

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Trust Funds

Expendable

Conservation		\$11,431.75	
F. Boice Memorial	Interest	\$476.29	
French Park Trust		\$5,200.18	
GASB 45 Retirement Fund		\$129,243.37	
Hillside Cemetery - PC		\$32,539.24	
Hillside - Sale Lots		\$3,293.87	
Stabilization fund		\$397,869.47	
			\$580,054.17

Unexpendable

F. Boice Memorial	Principal	\$10,000.00	
Perpetual Care	Principal	\$60,951.10	
			\$70,951.10

General Funds \$1,172,839.23

Total all Funds \$1,823,844.50

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Funk
Treasurer-Tax Collector

**REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
SERVICES**

To the Honorable Select Board:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2019 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 52 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2019 Submitted 7/01/18-6/30/19	Pmt Due in FY 2020 -FY 2019 - 75%
Egremont	\$17,232.76	\$12,924.57

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	38
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	48
DD 214s	49
Request for Grave Markers	35
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	73
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	42
Assisted with Dr. appointments	11
Home and Office Visits	272
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1370

For FY 2019 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Egremont' apportionment towards the FY 2019 DVS budget was \$5,717.64 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

**FY 2019
Annual Report of the
Egremont Water Department**

The Egremont Water Department continues to increase the amount of receipts from the monthly billings. Advances in our software and billing system have resulted in more accurate meter reading and billing. As the Department strives for more efficiency, fewer pumping hours and the solar panels at the plant contribute to reduced operating costs.

After many years, Jim Olmsted has retired as Primary Operator. His position was filled by Nathan Stalker, our current Operator. Two backup Operators fill in on weekends and during vacations.

The Department has been able to reduce finished water outflows another eleven per cent over fiscal year 2018 due to leak detection, infrastructure repairs and closer attention to metering. Leak detection efforts continue across the entire system with the assistance of Massachusetts Rural Water Association. Replacement of transmitters and meter maintenance contribute to more efficient operations and ensure correct meter readings.

Copper and lead testing is accomplished twice per year; Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has required an additional round of testing to monitor pH levels in the system. DEP has also required that there be additional testing of source water and the addition of a corrosion control protocol and system to be installed. Monthly testing results for other contaminants are forwarded to the MA DEP.

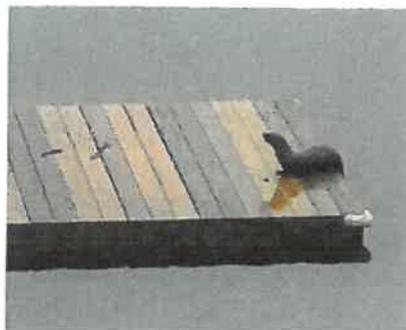
Monthly water bills are generated, printed and mailed directly from Town Hall. The Water Department Clerk is available weekdays during normal Town Hall hours to answer questions and provide information about the water system and billing.

Meetings of the Commissioners are held monthly at Town Hall.

Respectively submitted:

Stephen Agar
Gerard 'Poly' Lanoue
Raymond Palmucci

Egremont Water Commissioners



*Otter at Prospect Lake.
Photo by Neil DeLucca*



Community Driven... Community Strong

www.bcacinc.org

January 15, 2019

Town of Egremont
Select Board
P.O. Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258

Dear Town of Egremont Select Board,

Please accept the following request for funding to assist BCAC in serving low-income residents in the town of Egremont. The funds are used to assist residents in Egremont with emergency assistance once all other resources have been exhausted. Emergency assistance typically consists of rental payment to avoid eviction, utility payments to avoid utility shut-off, transportation to medical appointments and food pantry services.

BCAC would like to request \$1,000 in funds from the town of Egremont to serve only residents in Egremont who request emergency assistance. Although we cannot predict the demand for emergency assistance, we must prepare for the event should it arise. BCAC provided fuel assistance to 33 households in Egremont and Weatherization services to 5 households in 2018.

Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc. was established in 1966 as a private, non-profit corporation, for the purpose of promoting the well-being of low-income people in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. BCAC provides a number of services that assist low-income residents of Berkshire County. These services and programs include but are not limited to fuel assistance, weatherization and utility resources, transportation, emergency assistance, and food pantries. All these programs are designed to provide emergency assistance, prevention, support and advocacy for low-income residents. BCAC is dedicated to the principle of maximum feasibility participation among low-income residents by encouraging their participation in the planning and development of initiatives that focus on reducing poverty and community development. In 2018, BCAC received and responded to over 7,925 eligible fuel assistance applicants countywide.

