

Town of Brentwood
Regional Associations Committee Meeting
January 17, 2023

Committee members present: Rebecca Dunham (Chair), Laura Hajjar, Bob Stephens, Lynn Austin, Michelle Siudut; Alternate Karen Veinotte
Guests present: Letty Bedard

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 4:55 pm. Motion by Laura, seconded by Bob to approve minutes from the 2/8/2022 meeting; motion passed 3-0-1.

Rebecca reviewed the submission written for the Town Annual Report. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Laura to approve; motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca gave an overview of the application process as it pertains to this committee. Karen Clement date-stamps applications as they are received; organizations who are approved for funding are notified. NH Charitable Association noted how generous NH residents have been this year.

Although some organizations cannot identify the exact number of Brentwood residents who are serviced, all 2023 applicants do service Brentwood residents.

Rebecca distributed the summary of 2023 applicants. Our approved budget is \$17,500; there were 6 applications requesting a total of \$17,857.

There were a number of organizations who received CARES funding and PPE loans over the last 2 years; we suspect that is part of the reason we did not receive as many requests as we have in the past (6 applicants this year vs 9 applicants last year.

Austin 17 House

2023 Request: \$5,000 ***Committee approved \$4,740***

Previous Requests: No request for 2022; \$1,000 request/\$1,300 approved for 2021

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$120,000/\$122,458/\$121,110

Brentwood residents served: 15-20**

Completed application. Meets criteria. 2021 IRS 990. All materials received except audit – may be a budget issue due to small size of organization. Bronze Charity rating. Mission Statement: “To build confidence, creativity, and resilience in the youth and families in our communities.” Services are not provided on a sliding scale. Serves 12 towns in Greater Rockingham County. Value of Brentwood residents’ donations: \$1,000. No federal or state funds received. “2023 request will be used to support local youth to participate in programs and receive free meals.” Stated plans to increase revenue: constant search for grants, special events, solicitation of corporate and individual donations. Fund raising done by staff, board and volunteers.

**** 15-20 youths enrolled; this figure does not include event #'s for attendees.**

Community Children's Fund

2023 Request: \$1,000 **Committee approved \$940**

Previous Requests: \$1,000 requested/approved for 2020, 2021, 2022

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$131,293/\$131,293/\$109,793**

Brentwood residents served: 20***

Completed application. Meets criteria. 2020 IRS 990 for Exeter Charitable Foundation. All materials provided; no audit due to cost considerations. No charity rating listed. Funding request is specifically for CCF part of EACF. CCF is under the auspices of the Exeter Area Charitable Foundation which provides communication assistance and office space. Mission Statement: "The mission of the Community Children's Fund (CCF) is to raise money for warm clothing and bedding to children in need that reside in our eleven-town service area." All families are income qualified by our partner social service agencies and meet 185% poverty level. No federal, state or county revenue; increased revenue stream from corporate/businesses sponsorships; also gaming revenue.

** EACF revenue/budget/expense report includes staff, insurance, events fees, scholarship; surplus of \$21,499.61; records from 2020-2022 show they consistently increase revenue; EACF also provided scholarships totaling \$10,000 in 2021.

***7 families with a total value of vouchers \$2,560 plus \$500 to Swasey and \$750 to CMS; total distributions: fall 2021 -over \$87,000 to 600 children; total voucher value year-to-year varies with need and school population. Will 2023 need be greater due to inflation?

Rockingham Cm Action SNHS

2023 Request: \$5,707* **Committee approved \$5,647**

Previous Requests: \$5,707 requested for 2020, 2021, 2022; Committee funded \$5,700 each year

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$82,375,028/\$80,975,027/\$82,375,028**

Brentwood residents served: ***

Partially completed application. Meets criteria; non-profit corporation. 2019 IRS 990; last year submitted 2018 IRS. RCA is a program of Southern NH Services. No charity rating listed. Materials provided: Mission statement: "The mission of Rockingham Community Action is to prevent, reduce and work towards elimination of poverty. This is accomplished by offering a variety of services to address people's immediate needs, providing the tools and skills to help achieve self-reliance and improve long term quality of life, and working in partnership with the community and other service providers to address the root causes of poverty." Brentwood is served by Raymond's Resource Center; works directly with welfare officers' requests. Cash value of services to Brentwood residents: \$61,137- primarily fuel assistance, homelessness prevention, electrical assistance, WIC nutrition, child and adult care food program; 12,129 households served in Rockingham County;

*Long-term support by Brentwood of RCA for immediate welfare assistance, welfare officer connects residents directly to SNHS for immediate crisis needs such as fuel assistance.

** "forecast" figures for budget, revenue and expense for 2022; partially filled out form; overall budget of SNHS increased from 40 million in 2019 to 82 million in 2022 (40 million for homelessness).

***did not list # of Brentwood households, gave cash value of services \$61,137; direct client assistance (non-overhead) \$48,766,367.

