

November 16, 2016

Ms. Bobbie Brimblecombe, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Marshfield
122 School Street, Rm. 1
Marshfield, VT 05658-0098



Dear Ms. Brimblecombe 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 Marshfield for our fiscal year 2017.

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 Marshfield 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 \$150.00 from the Town of Marshfield 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, a copy of our FY'17 budget, and Marshfield's application.

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Launderville

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Executive Director

Enclosures

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

Name of organization: Vermont Center for Independent Living

Address: 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

Telephone number: 802-224-1819

What type of services do you provide? Most of our direct services assist people with disabilities to maintain Independent Living therefore reducing the need for hospitalization, institutionalization and reduction of admission to nursing homes. VCIL provides home access modifications to those who have physical disabilities and need a ramp or bathroom access, Meals on Wheels to people with disabilities under the age of 60 who cannot prepare their own meal, assistive technology grants and farm assessments. VCIL also helps individuals access American Sign Language interpreter services through the VT Interpreter Referral Service (which is now part of our organization after the closing of the Austine School for the deaf). VCIL is also now home to the VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which provides Deaf, Deaf-blind or hard of hearing individuals with telecommunications equipment to enable them to be able to communicate by telephone.

These services all make a difference in individual lives and allow individuals with disabilities to achieve personal goals of living in their own home, raising children, going to community outings, employment and volunteerism.

How do your services directly impact the citizens of Marshfield? This past year in Marshfield one resident utilized our Information, Referral and Assistance Program. Please see attached summary report.

How many Marshfield residents were served? 1

How much are you requesting? \$150.00

How do you calculate or justify the amount of money that you are requesting from us?

We look at how much time and or money are spent in each town, the number of peers served and the size of the town to make a determination. Most of the appropriations VCIL receives from cities and towns have been level funded for as many as 20 years due to the petition requirements in many towns when requesting an increase. , Our organization is small and does not have the man power to request additional funding even if we have increased the amount of peers and services provided.

Last year's appropriation request: \$150.00

Last year's grant: \$100.00

Explanation of any increase in this year's request (if applicable):

Please include your most recent financial statement, and submit your request prior to December 1st. The Budget Committee will meet in December. Call for the meeting date (426-3305) or check the Town's website: <http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$150.00

Since 1979, 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.

In FY'16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over **2,711** 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 **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** 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. Also new this year, our Windham county office now 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 '16, **1** residents of **Marshfield** received services from the following programs:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (IR&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

Approved FY 2017 Budget

INCOME	Approved FY 2017	EXPENSES	Approved FY 2017
		SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE	
Unrestricted Donations: (Indiv. & Corp.)	\$ 25,000	VHCB (Home Modifications)	\$ 373,000
Unrestricted Donations: Cities & Town	\$ 43,000	Meals on Wheels (MOW)	\$ 365,600
Income Other	\$ 5,000	SILC Grant	\$ 35,000
Misc. Income (subscriptions/reimbursements)	\$ 3,500	Equipment Distribution Program (EDP)	\$ 35,250
VIRS Referral Fees	\$ 65,000	USDA Statewide (16-18)	\$ 22,100
Grants: Statewide Independent Living Center (SILC)	\$ 150,000	USDA NEK (16-17)	\$ 42,500
Grants: VT Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS)	\$ 55,000	Total Specific Assistance	\$ 873,450
Grants: NIDLRR	\$ 22,000	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	
Grants: Wellness Workforce Coalition	\$ 121,311	Personal Services	
Grants: USDOE 704N	\$ 585,094	Salaries	\$ 900,162
Grants: USDOE 704S	\$ 254,667	Fringe Benefits	\$ 374,979
Grants: VT Housing Conservation Board/DAIL	\$ 545,000	Total Personal Services	\$ 1,275,141
Grants: Meals on Wheels	\$ 457,000	Agency Operating Expenses	
Grants: USDA Statewide (16-18)	\$ 26,000	Professional Services	\$ 77,145
Grants: USDA NEK (16-17)	\$ 52,772	Board expenses	\$ 6,000
Grants: Equipment Distribution Program (EDP)	\$ 75,000	Occupancy	\$ 87,871
Grants: VocRehab Youth	\$ 80,000	Travel, Conference & Meetings	\$ 35,387
		Printing & Publication	\$ 7,182
		Telecommunications	\$ 26,000
		Supplies	\$ 18,166
		General Insurance	\$ 30,889
		Postage	\$ 11,400
		Equipment Repair, Lease & Maintenance	\$ 24,000
		Advertising & Outreach	\$ 6,750
		Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 6,500
		Training	\$ 8,350
		Depreciation Expense	\$ 23,263
		Wellness Workforce Coalition Training	\$ 47,850
		Total Direct Expenses	\$ 416,753
Total Projected Income	\$ 2,565,344	Total Projected Expenses	\$ 2,565,344