Thank you,

Maggie Sheehan

CFO/Berkshire Community Action Council, Inc.



COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS, INC.

"To improve the health of people throughout the Berkshires by delivering exceptional, compassionate health care."

CHP Administration
444 Stockbridge Road
P.O. Box 30
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-9311

CHP Adams Internists
19 Depot Street, Suite 1
Adams, MA 01220
413-743-1080

**CHP Barrington
OB/GYN**
780 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-1470

**CHP Berkshire
Pediatrics**
777 North St., Suite 305
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-499-8531

CHP Dental Center
343 Main Street, Suite 1
Great Barrington, MA 01230
28-5565

CHP Family Services
442 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-0457

CHP Health Center
444 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-8580

CHP Lee Family Practice
11 Quarry Hill Road
Lee, MA 01238
413-243-0536

**CHP Neighborhood
Dental Center**
510 North Street, Suite 2
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-447-2781

**CHP Neighborhood
Health Center**
510 North Street, Suite 1
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-447-2351

**CHP North Adams
Family Medicine**
71 Hospital Avenue
3rd Floor, North Wing
North Adams, MA 01247
413-664-4088

November 28, 2018

Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
Town of Egremont
171 Egremont Plan Road, PO Box 368
Egremont, MA 1258

Dear Ms. Brazie,

Community Health Programs (CHP) respectfully requests \$1,000 as part of the Town of Egremont's FY 2020 budget to support CHP Family Services. As a safety net for families with children under age five, CHP's WIC and Family Services programs provide comprehensive support to ensure that the youngest of the town's citizens can develop to their fullest potential.

During the first five years of a child's life, critical brain development takes place and quality pre-kindergarten experiences have long-lasting positive impacts on a child's future. This is when CHP's Family Services can have the most impact - giving town children the strongest possible foundation for success in school and life. CHP Family Services promotes the long term health and development of children in the town of Egremont through the Women, Infants, Children (WIC) program and comprehensive family support programs.

CHP Family Services activities - all free to participants - include weekly playgroups, educational workshops for caregivers, clothing and book exchanges, a lending library, playroom, and a staff of nutritionists, social workers, early childhood educators, and breastfeeding support counselors. Access to these resources helps to strengthen families, promote literacy development, encourage social and emotional growth, promote positive parenting, and improve nutrition and health for residents of Egremont. CHP Family Services also provides crisis intervention, and ensures that families have access to all the community resources they need to make it through tough times. CHP's WIC activities include promotion of healthy pregnancies, breastfeeding support, nutrition counseling, access to healthy foods, and provision of WIC cards to struggling families.

Community Health Programs continues to conduct efforts throughout the town of Egremont to ensure that all individuals have health insurance and can access high quality, affordable health and dental care - measurably improving the lives of individuals and families. If you need additional information, I can be reached at spiliotes@chpberkshires.org or 413-528-9311 x1100. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Amelia (Lia) Spiliotes
Chief Executive Officer



41 MAHAIWE STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

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Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
171 Egremont Plain Rd
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

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Re: Request for 2019 Payment and 2020 Funding

Dear Mary & Egremont Town Leadership,

February 4, 2019

Construct requests ~~\$1000.00~~ that was appropriated for 2019 in order for Construct to support the housing needs of Egremont residents living with low income as well as provide corollary support services to keep Egremont neighbors housed affordably. In 2018, Construct and the town of Egremont explored options to create the town's first affordable housing of record using land that was set aside for that purpose years ago. Construct continues to move forward with plans to move 2 houses to said land and from them create 4 homeownership units. Egremont has 19% of its population living with low income and 4% living in poverty. We hope that this new housing will create long lasting housing solutions.

Construct has also served over 550 individuals throughout the south Berkshires in the past year and has over 450 households on our waitlist. While only a dozen or so specifically identified as from Egremont, some do not want their home town recorded. Needing help to access and sustain housing remains laced with embarrassment, even shame, therefore we respect anonymity in part to also maintain dignity.

