

Bristol Town Administrator

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Subject: Request by ACPRC to Consider a Joint By-Law Modernization Grant Application

All,

Katie at the ACRPC called me to field the question if we would be willing to do a multi-town application with Lincoln and Monkton.

I agreed to consider but have some reservations. So here is what I think. Please provide your perspective.

Pros:

- A streamlined process where ACRPC leads grant preparation.
- Simpler consultant procurement as by default ACRPC would provide work without multiple pricing.
- Appears that we still have latitude as a town for town development within the scope of the grant. I believe we would (insist) that our Scope of Work agreed to at the last PC meeting would be unchanged for Bristol's work.
- It appears that multi-town applications are more desirable and more likely to get awards.

Cons

- Timing - we are 3 weeks away from the deadline and need some of that time to develop proposals if we stay as a single entity. I am trying to sort out what this change in direction means for timing. Jeff and I are getting together today to work the grant details, some of this might jell. I feel at a minimum we/I need to shoot out an email to the PC if we change (or even consider a change?), which may result in an unscheduled meeting (next regular meeting is 11/2) if there is questions. The grant request to the SB would need to be modified (next regular meeting is 10/25).
- Other towns are not as advanced as we are with their work. I believe Monkton has decided to, but just starting work to prepare and Lincoln PC is interested but doesn't have approval beyond that yet.
- Not a huge issue, but a common project approach that supports efficiencies across municipalities needs to be delineated. Since Lincoln is moving to move out of the School District that angle won't work.
- One town, presumably Bristol, would have to be designated as the lead municipality serving as the grant's fiscal agent and grantee for the entire grant. Who needs to approve this if this is the desired path? Selectboard?
- With a 3 town application the max funding is \$40k, or \$13.3k equally divided (which is not a requirement) instead of \$22k for a single application
- Capacity of ACRPC to pull this all together in 3 weeks.

Kevin