY 21	Bennington	Windham	Windsor
Revenue					
Federal Grant	\$ 182,400	\$ 182,400			
State Funds	\$ 37,774	\$ 37,774			
Town Funds	\$ 21,216	\$ 22,116			
other	\$ 35,838	\$ 40,346			
Total revenue	\$ 277,228	\$ 282,636			
Expenses					
1. Personnel	151,335	\$ 154,657	\$ 58,673	\$ 52,877	\$ 43,107
2. Fringe	53,251	\$ 47,959	\$ 18,195	\$ 16,397	\$ 13,367
3. Travel	6,500	\$ 7,140	\$ 3,132	\$ 1,884	\$ 2,124
4. Supplies	1,500	\$ 1,586	\$ 696	\$ 418	\$ 472
5. Rent/Util.	11,142	\$ 12,291	\$ 2,435	\$ 4,456	\$ 5,400
6. Tel./Post.	6,700	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,281	\$ 1,372	\$ 1,547
7. Equipment	0		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8. Insurance	4,300	\$ 3,315	\$ 1,454	\$ 875	\$ 986
9. Audit	0		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10. Vehicle Oper.	0		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11. Raw Food	0		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12. Training	1,000	\$ 613	\$ 269	\$ 162	\$ 182
13. Other	7,500	\$ 13,165	\$ 5,775	\$ 3,473	\$ 3,917
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Grants/Contracts	2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 877	\$ 528	\$ 595
15. Administration	32,000	\$ 34,710	\$ 15,225	\$ 9,157	\$ 10,328
Subtotal Expense	277,228	\$ 282,636	\$ 109,012	\$ 91,597	\$ 82,026
Volunteer by county:					
Bennington		143			
Windham		86			
Windsor		97			

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Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer, as they continue to address needs that impact the local area. Your funding enables us to support volunteers with recognition and additional liability insurance. It helps pay for training of our Bone Builder leaders and for supplies for those classes, which there are two new ones in Bennington at the Senior Center. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps. Your support can truly make a difference for Bennington with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

We are asking for level funding from all towns for FY20 besides Brattleboro, we have increased that request by \$500. We always request \$600 from Putney, but there is a formula they use based on their receipts, so each year, the disbursements vary. We have added the Town of Wilmington to request funds from.

Town	County	FY20	FY21
Arlington	Bennington	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Bennington	Bennington	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Manchester	Bennington	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Pownal	Bennington	\$ 600	\$ 600
Shaftsbury	Bennington	\$ 950	\$ 950
Brattleboro	Windham	\$ 700	\$ 1,200
Dover	Windham	\$ 500	\$ 500
Guilford	Windham	\$ 485	\$ 485
Londonderry	Windham	\$ 415	\$ 415
Marlboro	Windham	\$ 230	\$ 230
Newfane	Windham	\$ 400	\$ 400
Putney	Windham	\$ 681	\$ 681
Rockingham	Windham	\$ 500	\$ 500
Townshend	Windham	\$ 275	\$ 275
Westminister	Windham	\$ 775	\$ 775
Whitingham	Windham	\$ 305	\$ 305
Wilmington	Windham		\$ 400
Cavandish	Windsor	\$ 200	\$ 200
Chester	Windsor	\$ 400	\$ 400
Hartford	Windsor	\$ 800	\$ 800
Hartland	Windsor	\$ 200	\$ 200
Ludlow	Windsor	\$ 500	\$ 500
Springfield	Windsor	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Weathersfield	Windsor	\$ 300	\$ 300
Windsor	Windsor	\$ 500	\$ 500
Woodstock	Windsor	\$ 500	\$ 500
		\$ 21,216	\$ 22,116

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