

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: Orleans County Citizen Advocacydba
ConnectABILITIES
 2. Mailing Address: PO Box 1058, Newport, VT 05855
 3. Physical Address (if different): 188 Whitehill Loop, Morgan, VT 05853
 4. Contact Person / Authorized Representative: Graci Kenyon-Rudolph
 5. Title / Role: Executive Director
 6. Telephone: 888-635-6222
 7. Email: OCCAVT@gmail.com
 8. Website (if any): Currently under new construction
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Section B: Request Summary

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

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

Our organization serves those living in Orleans County with visible and invisible disabilities.

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): \$ 800

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

Section C: Service Area & Beneficiaries

14. Geographic area served (town, region, etc.): Orleans County

15. Approximate number of individuals served in the last full year: 45+

16. Of those, how many were Greensboro residents? Unknown.

17. 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:

Greensboro and all Orleans County residents benefit from the services provided by having inclusive programs, case management, support services and resources made available to any individual and/or family of those with disabilities both visible and invisible. Most recently we added access to our emergency food pantry in the face of federal budget cuts to the SNAP program and funding to local food pantries.

Section E: Financial Information & Budget

19. Total operating budget of your organization (last full fiscal year): \$39,856

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).

The \$800 we received in previous years funded the services we described above.

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

Name: Graci Kenyon-Rudolph / Title: Executive Director

Contact: 888-635-6222(W) 802-487-5959 (C)

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): Graci Kenyon-Rudolph

Title / Role: Executive Director

Date: 11/19/2025

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 (See attached fiscal year end balance sheet prepared by Steve Mengel of S&D Accounting Services, LLC, 419 VT Rte 105, Suite B, Newport, VT 05855; 802-624-4148)
- Organizational annual report or summary
- Letters of support or endorsements, if helpful

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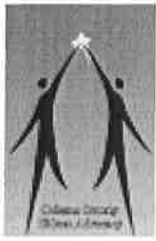
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