When Construct has housing within a town, more residents seek other services. Therefore we request \$1500.00 to provide housing and support services to individuals and families living in Egremont. \$300 is the average financial assist Construct provides. Each assist requires an hour of one or more staff members' time often providing housing or economic counseling as well as referrals for further support. Construct always needs funds in addition to that which towns provide to meet the needs of Egremont and other south Berkshire neighbors.

We know towns like Egremont support residents in many ways. Construct only seeks what we believe we truly need based on past experience. We hope you can support our request for additional funds in the coming year.

Sincerely,



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March 19, 2019

Attn: Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
Board of Selectmen
Town of Egremont
P. O. Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Re: Request for Payment for FY2019 and Request for FY2020 Town Appropriation of \$500

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to request payment of the FY2019 Town of Egremont appropriation of \$500. I am also writing to ask that the Town of Egremont again support the work of Elizabeth Freeman Center by appropriating \$500 to our organization for FY2020.

As I write you again this year, we are sorting through the tragedy of the deaths of a family in Sheffield allegedly due to family violence. From Clarksburg (Joanne Ringer, March 2017) to North Adams (Christa Leigh Steele-Knudslie, January 5, 2018) to Pittsfield (Celeste Kordana, July 24, 2017) to Hinsdale (Kassedi Clark, April 13, 2018) and now likely to Sheffield, we in the Berkshires should know all too well that family violence happens here, it can happen to anyone, that it can be deadly, it is tragic and horrifying, and it must be stopped.

Studies show what we know- that family violence in rural areas is more chronic and more severe, and that people in rural communities have unique impediments to getting help. Lack of transportation, isolation, kinship ties, poverty and traditional values all contribute to the barriers rural victims face when attempting to end the abuse in their lives. The levels and severity of violence are high but often hidden in our small but widespread communities.

Berkshire County's rates of 209A and 258E protection orders for domestic violence and sexual assault are 28% above the state average. According to 2017 FBI reports, four Berkshire communities - Stockbridge, Adams, Pittsfield, and North Adams - ranked 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 6th in highest rates of rape by population in Massachusetts. And while Egremont was not one of the 274 reporting communities, EFC served three Egremont residents for counseling and advocacy on domestic and sexual violence, helped two obtain court protection orders, and responded to two calling our 24/7 emergency hotline.

Who we are and what we do:

Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC) is the domestic violence program and rape crisis center for all of Berkshire County. EFC represents the merger in 1997 of two grass roots organizations: Women

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Berkshire United Way Berkshire United Way Northern Berkshire United Way
Williamstown Community Chest

Services Center, formed in 1974 to address domestic violence; and Rape Crisis Center, formed in 1976 to address sexual assault. We adopted the name Elizabeth Freeman Center, inspired by the incredible courage and determination of our nationally recognized local hero, Elizabeth Freeman.

In 44 years, we've grown from small groups of dedicated volunteers working out of their cars and homes to become a county-wide presence with an array of services and strong partnerships. We now have offices in the three major areas of Berkshire County- located in Great Barrington, Pittsfield and North Adams- and a secure residential shelter with ten bedrooms, with staff also sited in the Pittsfield and Adams police departments, Family and Probate Court, the Northern and Southern Berkshire District Courts, and Berkshire County Kids' Place. We are spread throughout this large rural county, albeit thinly, so that people know who we are, how we can help, how to reach us, and how we can work together.

EFC strives to:

- ensure that all people whose lives are affected by domestic and sexual violence have access to necessary services to escape violence, heal from past violence and rebuild their lives;
- educate the public about domestic and sexual violence and promote the prevention of violence; and
- end domestic and sexual violence by working with others for social change to create a culture of respect and justice.

Our services help survivors get and stay safe, heal from fear and trauma, break down isolation, improve self-esteem and self-awareness, improve social relationships and functioning, reengage in school, build social networks, address health issues, develop education and career goals, and envision and create a new future.

