Central Vermont Community Action Council

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October 14, 2011

Dear Jennifer:

It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to thank Central Vermont communities for their generous support of the Central Vermont Community Action Council with a town allocation. According to our records, the citizens of Waitsfield voted an allocation of $300 at your last town meeting.

Invoice: Many towns ask that we send an invoice so we have enclosed one with this letter. If we have sent this invoice in error please contact Justine Johnson at jjohnson@cvcac.org or (802)479-1053. Sometimes checks and invoices cross in the mail.

Report: We do our best to carefully track the types of services we provide to town residents each year to show how your community investment helps leverage substantial additional resources. I have enclosed a hard copy of our report for Waitsfield. If you have sent instructions for electronic submission, an electronic copy of our report will be sent shortly to the e-mail address you have indicated. If you have not yet requested an electronic submission but would like one, please contact Justine. Let us know if you have other report formatting requirements.

Allocation Request: I have also included a letter with our official allocation request of $300 for the upcoming year. We are not asking for a funding increase this year. If a petition is required we will have those signatures to you in a timely fashion. If you would like a Community Action representative to come to a community meeting to discuss our organization and our request, we would be happy to do so. Please let me know date, time and place, and I will arrange for a representative to attend.

Every town seems to do things a bit differently, so thank you again for your support and for processing all of this information! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Central Vermont Community Action Council
Allocation Request

Central Vermont Community Action Council respectfully requests a budget allocation of $300 from the citizens of Waitsfield to be determined at the next Town Meeting. Our request remains the same as last year; we are not seeking an increase.

Central Vermont Community Action Council helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. We work to alleviate the effects of poverty, help people move out of poverty, and advocate for economic justice. Each year Community Action serves more than 15,000 individuals living in 56 central Vermont communities. Our staff often work with a family in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. This past year, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance continued to grow, and our work expanded to provide front-line flood relief and recovery support in the aftermath of both May and August storms. Hand-in-hand, we help Vermonters develop the skills to tackle problems, identify goals, find the resources and take control of their futures. We offer housing counseling, financial education, home weatherization, early childhood education, green job skills training, business counseling and more. Together, we create economic opportunities for all Vermonters.

Thank you for your continued support.

October 14, 2011

TOWN ALLOCATION INVOICE

The Central Vermont Community Action Council respectfully requests payment of $300 as allocated by the residents of Waitsfield at their most recent Town Meeting.

Please make checks payable to: CVCAC.

Contact Justine Johnson, jjohnson@cvcac.org or (802)479-1053, with questions regarding this invoice.

Thank you!

Central Vermont Community Action Council
Fall 2011 Report to the Citizens of Waitsfield

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 18,222 people in 9,373 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, green jobs training and more.

Program and services accessed by 50 Waitsfield families with 77 residents include:

- 26 households with 50 people found emergency help with food, heating or housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- When their family could not afford groceries, 25 adults and children accessed food through our food shelves.
- Our housing counselors helped 3 families to find and keep affordable, safe housing.
- 9 households with 14 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 8 households received professional, free tax preparation and filing, ensuring the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due. $6,068 in tax refunds helped families stretch their budget, build savings or invest in their families and communities.
- 1 child was in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 2 additional family members.
- 1 home was weatherized at no charge, making it warmer and more energy efficient for a senior resident.
- 2 people attended do-it-yourself Weatherization Skillshops, gaining hands-on training and the building science background to make energy-saving home improvements on their own.
- 2 people found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Vermont Car Coach, including 1 car purchase and 1 car repair.
- 6 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 1 child care provider received nutrition education and was reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the children in their care.
- 1 person saved towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security.
- 5 people worked with a Vt Green career counselor to prepare for a job in the green economy, attended training to build green job skills and received industry credentials.

Community Action thanks the residents of Waitsfield for their generous support this year!