

Central Vermont
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October 21, 2010

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 I 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,



Sarah Phillips
Development Manager

Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC) Fall 2010 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 work with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities. This year, Community Action served 16,182 people in 8,876 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including emergency food and Crisis Fuel, home Weatherization assistance and more.

Program and services accessed by 43 Waitsfield families with 72 residents include:

- 20 households with 49 people were provided with emergency services, including food, heating and housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 3 families sought housing assistance through our Family Housing Partnership program.
- 21 households with 62 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 3 households received professional, free tax preparation and filing, ensuring the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due.
- 4 households used our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic to resolve IRS controversies and find information on their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers.
- 2 people found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Vermont Car Coach, including 1 car purchase.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 2 women received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 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 started saving towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security.
- 7 people worked with a Vt Green career counselor to prepare for a job in the green economy: 5 attended training to gain green job skills; 2 received industry credentials or certification and 5 secured a job.

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

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Central Vermont Community Action Council
Allocation Request

The 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.

The Central Vermont Community Action Council helps central Vermont residents 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 CVCAC serves more than 15,000 individuals living in 56 central Vermont communities. This past year, we experienced substantial increases in demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance. Our staff often work with a family in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. Hand-in-hand, we help Vermonters develop the skills to tackle problems, identify goals, secure the needed resources and take control of their futures. We offer financial literacy training, early childhood education, green job skills training, business counseling, home weatherization and more. Together, we create economic opportunities for all Vermonters.

Thank you for your continued support.