We serve adult and child survivors of violence, children who have witnessed violence and non-offending family members. Our services include: a 24/7 toll-free hotline with emergency services including shelter, transportation, phones, and food, with physical response to hospitals and police stations following an attack; a secure residential shelter with in-house support services; individual counseling, advocacy and safety planning; support groups; our Domestic Violence Homelessness Response Program; our LGBTQ Access Project; SAFEPLAN legal advocacy in county courts to assist victims in obtaining protection orders (commonly called "restraining orders"); specialized services for immigrants and for survivors with disabilities; secure supervised visitation services; SafePet, a collaborative program with Berkshire Humane Society that shelters pets when their owners need to leave their homes because of violence; partner contact for the area's batterers' intervention education program; Money School, an award winning financial independence initiative; primary prevention/sex education programs for children and youth; community education and trainings (6-8 each month); and on-site legal assistance through Community Legal Aid.

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New this year, we have a small pilot transitional housing program to keep survivors in their homes and communities rather than be forced to flee to shelter and flexible funds to stabilize housing and secure new safe housing.

We are active in many community organizations and coalitions, including the South County Health Caravan, the Multicultural Race Task Force, Human/Animal Violence Education Network, Berkshire County Head Start Executive Board, the Community Health Program board, the Berkshire Community Action Council board, the Berkshire Connector Collaborative, the Department of Children and Families' Trauma-informed Leadership Team, and the Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee. We have strong partnerships with law enforcement, the courts, area schools and colleges, health providers, community coalitions, housing and homelessness providers, child serving agencies, Berkshire Immigrant Center, Community Health Program, Tapestry, employment services, faith-based groups, literacy and ESL groups, women's service organizations, civic organizations, and business associations. We are appointed members of the advisory boards of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Transitional Assistance. We regularly communicate with our legislators and inform others of pending issues through our electronic newsletter *Freeman Flash* and through our membership on community committees and coalitions.

We are also now working with the District Attorney's office to form a county-wide Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force to build community/coordinated action for responding to and preventing the devastating violence in Berkshire County.

Services are accessible regardless of language, ability, or gender identity and are culturally sensitive to issues of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, and age. EFC sites and shelter are handicap accessible. Our staff is racially and culturally diverse- 44% of agency leadership and 38% of all staff are of color, 66% of us identify as survivors, 20% are bilingual, 17% are LGBTQ, 20% are living with a disability. We range in age from 19 to 70. We have TTY, subscribe to telephone interpretation services and hire interpreters as needed. All of our services are free and confidential with special protections under MGL Ch. 233 §§20k and 20j.



Our Great Barrington office is a full service office providing emergency services including shelter and transportation, counseling and advocacy for adults and children, support groups, SAFEPLAN court advocacy in the Southern Berkshire District Court, specialized counseling and advocacy for LGBTQ survivors of violence (who often face particular barriers to support and safety), our "Money School" financial independence program, community education, and prevention services focused on youth. Staffing now includes five staff members (two Spanish-speaking), equivalent to 4.4 full-time positions.

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Conclusion:

We envision a world in which we can walk without fear, wherever we want, whenever we want; a world in which our daughters' clothing will never be seen as an excuse for rape, in which we can let our children go to the park or walk to school without worry. We envision a world in which we are safe in our own homes. We have much more work to do. Our core responsibility is to respond to and prevent violence. This will not change; however, our response cannot be simplistic. Our work is important, effective, far reaching and holistic.

We hope that you will continue to support us. We maintain and work to constantly improve our services, presence and reach with the support and generosity of our community. Our organization operates on a shoestring and we spend each dollar carefully. You can be sure that your appropriation will be put to good use.

Please do call me if you have any questions about Elizabeth Freeman Center or our application. And if you would like us to speak anywhere, definitely let us know.

Thank you for your past support and for the ongoing support you provide us.

Sincerely,



Janis Broderick
Executive Director



February 10, 2019

Dear Selectboard,

The Egremont Garden Club is again requesting funds from the Town in the amount of \$200.00.

The Garden Club provides many benefits to the residents of Egremont. We maintain the gardens at Creamery Road/Rt 23. intersection, Hillside Cemetery, French Park, and the Egremont Free Library. We also plant and maintain the bridge boxes in South Egremont. Your funding enables to replace and purchase additional plants for these gardens.

At Christmas time we decorate and distribute wreaths for all the public buildings in Egremont. We decorate mugs for the senior "Meals on Wheels" Program twice a year - at Christmas and in August.

This past October we held a community event "Halloween Crafts for Children" which was attended by many local children.

We also provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Mt. Everett who is planning on attending college and majoring in horticulture or a related field.

We appreciate the support of the Town as it enables to continue to provide the above services to Egremont.

