



Office of Senator Bernie Sanders - FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request Form

(Richmond Town Center Historic

Renovation)

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Section 1. Requesting Entity Information

The requesting entity is the name of the entity that will be the ultimate recipient of any CDS funding and the agent responsible for executing those funds for their proposed purposes.

- 1. Requesting Entity Name ***
Town of Richmond, Vermont
- 2. Requesting Entity City ***
Richmond, Vermont
- 3. Requesting Entity County**
Chittenden County
- 4. Requesting Entity Mailing Address ***
203 Bridge St., Richmond, VT 05477
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- 7. Requesting Entity POC Phone Number ***
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- 8. Requesting Entity Type ***
Local Government
- 9. Requesting Entity Employer Identification Number (EIN) ***
03-6000646
- 10. Please enter the name and affiliation of any third party consultant(s) who assisted your organization in developing the FY24 CDS request, or who may otherwise advocate for the request on your organization's behalf.**
None

Relevant Appropriations Subcommittee

CDS requests are funded through a variety of spending bills (organized by subcommittee), and within these spending bills, accounts (more specific programs). Please keep these accounts and their requirements and limitations in mind when applying. However, we encourage Vermonters to apply even if they are not sure which account their project may fit into. My staff will work to determine which, if any, accounts a project may be able to be funded through. Below is a list of accounts within each subcommittees' spending bill, followed by a summary of each account's requirements.

11. Please Scroll Down and Answer Questions 12-27 based off of the Appropriate Subcommittee. *

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

If Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:

Below is guidance for CDS within the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Agricultural Research Service - Building and Facilities (ARS B&F)

Project requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for repairs and maintenance to existing facilities. Funding for construction of a building will not be considered.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Salaries and Expenses:

Projects must meet environmental review requirements (e.g., the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act). While the entire S&E account is open for CDS requests, below are the line items within the account that are most compatible with CDS:

- Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests
- Pest Detection
- Plant Protection Methods Development
- Specialty Crop Pests
- Tree & Wood Pests
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Wildlife Services Methods Development
- Veterinary Diagnostics
- Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health
- Additionally, the following APHIS programs have matching requirements:
- Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket (Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests) – 100 percent on Federal land (including most tribal trust lands), 50 percent of the cost on state land, and 33 percent of cost on private land
- Brucellosis (Cattle Health) – 40 percent match
- Wildlife Services – 50 percent match

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) - Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)

Each project must contain benefits directly related to agriculture, including rural communities that account for at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project. An applicant must certify that a program sponsor has contacted their NRCS state office and the proposal meets all program requirements, including financial requirements.

Rural Development - Community Facilities Grants

This account will fund between up to 75 percent of total project costs depending on the community's population and median income. All projects must meet environmental review requirements. The match requirements are outlined in the CF regulation 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Applicants must complete an application if awarded a CDS in the final bill. All applicants must contact the Vermont Rural Development office and confirm that their proposed project meets the program's eligibility requirements (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-page/vermont-contacts>).

Rural Development - Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (DLT) Grants

All applicants must be able to satisfy the program's flat 15 percent non-federal matching funds requirement prior to a CDS request being approved. Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for DLT. A full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations are listed in 7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B.

12. Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

Below is guidance for CDS within the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Successful projects will match the project to the authorization or mission of an agency or account and have the support of local officials or communities. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

National Institute of Standards and Technology - Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects

Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Construction projects will not be accepted.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)- Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction

The Committee will accept CDS for NIST Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities at research institutions and colleges and universities.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects

Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs. Construction projects will not be accepted.

Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Discretionary

Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation. To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

Projects should provide for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office statute. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial and the applicable Award Owner's Manual.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS)

Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium will not be funded. This account does not fund construction but could be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

13. Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

Below is guidance for CDS within the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Department of Energy

While the Subcommittee will consider requests in the Department of Energy, it is expected to provide very few such items. The Committee will not fund projects for multiple years, the funding requested should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project. The Committee will not fund construction of buildings or new facilities (no brick and mortar), even if it will have clean energy associated with it; nor will it fund electric vehicle charging projects, unless the project is connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or has clean energy applications beyond the charging station. Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project.

- Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share.
- Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
- Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share.
- Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories shown above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share

Further, this year's requests will be submitted into a single Department of Energy earmark account, and requests must fit under at least one of the five topic areas listed in the Department of Energy: "Energy Projects" below:

- Renewable and Clean Energy projects
- Electricity and Energy Resiliency projects
- Cybersecurity and Energy Security projects
- Nuclear Energy Projects
- Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects

Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation

For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding. For the Corps of Engineers, with the exception of Operation and Maintenance, an authorized project or program that has not received funding in prior years is considered a new start. Few, if any, new starts will be funded.

14. Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Financial Services and General Government

Below is guidance for CDS within the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. Eligible projects include those that support entrepreneur training, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. Projects should align with the goals of SBA's existing grant programs. Unfortunately, requests for seed capital that can be loaned out to other businesses are not eligible for CDS funding. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition
- Office of National Drug Control Policy – Prevention Grants

15. Financial Services and General Government - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Homeland Security

Below is guidance for CDS within the Homeland Security Appropriations bill. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Federal Emergency Management Agency - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects

Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_nof-fiscal-year-2021-building-resilient-infrastructure.pdf). For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant.

In addition to the BRIC grant program requirements listed above, the subcommittee will principally seek to satisfy member requests for eligible projects that are important to states and local communities but which may not receive adequate attention under the larger BRIC program.

Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=95433>).

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

16. Homeland Security - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Below is guidance for CDS within the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

The subcommittee will accept CDS requests projects included in a state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) as well as projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines, but are not on the IUP list. There is a minimum 20% cost-share requirement for any project. Only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a SRF can be applied to a project's matching requirement. For tribal projects, only projects included on the Indian Health Services' Sanitation Deficiency System list will be considered eligible.

Indian Health Service (IHS) - Sanitation Facilities Construction

For this account, the subcommittee will accept CDS requests for projects included on the Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list.

EPA - Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities

Project requests may be considered for high priority if lines of research relate to environmental quality and human health.

EPA - State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

Requests will only be considered for projects related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

National Park Service - Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)

All HPF grantees must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the audit requirements, and each successful CDS recipient must complete an application through <http://grants.gov>. The maximum project amount is \$500,000.

United States Forest Service - State and Private Forestry

Eligible activities within this account include forest health management, fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry. Project requests should be part of the state's Forest Action Plan or contribute to meeting the goals of the Forest Action Plan.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF), and Land Management Agency Construction (LMCON)

The subcommittee will only consider CDS requests for projects that are not included in or are above the amounts provided in the FY23 President's Budget Request. The subcommittee will have a strong preference for projects included on the LWCF, LRF, and LMCON lists that accompany the FY23 President Budget Request pursuant to the Great American Outdoors Act.

Land Management Agencies - Local Projects and Research

Proposed projects should contribute to local, state, and federal efforts to benefit species, habitat, and/or enhanced stewardship of land and water resources. Project funding is not intended to fund operations or maintenance of existing programs.

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Operation of Indian, Special Initiatives

The subcommittee will consider requests that invest in Tribal communities, create economic opportunities, and foster cultural heritage.

17. Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

National Park Service - Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)

18. (If applicable) Please select the relevant plan/list that your project appears on

No answer.

19. (If applicable) Please enter the name of the project as it appears on the relevant plan/list selected above

No answer.

If Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

With the exception of funds made available under HRSA, funds cannot be used for construction (or the acquisition of property) or renovation of facilities. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Training and Employment Services

CDS projects funded by ETA must be focused on meeting the employment and training needs of workers. These projects should include direct services which could include career services, training services, supportive services, and other permissible services, as they are defined in WIOA. Projects will be required to report on performance outcomes for participants and should include a meaningful connection to the local workforce development system. Some CDS funding may be used for the purchase of equipment or curriculum development. If a significant amount of CDS funding is to be used for equipment or curriculum development, provide a detailed justification for how such costs relate to meeting the needs of workers.

Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Projects must fall under one of the following categories: Health Facilities Construction and Equipment, Health Professions Education and Workforce Development, or Rural Health.

Department of Health and Human Services – SAMHSA, Health Surveillance and Program Support

Projects must fall under one of the following categories: Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment, or Substance Abuse Prevention. The subcommittee is prohibited from funding projects that distribute sterile needles or syringes for IV drug injection or promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.

Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families

Projects must fall under one of the following categories: Child Abuse Prevention or Social Services Research and Demonstration.

Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Community Living

Projects must improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities.

Department of Education – Innovation and Improvement, Fund for the Improvement of Education

Projects can support a wide variety of projects, including curricula development, early childhood education, afterschool centers, and teacher training. Eligible grantees include state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities.

Department of Education – Higher Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Projects can support a variety of purposes, including hiring, training, curricula development, and student support. Eligible grantees include colleges and universities and other public and nonprofit organizations.

20. Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

CDS funding will only be provided to projects in specific locations that were not included in the FY24 President's Budget Request or the FY23 enacted bill, or if it exceeds the level included in either document (whichever is higher). The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Requests may include major construction, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design, however, only certain major military construction projects within these accounts are eligible for CDS. Eligible projects can be found on three types of lists, outlined below, which are provided to Congress by the Department of Defense, and contain requirements which have been validated and vetted by the appropriate Service or Agency.

