

October 10, 2019

Matt Krasnow, Selectboard Chair
Town of Charlotte
P.O. Box 119
Charlotte, VT 05445

Dear Mr. Krasnow and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Charlotte for our fiscal year 2019.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Charlotte in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$200.00 from the Town of Charlotte to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our preliminary FY'20 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
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Enclosures

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$200.00

For the last 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY19 (10/2018-9/2019) show VCIL responded to over **3,600** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **250** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **163** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **122** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **86** individuals with information on assistive technology; **46** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **499** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '19, **1** resident of **Charlotte** received services from the following programs:

- AgrAbility Program
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

Vermont Center for Independent Living
FY'20 Approved Budget

INCOME	FY20 Budget Approved	EXPENSES	FY20 Budget Approved
Federal Grants		Specific Assistance	
704 North	678,494	VHCB (FY20)	398,000
704 South	295,320	VHCB (FY19)	36,240
SILC grant	150,000	Meals on Wheels	387,879
NIDILRR	18,700	SILC Grant	35,000
USDA (FY20-21)	70,000	EDP equipment	35,250
USDA (FY19-20)	16,619	USDA (FY20-21)	59,500
		USDA (FY19-20)	16619
State Grants		VIRS "Off-Contract" Interpreters	10,000
VHCB (FY'20)	545,000	Total Specific Assistance	978,488
VHCB (FY'19)	36,240	Operational Expenses	
Meals on Wheels	484,972		
		Salaries	928,668
Other Grants		Fringe Benefits	360,984
Wellness Workforce Coalition		Total Personal Services	1,289,652
VIRS	55,000		
VIRS - "off-contract" Interpreters	10,000	Agency Operating Expenses	
EDP grant	75,000	Professional Services	64,264
VR Youth	80,000	Board Expenses	3,000
		Occupancy	76,784
Misc Income		Travel - mileage	19,000
Cities & Towns	48,000	Printing & Publication	11,000
Donations - Unrestricted	25,000	Telecommunications	22,708
Program/Restricted Donations	-	Supplies	31,000
Subscriptions/reimburs.	3,500	General Insurance	46,000
VIRS referral fees	55,000	Postage	11,400
Other Income	5,000	Equip Lease, Repair & Maint	24,500
Investment Income	-	Advertising & Outreach	6,500
		Dues & Subscriptions	7,500
		Training/conferences/travel	21,348
		Depreciation Expense	29,701
		Peer Skills Trainings	4,000
		Miscellaneous	5,000
		Wellness Workforce Direct Exp	-
		Total Operating Expenses	383,705
Total Income	2,651,845	Total Expenses	2,651,846
		Net Income	-