

Valerie Capels
4144 Main Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

November 30, 2016

Dear Valerie,

It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to thank central Vermont communities for their generous support of Capstone Community Action 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 me at ylory@capstonevt.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. We are currently in the process of wrapping up our fiscal year for finances and will provide you with our financial reports for your town as soon as possible. If you have sent instructions for electronic submission, an electronic copy of our report will be sent to the e-mail address you have indicated. If you have not yet requested an electronic submission but would like one, please contact me. Please 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 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.

Many towns seem to do things just 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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Capstone Community Action
Allocation Request

Capstone Community Action 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.

Capstone Community Action formerly known as 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 over 15,000 Vermonters, the majority of whom live in the 56 central Vermont communities that comprise our primary service area. Our staff often works with a family in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. In recent years, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance have continued to grow. 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, job skills training, business counseling and more. Together, we create economic opportunities for all Vermonters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Capstone Community Action Fall 2016 Report to the Citizens of Waitsfield

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as 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, Capstone Community Action served 15,064 people in 8,931 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, workforce training, healthcare navigation, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 31 Waitsfield households representing 46 individuals this past year included:

- 17 individuals in 9 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 4 households with 8 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 5 individuals in 3 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 child was in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 1 additional family member.
- 2 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 7 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 1 person saved towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security
- 2 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

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