

Town of Greensboro, Vermont

Appropriation Request Application — Fiscal Year 2027

(for submission to the Greensboro Selectboard / Budget Committee)

Submission deadline: **Thursday, December 1, 2025**

Authority under Vermont State statute:

The authority for making appropriations for social service agencies is in 24 VSA § 2691 as follows:

At a meeting duly warned for that purpose, a town or incorporated village may appropriate such sums of money as it deems necessary for the support of social service programs and facilities within that town for its residents. Social service programs, for which a town or incorporated village may appropriate sums of money, include, but are not limited to: transportation, nutrition, medical, childcare, and other rehabilitative services for persons with low incomes, senior citizens, children, disabled persons, drug and alcohol abusers, and persons requiring employment to eliminate their need for public assistance. The authority herein granted is not in derogation of other local powers to allocate funds.

Section A: Organization / Applicant Information

1. Name of Organization/Agency: **Greensboro Community Meals**
 2. Mailing Address: **PO Box 119, Greensboro VT 05841**
 3. Physical Address (if different): **N/A**
 4. Contact Person / Authorized Representative: **Naomi Ranz-Schleifer**
 5. Title / Role: **Volunteer Organizer**
 6. Telephone: **802.535.8090**
 7. Email: **GreensboroCommunityMeal@gmail.com**
 8. Website (if any): **N/A**
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Section B: Request Summary

9. Amount of Appropriation Requested: **\$4,800**

10. Purpose / Program(s) for which funds will be used:

Appropriated funds will be used to provide community meals that are open to all and at no cost to attend. Funds cover food ingredients and a small stipend to help cover the costs incurred by select lead meal coordinators for their above and beyond time, travel, and expense of menu planning, grocery shopping, advance prepping, and volunteer coordination.

So far we have been serving an average of 80 people per week for approximately \$300-400/week, resulting in a delicious high quality meal for ~ \$3.50-5.00/per person thanks to the immense amount of volunteerism and contributions of many people in our community. These meals include fresh salads and/or greens, a variety of proteins, hearty entrees, and dessert. Each week we do our best to accommodate a variety of diets (typically ensuring vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free, and/or vegan options are available) and we do our best to integrate seasonal and local ingredients. Each week approximately 10-15 volunteers help to host this community meal, including food prep, table/chair set up and break down, dish washing, grocery shopping, and helping to get out the word. We have received ingredient donations from many local food producers and individuals, and some community members bring additional potluck contributions.

11. Is this a new request or a renewal / continuation? New Renewal / Continuation

NOTE: New requests must be accompanied by a petition signed by 5% of Greensboro registered voters. Contact the Town Clerk for more details.

12. If renewal / continuation, amount received in FY 2026 (or most recent year):

\$ _____

13. If requesting an increase, please explain reason(s) for the increase. Note that only in unusual circumstances will requests for increases be granted.:

Section C: Service Area & Beneficiaries

14. Geographic area served (town, region, etc.): **All of Greensboro and surrounding areas.**

This activity takes place in Greensboro. So far, we have hosted meals at Lakeview School, on the Town Hall Green, and at GUCC's Fellowship Hall.

15. Approximate number of individuals served in the last full year: **We serve an average 80 people per week.**

16. Of those, how many were Greensboro residents? **We do not ask about residency status but many attendees are from Greensboro though neighbors from other towns are welcome and do attend, including many area residents who work in Greensboro or attend functions at Greensboro's school, library, etc.** Types of services provided (check all that apply):

Social services (food, counseling, transportation, etc.)

Youth / children's programs

Senior / elder services

Cultural / arts / historic

Environmental / conservation

Other: _____

18. Describe how Greensboro residents benefit from your services:

Any and all Greensboro residents are welcome to attend this community meal, at which they receive a full delicious meal, often featuring local ingredients. Residents attend these meals for many different reasons, but based on the consistent attendance and the growing awareness and excitement about the meals, we hope these community meals can continue to serve as a much needed opportunity for community building. These meals not only help provide necessary food security for area residents, but they also provide much needed opportunities for people to get

together, get to know one another, and form a sense of community that has ripple effects far beyond simply sharing a meal together.

Section E: Financial Information & Budget

19. Total operating budget of your organization (last full fiscal year): \$ _____ *

NOTE: we began offering this meal in May so have not completed a full fiscal year. Thus far, we have spent approximately \$300-400/week, every week with the exception of around the Funky Fourth.

