



Town of Bristol

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Re.: State of Vermont: Recreational Facilities Grants

Dear Committee Members,

The Town of Bristol is very pleased to express its support of the Willowell Foundation, 501-3c, in pursuing the necessary grant funds to complete their childcare project in Bristol, Vermont.

Enabling Willowell to complete these projects will provide huge benefits for the town, Addison County, and the state of Vermont. As noted by our most recent town poll relating to ARPA funding allocation, quality childcare is a top priority for our community. Wren's Nest preschool, established and thriving for more than a decade (run through the Willowell Foundation), has a strong vision to expand its scope, serving a greater number of lower income families in our area. Should they receive the Recreational Facilities funding, they would be able to complete this important project, started in 2023, building infrastructure which would ensure a sustainable future for the program in our town, and additionally create jobs for more educators as the program expands.

While we want to support our long-term residents both through housing and employment, we simultaneously realize that the longevity of Vermont's workforce is contingent upon giving young people, both from within Vermont and abroad, the ability to thrive here. This school has a history of giving emerging professionals the ability to gain tremendous teaching experience, through training them and hiring them at their program.

The Town of Bristol has established a mutually engaged relationship with the Willowell Foundation over the years. As seen from the first phase of this successful project, we believe the organization has the skill, experience, and know-how to move forward in this new stage of development. We strongly believe that supporting them in this process of growth through The State of Vermont: Recreational Facilities grants, will contribute to the economic and educational health of our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any other insight or information.

Sincerely,

Gregory Faust
Bristol Town Administrator