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**GBICS: Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services, Inc.**

To: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager  
Town of Bennington Select Board  
From: D. Scott Winslow, Executive Director (director@gbicsbennington.org)  
Charles Gingo, Chair, Board of Directors  
GBICS  
Date: 12/7/2020  
Re: Application for Town Appropriation of \$12,500 for the Bennington Free Clinic

GBICS' **mission** is to advance the health of our neighbors by helping them meet their basic human needs including access to food, shelter and healthcare. The Bennington Free Clinic (BFC), one of GBICS' core programs, provides free primary medical care to uninsured and underinsured adults. Clinic programs also include assistance applying for insurance through Vermont Health Connect, an on-site You First Champion (formerly Ladies First), and tobacco cessation counseling. The Bennington Oral Health Coalition, a related program, manages a dental clinic at the Molly Stark Elementary School and works with community partners to improve oral health in our community.

The most important **success** from the current year has been responding to the COVID pandemic, adapting our Clinic operations for the safety of our patients, volunteers, and staff. Not a **failure**, but a challenge has been that after initially reducing our patient schedule and then re-opening with safety protocols, our patient volume remains unusually low. We don't know why that is—surely there is still need in the community—but we speculate that some people may be reluctant to seek medical care during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the Molly Stark dental clinic has been closed since the beginning of the pandemic in March. Our primary **expectation** for the coming year is that we will continue to operate with COVID restrictions and protocols through at least June. While we don't yet know what role, if any, the Bennington Free Clinic will play in a COVID vaccination program, our hope is that a widely available and accepted vaccine will allow us all to return to something like normal by next summer.

As in past years and in the current year, the BFC will **use any funds raised** from municipal appropriations to provide free primary medical care to uninsured and underinsured adults, including appropriate and necessary laboratory and X-ray services, pharmaceuticals, specialist referrals, and occupancy costs.

Other municipal funding in the current year includes \$2,000 from the Town of Pownal, and \$1,000 from the Town of Shaftsbury. We have requested those same appropriations from them for FY 2022.

We are providing copies of our CY 2020 budget and our CY 2019 IRS Form 990 attached to the same email with this application. Our CY 2021 budget will not be approved until later in December, 2020.

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**GBICS Budget 2020**

	<b>Total All 2020 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>4000 · Direct Public Support Revenue</b>	
<b>Bennington Free Clinic:</b>	
Individual Donations	55,000
Faith Community Donations	26,000
Business donations	10,500
<b>Total Bennington Free Clinic</b>	<b>91,500</b>
<b>Food &amp; Fuel Fund:</b>	
Individual Donations	12,000
Faith Community Donations	12,000
Business donations	2,000
Non-profit Organizations	3,000
Other Community Fundraising	2,000
<b>Total Fuel &amp; Food Fund:</b>	<b>31,000</b>
<b>Kitchen Cupboard:</b>	
Other Community Fundraising	2,000
<b>Total Kitchen Cupboard:</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>GBICS:</b>	
Individual Donations	20,000
<b>Total GBICS:</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Total 4000 - Direct Public Support</b>	<b>144,500</b>
<b>4100 · Community &amp; Special Events</b>	
Ski for the BFC	15,000
Empty Bowls	26,500
<b>Total 4100 · Community &amp; Special Events</b>	<b>41,500</b>
<b>4600 · Grants</b>	
4603 - Navigator Grant	
4604 · Other Grant Income	31,260
4605 · VT DOH Grant	92,747
4606 · You First	20,150
4608 · Delta Dental Grant	5,000
4609 - Ben & Jerry Foundation	20,000
4611 - Tobacco Cessation Grant	13,000
4612 - Heart Healthy Nav Grant	4,320
4613 - Food Fit Bennington	1,600
<b>Total 4600 · Grants</b>	<b>188,077</b>
<b>4700 · Other Revenue</b>	
4702 · Interest & Dividends	4,000
<b>Total 4700 · Other Revenue</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>378,077</b>

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		<b>Total All 2020 Budget</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>5000 · Personnel Expense</b>		
5001 · Salaries and Wages		186,287
5002 · Payroll Taxes		9,426
<b>Total 5000 · Personnel Expense</b>		<b>195,713</b>
<b>5500 · Contracted Services</b>		
5501 · Accountant Services		7,000
<b>Total 5500 · Contracted Services</b>		<b>7,000</b>
<b>6000 · Office Expense</b>		
6001 · Office Supplies		3,000
6002 · Copying & Printing		3,000
6003 · Postage		1,700
6004 · Phone/Internet		3,200
6005 · Technology Expense		1,500
<b>Total 6000 · Office Expense</b>		<b>12,400</b>
<b>6500 · Administration Expenses</b>		
6505 · Dues & Subscriptions		1,500
6506 · Mileage /Other Travel Expense		1,200
6507 · Directors & Officers Insurance		843
6508 · Payroll Fees		250
6509 · General Liability Insurance		3,166
6515 · Meetings & Conferences		700
6519 · Volunteer Recognition		3,000
6520 · Flood/Other Insurance		1,457
6524 · Prof Liability Insurance		600
65xx · Employment Practices Insurance		293
<b>Total 6500 · Administration Expenses</b>		<b>13,009</b>
<b>7000 · Program Expense</b>		
7001 · Program Supplies		49,280
7002 · Food Fit Supplies		1,500
7003 · SVMC Labs and X-Rays		3,500
7004 · Pharmaceuticals		1,000
7005 · Medical Supplies		1,000
<b>Total 7000 · Program Expense</b>		<b>56,280</b>
<b>7200 · Financial Assistance</b>		
7201 · Home Heating Assistance		6,000
7204 · Electric Assistance		5,500
7206 · Transportation Assistance		1,500
7207 · Rent Assistance		10,000
7208 · Miscellaneous Assistance		2,000
<b>Total 7200 · Financial Assistance</b>		<b>25,000</b>
<b>8000 · Facility Expense</b>		
8002 · Trash Removal		1,200

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	Total All 2020 Budget
8003 - Electricity Expense	6,000
8004 - Maintenance & Repairs	2,200
8005 - Water & Sewer	1,100
8006 - Heat	7,000
8007 - Snow Removal/Landscaping	1,000
8009 - Cleaning Supplies	500
8010 - Non-Capital Furnishings/Equip	1,000
<b>Total 8000 - Facility Expense</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>329,402</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>48,675</b>



**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

GBICS advances the health of our community by helping people meet their basic needs, including access to food, shelter, and health care

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 248,880 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 424,004)  
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4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 248,880