26. Do any funding sources require a municipal match or other local commitment?

Yes No

If Yes, explain:

Section F: Reporting, Oversight & Accountability

28. If your organization has received municipal appropriations from Greensboro before, provide a report or summary of how those funds were used (attach as appendix). **N/A**

29. Person(s) responsible for oversight and compliance within your organization:

Name: **Naomi Ranz-Schleifer** / Title: **Volunteer Organizer**

Contact: **802.535.8090/ nranzschleifer@gmail.com**

Section G: Certification & Signature

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. If funds are granted, I agree to use them for the stated purpose(s) and to provide the required reports and oversight to the Town of Greensboro.

Signature: 

Name (printed): **Naomi Ranz-Schleifer**

Title / Role: **Volunteer Organizer**

Date: **11/26/2025**

Section H: Attachments (please indicate those included)

(Only for requests of \$500 or more)

- Audited financial statements (most recent year) or if no audit was conducted, financial statements prepared by the organization **Since beginning the meals in May, ingredients have been reimbursed based on receipts using donations. The Greensboro Association has thus far generously covered stipends for select lead meal coordinators.**
- Organizational annual report or summary **See summary below**
- Letters of support or endorsements, if helpful **See petition signers**

A group of community volunteers began offering weekly, free, community meals in Greensboro on Tuesday evenings starting after Memorial Day. Each meal about 50-110 individuals attend (generally about 80 people each week), with approximately 7-15 volunteers helping each week to coordinate menus, shop for ingredients or secure food donations, prep and cook meals, set up, and clean up. This community meal is offered at no cost to attend and all individuals are welcome. Donations have been graciously accepted as we continue to find ways to make this program sustainable. Countless in-kind hours have been contributed and local food producers have provided meaningful contributions.

Many hands and minds make light work! And it takes a whole community to pull off community meals. For the first 5 weeks, meals were initially hosted at the Lakeview Union School gym through the end of the school year. The school then closed for construction for the summer for its pre-school classroom conversion. For the final week of June, our community meal was hosted on Greensboro's Town Hall Green - a hot but wonderful evening for an outdoor meal. After a brief

hiatus for the July 4th holiday (during which the Funky Fourth festivities offered a free community meal on the Town Hall Green post-parade sponsored by the Town of Greensboro and the Greensboro Association).

Greensboro Community Meals have since resumed at GUCC's Fellowship Hall, where we are continuing to host Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30pm. Throughout the summer, we ended promptly in order to not disturb the Summer Music from Greensboro concerts that were held afterwards.

In Winter/Spring 2025, community volunteers worked with Sterling College's Food Ethics Class and Instructor, Liz Chadwick, to develop a plan for community meals in Greensboro. Utilizing their experience hosting weekly community meals throughout the school year at Sterling College, combined with learnings from their class, Sterling students presented a proposal to a handful of interested community members and then submitted a written report.

The Greensboro Association Grants Committee committed seed funding from the Community Relief Fund to support the start of the program and support food security and vital community connections within our community. Community members have been extremely generous in supporting the community meals and other funding sources are being explored. In July 2025, proceeds from the Caspian Challenge race were directed to the community meal program.

Thanks to all who participated!

Tuesdays were chosen as a weekly meal date as community meals are currently offered in the surrounding area more frequently on other week days. On Mondays and Thursdays at the Barton Hub with support from NEKO and the CAE, Wednesdays at the Civic Standard in Hardwick, Mondays seasonally at Atkins Field in Hardwick with CAE, and Sterling College on Fridays (originally weekly but now operating monthly). Additional monthly meals are scheduled as well, primarily on Mondays and Wednesdays, making Tuesdays an ideal night. Additionally, in coordinating with Lakeview School initially, Tuesday nights did not conflict with the use of the gym space for pickle ball (which takes place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays).

While the effort is still very much in its infancy, we look forward to finding ways to keep this meal going consistently as it has been a wonderfully joyous occasion each week, with neighbors from near and far, year-round and seasonal, and folks of all ages connecting, sharing food and ideas, and creating a wonderful sense of community. A huge thank you to all who come out each week!

