

# BRISTOL CORE

KEEPING DOWNTOWN BRISTOL VIBRANT

Agenda Item IV.2

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May 8, 2023

Attn: Valerie Capels  
Town Administrator  
Town of Bristol  
1 South Street  
P.O. Box 249  
Bristol, VT 05443

Dear Valerie,

As Executive Director of Bristol's downtown group, Bristol CORE, I am writing in response to the recent recommendations by the Town's ARPA committee. In their March 2023 final report, number six on the list is "Resume farmers market or other support for small local producers to reach residents".

As a non-profit whose mission is to support and enhance the social, cultural, and economic vitality of downtown Bristol and its surrounding area, we believe this project and its components will be an incredible addition to our town and surrounding communities.

One of my first proposals, since becoming Executive Director of Bristol CORE last November, was to reimagine and restart the Bristol Farmer's Market. We have been fortunate enough to have secured a grant for our first year and with additional ARPA funds, we will be able to successfully reestablish this important community event for the foreseeable future.

On behalf of Bristol CORE, and our newly formed "Bristol Farmers Market", we'd like to request \$31,000 to be used during the 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 seasons. \$1000 will be used to support our "Better Places" grant this year, while the remaining \$30,000 will fund a market manager, entertainment, advertising, and market supplies.

Please let me know if you have further questions, and thank you for this opportunity on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

*Alicia Standridge*

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Executive Director