

Central Vermont Council on Aging
Information and Resources for Seniors
30 Washington Street Barre, VT 05641-4279

November 24, 2008

Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, Vermont 05673

Dear Town Clerk:

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) would like to request \$1,200 from the Town of Waitsfield for fiscal year 2009-10. Your annual appropriation supports our Case Management Department which provides a variety of services in helping older Vermonters remain as independent as possible in their homes and communities. These services include in-home case management, information and assistance, and health insurance counseling.

Funding from 54 Central Vermont towns is essential to CVCOA, not only financially but also in recognition that accessible services for this vulnerable population is a priority. It is critical that we all understand the growing demand for home-based services and the need to maintain the infrastructure necessary to provide resources for living independently.

Waitsfield's past support allowed CVCOA to maintain case management hours available to the growing number of older residents of your town. In 2007, CVCOA served 42 residents of Waitsfield; that number increased to 62 in 2008.

CVCOA's annual report will be mailed to you under separate cover and a summary of our 2008 services is attached. Thank you for your consideration of our request for next year.

Sincerely,

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**Central Vermont Council on Aging
Report of Services to the Town of Waitsfield
October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008**

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a nonprofit organization that assists elders in remaining independent as long as possible in their homes and communities. The Council uses federal, state, and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

CVCOA requests town funding to support its case management department in assessing clients' needs, developing individualized care plans, and connecting them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The case manager for Waitsfield is Don Brown (802/476-0116). In FY 2007, CVCOA served 42 older residents of Waitsfield; that number increased to 62 in 2008.

Other services provided directly or under contract include community and home delivered meals; food stamp outreach; transportation to essential destinations; legal services; health insurance counseling including Medicare Part D; companionship; assistance with household tasks; nutrition education; caregiver support services; support for senior center activities; and mental health services. CVCOA involves community volunteers by sponsoring programs such as Neighbor to Neighbor Ameri-Corps, Senior Companion, and Home Share of Central Vermont.

Call the Senior Help Line at 1-800-642-5119 for more information. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older Central Vermonters provided by the Town of Waitsfield.