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11/25/2025	JANE JOHNS	Jane Johns
11/25/2025	Michael Malick	Michael Malick
25 Nov 25	Mike Lapreus	Mike
NOV 25, 2025	Alexander O. Smith	AO Smith
11/25/25	Jennifer Ranz	Jennifer Ranz
11/25/25	Amy Papineau	Amy E. Papineau
11/25/25	Virginia Lapierre	Viji Lapier
11/25/25	Thomas R. Guare	THOMAS R. GUARE
11/25/25	Eleanor Guare	Eleanor
11/25/25	Carl Winters	C. Winters

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11/25/2025	Janet Johnston	Janet Johnston
11-25-25	NAN PERRON	Nan Perron
11-25-25	Atison Gardner	Atison Gardner
11/25/25	Bill Chidsey	Bill Chidsey
11/25/25	Ka-L Stein	Ka-L Stein
11/25/25	Will Marlier	William Marlier
11/25/25	^M Doris Barnett	Michael Barnett
11/25/25	Francis Recchia	Francis Recchia
11/25/25	Brian Jitus	Brian Jitus

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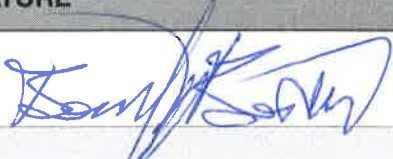


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11/25/25	Bernadette Boswick	
11/29/25	Gayle Worcelo	Gayle Worcelo
11/25/25	Sherral Lumsden	Sherral Lumsden
11/25/25	Wilhelmina Smith	Wilhelmina Smith
11-25-25	DAVID SMITH	DAVID SMITH
11/25/25	Aileen Gebbie	Aileen Gebbie
11/25/25	PATRICIA Mercier	Patricia Mercier
11/25/25	Susan Schulman	Susan Schulman
11/25/25	Jan Terwiesch	
11/25/25	Bethany Warner	
11/25/25	Zolt W. Horst	Zolt W. Horst

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11/25/25	Mary Young	Mary Young
11/25/25	Judy Carpenter	Judy Carpenter
25 Nov 25	Wayne B Young	Wayne B Young
11/25/25	Janet L. Long	JANET L. LONG
11/25/25	GARLAND S. ALCOCK	Garland S. Alcock
11/25/25	JEFFREY P. FRANKEL	J. Frankel
11/25/25	Terry O'Connor	Terry O'Connor
11/25/25	Julie Brochu	Julie Brochu
11/25/25	Arthur Brochu	Arthur Brochu
11/25/25	Ethel Horner	ETHEL HORNER

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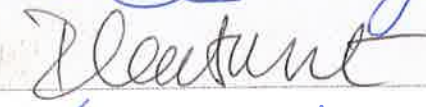


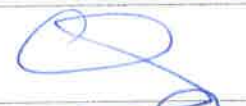

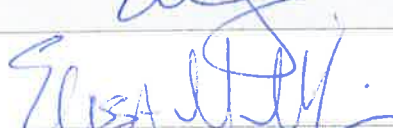
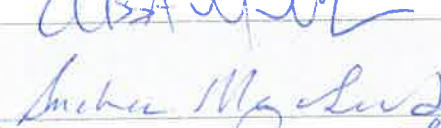

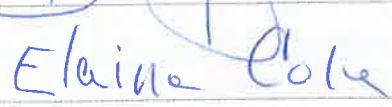

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11/25/25	Ila Hunt	
11/25/25	Frances Bennett	
11/25/25	Zeel Fathur	
11/25	Chad Sims	
11/25	EISA schmitz	
11/25	Elissa Mackin	
11/25	Andrew McCloud	
11/25	Alla Bonney Smith	
11/25	Elaine Cole	
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11/26/25	Tom Cameron	Tom Cameron
11/26/25	Donald Van Leuven	Donald Van Leuven
11/26/25	Catherine Cuss	Catherine Cuss
11/26/25	Coleman Parker	Coleman Parker
11/26/25	Jody M. Parker	Jody M. Parker

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11/29/25	Stew Arnold	Stew Arnold
11/29/25	BUS GRAY	Betty Wood Gray
11/29/25	Beta Meacham	Beta Meacham
11/24/25	Jeanne Fisher	Jeanne Fisher
11/29/25	J. Franke	J. Franke
11/29/25	William Eisner	William Eisner
11/29/2025	Mr David Hammond	David Hammond
11/29/2026	Jane Travers	Jane Travers
11/29/2025	EARL KASPER	Earl Kasper

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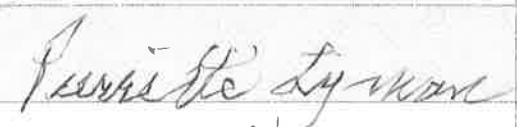


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11/29/25	Pierrette Lyman	
11/29/25	NANCY HILL	
11/29/25	ELEKTRA BUTHUIS	
11/29/2025	RICK MORRIS	