

Bristol Town Administrator

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re: proposal, *Smart Connections for Conserving Cultural Resources in Vermont Communities*

To our Community Partners,

I hope this email finds you safe and well in these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your collaboration last Fall on the NSF Smart and Connected Communities grant. (Seems so long ago!). Unfortunately, we were notified last week by NSF that the project was not funded. Despite this, the review panel was quite complementary of the proposal and convinced of the value for our Vermont communities. It was ranked as competitive, and we were told they deliberated for some time over whether to award the project. We have been encouraged to resubmit, and probably pare down the scope. In the coming weeks, we will be discussing our next steps, and may reach out again to you.

We really appreciate your time and support on the past submittal, and hope that we can find a way forward through this program - or other grant programs - to help you address your community challenges.

Best,
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