Future Years Defense Program (FYDP)

Each military department, to include the Guard and Reserve, as well as Defense-Wide agencies, plans its major military construction program five years into the future. FYDPs identify these future planned projects, which are candidates for CDS requests. Some of the lists can be found on the website of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL)

In addition to the annual budget request and as required by law, each military department submits to the congressional defense committees a document identifying unfunded priorities that could be funded if additional appropriations were provided.

Cost-to-Complete (CTC)

Variables such as construction market conditions can affect cost estimating throughout the military construction programming process, and as such, DOD can experience cost increases that cannot be sufficiently covered by available appropriated funding. In these cases, the military departments may submit a list of projects separate from the budget request that have received an authorization and appropriation, but require additional funding to be completed.

The subcommittee will only provide funding which can be executed in the year of appropriation, and therefore CDS eligibility is further limited by the ability to execute funding. Eligible major military construction projects must therefore be:

- Authorized in the FY23 or prior year NDAA
- At 35 percent design or higher with a DD 1391 form
- Prepared to award a construction contract in FY24

21. Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

If Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The subcommittee will not fund CDS requests for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits. The CDS item must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated before funds expire. The office anticipates the following accounts to be eligible sources of CDS funding for FY24:

Department of Transportation - Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Title 23 or Title 49 of United States Code (USC). Please provide a link to the project's website.

Department of Transportation - Grants-in-Aid for Airports (AIP)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Chapter 471 of Title 49, USC. Please provide the name of the relevant airport and a link to the airport master plan website that includes the requested project.

Department of Transportation – FAA Facilities and Equipment (F&E)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible for terminal air traffic control tower facility replacement projects eligible under Part A of Subtitle VII of Title 49, USC. Please provide the name of the relevant facility and a link the project's website.

Department of Transportation - Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Title 23, USC. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that includes the requested project. The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the STIP or TIP.

Department of Transportation - Transit Infrastructure Grant (TIG)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project. The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the STIP or TIP.

Department of Transportation - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project. The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the State Rail Plan.

Department of Housing and Urban Development - Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Section 5305 of Title 42, USC. If applicable, please provide a link to the project website or to the HUD five year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan if the project is included or complements planned or current projects within these required plans. Please describe how the project will either 1) benefit low- and moderate-income communities; 2) prevent or eliminate blight, and/or 3) address urgent community development needs.

22. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies - Eligible Accounts

None of the above

23. (If applicable) Please provide a link to the project website below

No answer.

24. (If applicable) Please provide a link to the relevant Airport Master Plan/STIP/TIP/State Rail Plan

No answer.

25. (If applicable) Please enter the name of the project as it appears on the relevant STIP/TIP/State Rail Plan

No answer.

26. (EDI Only) Please describe how the request aligns with the three National Objectives of the broader Community Development Block Grant program--1) to benefit low- and moderate-income communities; 2) to prevent or eliminate blight; and/or 3) to address

No answer.

If Subcommittee Unknown

If you are unsure of which subcommittee your request falls under, please consult the general guidance provided by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the FY23 cycle here: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy-2023-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending>. The second page of this document contains links to lists of eligible accounts within the jurisdiction of the nine subcommittees that accepted CDS requests in FY23. While we expect that FY24 will proceed in largely similar fashion, please be aware that the requirements or availability of individual accounts may change.

27. Please list the agency or program that your project seeks funding from
National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)

Section 2. CDS Request Information

CDS awards provide funding to specific projects. Please detail the project you seek funding for below

1. **Project Name ***

Richmond Town Center Historic Renovation
2. **Amount of Funding Sought ***

500000
3. **Project Location (list town(s), region(s), or “statewide”) ***

Richmond
4. **Problem/Issue Statement ***

Please provide a brief description of the problem or issue that the project aims to address.

Throughout its 116-year history, the Richmond Town Center building has served as a focal point for our community. In 1988, the building, originally a school, became our Town’s administrative offices and police station. In 1980, the State of Vermont recognized this property as a contributing resource to the Bridge Street Historic District; in 2016 it was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In 2019, Richmond was successfully designated as a Village Center, with our Town Center as its heart.

Although this building has served us well, we recognize the need to plan for its next 100 years by addressing the configuration and energy use of the building. The Town Center Committee has been meeting since 2018 and is committed to renovating the building to make it safer, more functional, and achieve net zero energy usage. Extensive renovation is required for the building to be used safely and efficiently.
5. **Project Description ***

Please describe how you will use funds to address the problem or issue.

