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PRIMARY
HEALTH CARE
FROM
TRUSTED
FRIENDS

October 30, 2017

Laura Zubryd, Town Administrator
Town of Fairlee
PO Box 95
Fairlee, VT 05045

Dear Ms. Zubryd:

Little Rivers Health Care would like to request appropriations funding from the Town of Fairlee for the 2018 fiscal year. We are asking for level funding at \$2,000.

Currently, 189 Fairlee residents receive services at Little Rivers. Our request for \$2000 from Fairlee represents \$10.58 per resident to help offset the shortfall between our costs and what we are reimbursed from payers for services.

Our report for inclusion in the Fairlee Town Report is attached here and the financials will be forth-coming later this week.

We are very grateful to the Town of Fairlee for its past support of our mission and health care services, and we hope that you can continue to help us serve your community. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Auclair, CEO

Little Rivers Health Care
A Federally Qualified Health Center
Annual Report to Towns Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Little Rivers Health Care, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth, and Wells River. Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under the federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 189 Fairlee residents, representing approximately 737 visits.

Our new Medication Assisted Treatment program for those struggling with addiction has grown steadily this past year and we will continue to grow and develop that program given the overwhelming need for those services. As a lead entity for the Blueprint for Health program in our region, Little Rivers has been able to offer educational programs and support groups for those with diabetes and other chronic illnesses as well as chronic pain management and tobacco cessation.

Of those that we serve, ~57% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, 27 % are Medicaid beneficiaries, 26% are Medicare beneficiaries, and 5% are uninsured.

Our collaborations with other community service providers and state agencies have been especially important, resulting in more comprehensive and better-coordinated care for our patients. Together, we are able to leverage our collective resources more fully than without these partnerships.

In 2016, Little Rivers brought \$1.4 million in federal money to the local economy and provided jobs for over 60 people. The current building renovation that has just begin on our Bradford clinic is being funded primarily with a \$1 million federal grant and is providing additional business for local contractors. This project is expected to be completed by next spring and will enable us to serve more residents from that site.

As an FQHC, Little Rivers is expected to demonstrate community support; therefore the contributions from our towns and generous donors are especially important to us and deeply appreciated. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our communities.

William Campbell, Board Chair

Gail Auclair, CEO

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