Bristol Town Administrator

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To: Bristol Town Administrator **Subject:** Opiate Settlement Funding

Valerie Capels,

I understand the Town of Bristol has received \$3,146.03 from the Opioid Settlement Funds. The Turning Point Center of Addison County (TPCAC) is an organization that has been aiding citizens of Vergennes struggling with SUD for 16 years. We focus on support specifically through resource provision and harm reduction strategies.

In FY2022 we aided over 800 individuals. TPCAC provides peer-based recovery support to all, including friends, families, and allies. ("peer-based recovery" means that the providers working in the Center have lived experience with SUD, either in their own recovery or that of family members and friends).

In the same period the Center staff increased to 10 trained Recovery Coaches, together with 6 full-time and 2 part-time staff handling Center operations, both on-site and remotely. We have collaborated with nearly 30 community partners and have embedded our staff at several locations in Middlebury, Bristol and Vergennes to create a solid framework of support for those seeking recovery.

Turning Point is respectfully requesting that the Town consider directing a portion or all of these funds in support of this vital work we do. I would be pleased to provide any information about our organization that might be helpful to the Town in considering our request. You can reach me at (802)377-9035 or Danielle@TurningPointAddisonVT.org.

Regards,

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