Rockingham Nutrition

2023 Request: \$2,100* **Committee approved \$2,040**

Previous Requests: 2022 requested/approved \$2,040; 2020-2021 requested/approved \$1,340

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$4,070,589 /\$4,070,589/\$4,070,589

Brentwood residents served: 25***

Full name: Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels. Application form “integrated” (typed) into their narrative written text. Meets criteria. On Guidestar – no rating listed. 2020 IRS 990. All materials provided. Required to fundraise to match Federal funds. Mission Statement: “Here at Rockingham Nutrition, we provide nutritional meals, wellness services, rides, and support services to Rockingham County residents who because of age, or disability, permanent or temporary, need support to maintain their health, wellbeing and independence.” Only 9.2% for overhead, 91.6% for services. Paid staff, directors and volunteers fundraise. Bulk of revenue from: Older Americans Act Congregate Meals Title IIIC (12.3%), Older Americans Act Home Delivered Meals Title IIIC (24.8%), Social Services Block Grant Title XX MOW;(11.7%), Home & Community Based Care Program for the Elderly and Chronically Ill (8%), Nutrition services Incentive Program (5.7%); Older Americans Rides Act Title IIIB (6.5%); funding gaps and decreases in past couple of years to title IIIC and XX MOW. RNMOW raised 21.1% of revenue

* modest increase over 2021 and 2022; meals and transportation (rides). Lamprey Healthcare used to provide driving but they stopped and RN has taken that over

*** 25 residents received 2222 meals and wellness checks, and 269 rides.

TASC

2023 Request: \$750* **Committee approved \$690**

Previous Requests: 2020-2022 requested/approved \$750

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$127,885/\$113,977/\$113,977

Brentwood residents served: 5**

Full name: Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens. Completed application. Meets all criteria. 2021 IRS 990. All materials provided. Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency. Mission statement: “TASC’s Mission is to help people maintain their health, independence, and dignity by mobilizing volunteer drivers to provide rides to eligible residents of the New Hampshire Seacoast communities we serve.” Residents of 11 towns eligible. “Funds will be used to defray the costs of making TASC’s Volunteer Driver Program available to eligible residents of Brentwood. These costs include outreach to the community, recruiting volunteers, volunteer background checks, insurance, mileage reimbursement. No cost to clients so cost is not another obstacle to accessing transportation for health care and other life needs.” County provides 2%; towns 27%, grants 19%, special events 34%, donations 16% plus miscellaneous’ plus value of donations by Brentwood residents: \$850. Value of services 92%, overhead 8%.

** Brentwood residents: 59 rides, 803 miles driven

Waypoint

2023 Request: \$3,300* **Committee approved \$3,240**

Previous Requests: 2020-2022 requested (through Richie McFarland)/approved \$3,300

Budget/Expense/Revenue: \$19,873,997/\$19,873,997/\$17,672,752

Brentwood residents served: 5 **

The Richie McFarland Children’s Center merged with Waypoint in January 2022. No separate application from RMCC for 2023. Waypoint completed application (4 packets). Meets all criteria. 2021 IRS 990. Silver Guidestar Rating of Transparency. All materials provided except audit and brochure. (materials available on website). Mission statement: “Empowering people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy.” Funding will be used to support our Family-Centered Supports and Services out of our Stratham office. These are individualized based on each child and family’s need while coordinating services with other community providers. Waypoint was featured in NHCF quarterly magazine for expansion of services to youth that contribute to “long term stability. Names “Best of 603” through a radio station voter poll.” Revenue: Medicaid etc. 31.1%, State and federal 49.1%, town .9%, Grants 8.5%, special events 2.5%, individuals 3.1%, Other 3.8%, plus miscellaneous. Value of donations by Brentwood residents: \$7,721. Fundraising done by paid staff and board members.

**** 5 Brentwood families served;** “Waypoint recently began providing a Partners in Health program in the Seacoast supporting 35 families (not currently tracked in our database by town). We also provide programming and groups for families through our Stratham office, registration is not currently kept by town.”

Discussion about staying within our budget. Visitor Letty Bedard asked if the Committee could request a higher budget from the Selectmen, as they go over budget all the time. Michelle stated that we could ask for more, but perhaps we should rather suggest to the Board that they stay within their budget like we do. The Committee felt we did not want to ask for more this year. After review of all requests, motion by Lynn, seconded by Laura to cut \$60 from each request to remain under budget; passed unanimously. Total approved expenditures \$17,297.

There was discussion about increasing the budget request for 2024, to account for inflation. Laura stated requests may be impacted by ARPA funds. Motion by Laura, seconded by Lynn to increase our budget request to \$18,000 for 2024; approved unanimously.

Rebecca stated that the appointment terms for herself, Lynn Austin and Laura Hajjar are set to expire this year; all agreed to serve another term. Bob Stephens and Michelle Siudut’s terms will expire in 2024. Karen Veinotte was approved by the Selectmen as an alternate for a one year term; she has offered to remain an alternate for next year.

Motion by Laura, seconded by Lynn to adjourn at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Siudut