

Agency Request Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2011
Hinesburg Town Hall

Present:

Kate Schubart, Chair
Kate Dodge
Katharine Hikel, Secretary

The Committee reviewed grant requests for fiscal year 2012, and adjusted award recommendations with regard to the Town and the Committee's ongoing (30 years) mission to support social service agencies whose work benefits Hinesburg citizens.

Requirements for approval of requests include filing the application form by the deadline (the form is available on the Town web site), and a letter explaining any change in the numbers served or the amount applied for.

This year's award total is \$29,150. We based our recommendations on the amount of services rendered to our residents, and the current economic climate, which affects these agencies as well as the people who rely on them.

We recommend these grant awards to the following agencies:

Hinesburg Community Resource Center
Visiting Nurse Assn.
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging
Women Helping Battered Women
Chittenden Community Action
Hinesburg Rides
COTS
Howard Center
Maple Leaf Farm
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf
Vermont CARES
Vermont Center for Independent Living
Women's Rape Crisis Center
The American Red Cross (VT)

Details of grant awards can be found in the Town of Hinesburg Annual Report.

While we have no precise way of knowing outcomes – many of the services provided are confidential, as they should be – we know that, in these continuing times of need, a support network may make a huge difference in a person’s or a family’s well-being.

The reports we receive from agencies, and their annual requests, indicate that while we are achieving our goals of assisting our community members in need, the need is still with us, and is likely to increase. In keeping with the spirit of mutual assistance in our community and the continuing need for essential and emergency services, we encourage Hinesburg residents to contribute independently to any of these worthy organizations.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the organizational work of Renae Marshall, Special Projects Coordinator, in her support of this Committee's activities, especially in coordinating the request application procedure.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine Hikel, secretary