The Town Center Committee has identified the following renovation priorities:

 - Restore or replace 60+ eight foot tall original windows
 - Improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality
 - Accommodate modern police station space
 - Accommodate existing government and nonprofit tenants: US Postal Service, Mount Mansfield Community Television, Richmond Historical Society Administrative Office, Community Senior Center Administrative Office, and Radiate Art Space.
 - Better pedestrian connection between the Town Center and 1879 Library building across the parking lot from one another.
 - Increase green space
 - Add additional parking spaces

6. Project Justification *

Please provide a justification as to why the project should be included as part of Senator Sanders' FY24 Appropriations Request, and why it is and appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Please also state how performance will be measured to determine the success of the project.

We hope to become a model for other small rural towns of how we can rehabilitate a historic municipal building and meet 21st century construction standards. We want to renovate this historic municipal building to meet net zero energy standards and show how we can minimize its environmental impact. We think we can become an inspiration to other towns in Vermont and throughout the country.

During the design process, we will go through extensive energy modeling to determine energy consumption and costs. We will also commission the building after construction to ensure the building performs as it is designed to perform. We also intend to work closely with the State Historic Preservation Office and Preservation Trust of Vermont to ensure the rehabilitation conforms to historic preservation standards.

7. Project Summary *

Using plain language, please summarize your project: what it is, what it will do, and who will benefit.

1. This project will help our community bring this critical community resource up to current standards and allow it to continue to serve our community for the next 100 years. It will benefit virtually everyone in town by upgrading critical services and reducing operating costs.

2. Because we will be replacing the windows and upgrading the entire HVAC system with this project will substantially improve the indoor air quality for town staff and the public that uses the building every day.

3. This building needs extensive renovation in order to for it to be used safely and efficiently. There are very few grant sources that can be used for a project of this nature. A CDS appropriation will help us build local public support for the significant local investment that will be needed.

8. Project Budget *

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the total budget of the project and the elements you seek to apply the requested funding towards.

In 2018 Breadloaf Construction provided us with preliminary cost estimates for this project. At the time they estimated \$305,000 for window replacement and \$3.2 mil to renovate to net zero standards. With inflation we estimated that these costs rose to \$332,000 and \$3.5 mil respectively by 2022. Attached is a breakdown of those costs.

Of course construction costs have skyrocketed in the past year and we have not updated these estimates yet because we are now engaged in a much more detailed design with Black River Design in preparation for a bond vote in November. Right now we expect total project costs to be between \$6-\$8 mil. With a positive bond vote in November we expect this project to be shovel ready by the construction season in 2024.

9. Additional Sources of Funding

Please detail any additional sources of funding for the project.

We hired Diane Meyerhoff of Third Sector Associates through a Vermont Housing Conservation Board grant to help us identify grant sources and help write grant applications. In addition, the Town is going through an extensive public engagement process to determine how best to allocate our ARPA funds. We have not completed that ARPA process yet, but we anticipate allocating several hundred thousand dollars of ARPA funds to this project as it meets most of the criteria that we established for local ARPA funding. That criteria includes leveraging and using ARPA funds for legacy projects that benefit the most people. This project will pull together funds from multiple sources and will benefit essentially everyone in town. It is an excellent use of once in a lifetime ARPA money.

With rents we receive from the US Postal Service and MMCTV we collect over \$110,000 in rent each year, more than enough to adequately maintain the building so we plan to put some of the rental income toward debt service as well.

Despite all of this we recognize that we will need to go to Richmond taxpayers with a substantial bond vote this fall. We anticipate more than enough matching matching funds for any grant sources we identify.

10. Please list any members of Senator Sanders' staff that you interacted with in the course of preparing and/or submitting this request

Haley Pero

Section 3. Affirmations and Acknowledgements

Please affirm and acknowledge each of the following:

1. **Submission of a request that meets the requirements of this form as well as any subsequent requirements that may be promulgated by the Office of Senator Sanders or the Senate Committee on Appropriations does not guarantee the award of federal funding ***

I acknowledge on behalf of the requesting entity.

2. **This request and any information submitted in support of it may be made public in part or in their entirety. ***

I acknowledge on behalf of the requesting entity.

3. **The requesting entity will comply with any request presented to them by the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Inspector General of a federal agency, Congress, or any other federal entity performing an audit, investigation, or oversight ***

I affirm on behalf of the requesting entity.

4. **Any funding award associated with this request does not guarantee support or funding in future fiscal years. ***

I acknowledge on behalf of the requesting entity.

5. **This request has been reviewed and is supported by the requesting entity's leadership and governing body (if applicable). ***

I acknowledge on behalf of the requesting entity.