

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

November 17, 2009

Town Clerk
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 2010-11. Your annual appropriation supports our Case Management Department which provides a variety of services in helping older central Vermonters remain as independent as possible in their homes and communities.

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.

Your past support allowed CVCOA to increase 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 and to 95 in 2009.

Attached is a summary of services provided to the Town of Waitsfield for your Town Report and our annual report is being sent to you under separate cover. Thank you for your consideration of our funding request for next year.

Sincerely,

Margaret Harmon
Development Coordinator
802/229-0624

**Central Vermont Council on Aging
Report of Services to the Town of Waitsfield
October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009**

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 more than thirty 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: information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support services and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp outreach; and assistance with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions, Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps, and Home Share of Central Vermont.

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, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. In 2008, CVCOA served 62 Waitsfield residents; that number increased to 95 in 2009.

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.