



Empowering Seniors and Caregivers
Senior Helpline 1-800-642-5119

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Town Clerk
Waitsfield VT

Dear Town Clerk:

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) would like to request \$1200 from the Town of Waitsfield for fiscal year 2014-15. This is the same amount requested and approved last town meeting. 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. The Case Manager for Waitsfield is Don Brown who can be reached at 476-0116.

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.

Sincerely,

Beth Stern
Executive Director



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**Central Vermont Council on Aging
2014 Report of Services to the Town of Waitsfield**

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For forty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Waitsfield.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are case management; information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. We sponsor the Senior Companion program. CVCOA served 36 Waitsfield residents with Case Management services and responded to 59 calls from Waitsfield residents on our Senior HelpLine.

Older residents of the town of Waitsfield often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Waitsfield is Don Brown. He can be reached at 476-1692.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the town of Waitsfield.