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RE: FY2021 Building Communities Grants Funded

On behalf of the 2020 General Assembly and the Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS), it is my great pleasure to notify you that the Building Communities Grants Program is funded for FY2021. This program, administered by BGS, includes the following: 1. the Recreational Facilities Grant Program, 2. the Regional Economic Development Grant Program, and 3. the Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Programs. The grants are for construction and capital improvements to support and strengthen Vermont towns and regions. Descriptions and application criteria for all three of these grant programs are available on the Department of Buildings and General Services website: http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants.

Applicants including municipalities, nonprofit agencies, and regional economic development organizations, are all encouraged to apply for these opportunities to fund construction, infrastructure support, and needed projects.

Although the award of the grants is competitive, the application process has been designed to be simple and straightforward. Grant applicants will be awarded funding as determined by a special committee comprised of private citizens, legislative branch members, and executive branch administrative staff appointed by the Governor. Grants will be awarded in the fall of 2020.

For more information on these and other grant opportunities, please visit our website at the following address: http://www.bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants.

Please disseminate this information to organizations you believe would be good candidates for these awards. The deadline to submit applications for the Building Communities Grants is **Tuesday**, **September 15, 2020.**

Thank you for your support of this valuable community building effort.

Sincerely,

Christopher Cole Commissioner

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