Sincerely,

Abigail McKee, President

Peg Muskrat, Treasurer

JAN 18 2019

January 14, 2019

Board of Selectmen
c/o Ms. Mary Brazie, Office Administrator
Town of Egremont
P.O. Box 368
Egremont, MA, 01258-0368

Dear Ms Brazie and Board of Selectmen,

The Town of Egremont has been a consistent and ongoing supporter of the mission of HospiceCare in The Berkshires. On behalf of the agency, I would like to thank you for your very generous donations which enable us to expand our services and provide quality end-of-life care to all residents of Berkshire County. At this time, we would like to reinstate our request of support from the Town of Egremont in the amount of \$750.00.

HospiceCare in The Berkshires admitted 704 patients as of December 31, 2018, including eighteen families receiving hospice bereavement services in Egremont. Our daily census averaged at 128 people on our services. Through HospiceCare we provide family and patients with emotional support, medical care, bereavement services, and education. It is important to us that all of our patients are cared for and treated with the utmost respect and compassion.

Our agency relies on community support, such as your previous budget contributions, to allow us to fulfill our mission and sustain the level of care our patients, families, and the community expects.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if there are any questions or a need for additional information.

Sincerely,



Michelle Chappell
Executive Director



Housatonic Valley Association

150 Kent Road
PO Box 28
Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754
T: (860) 672-6678

14 Main Street
PO Box 496
Stockbridge, MA 01262
T: (413) 298-7024

37 Furnace Bank Road
PO Box 315
Wassaic, NY 12592
T: (845) 442-1039



February 2019

Mr. Bruce Turner, Chairman
Town of Egremont
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 368
South Egremont, MA 01258

*Thank you for all
you've done to protect
our Rivers!*

Dear Mr. Turner,

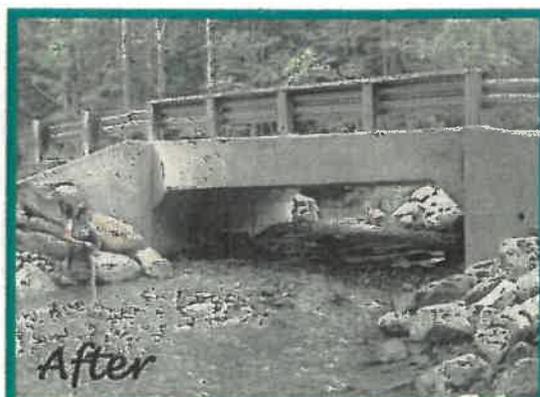
As you approach your 2019-2020 budget planning season, I want to thank you for all you do on behalf of our natural environment, and the Housatonic River Valley, and invite you to join the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) with a gift of **\$250** as an appropriation in your upcoming budget.

The Town of Egremont is one of 83 towns and cities within the 2000 square mile Housatonic River watershed. HVA is dedicated to improving and protecting rivers and streams, and the lands that nurture them, across the Berkshires within our shared watershed.

Together we can make this happen. With your municipal membership, you ...

- **Restore stream flow, fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce costly flood damage**, by finding and fixing old stream crossing culverts that no longer work or can handle the flows of increasingly heavy storms related to climate change. **We are assessing culverts in almost every town across the Berkshires!**

Take a look at the spectacular cold water trout habitat recently restored in Pittsfield's Churchill Brook. The old two-pipe culvert under Hancock Road, undermined by multiple heavy storms, was perched well above Churchill Brook's surface, making it impossible for trout to swim upstream to spawn. Working with city and state agencies, and helped along by a grant from the Natural Resource Damages Trustees, these pipes were removed and replaced with an open-sided bridge culvert. Today, the brook runs naturally and fish and wildlife can pass freely!



Learn more about workplace giving at www.earthsharenewengland.org.



With partners such as the Berkshire Environmental Action Team and the experts at UMASS, we've identified hundreds of Berkshire culverts that threaten fish, degrade rivers and pose urgent flood hazards. Our mission together is both monumental and *achievable*. We have the science, the partners, and the game plan. **All we need is you.**

Your municipal membership also...

- **Keeps our rivers clean!**
Pittsfield, Monterey, Alford, Windsor, Peru, Great Barrington, Tyringham, Egremont, Richmond, West Stockbridge, Sheffield and New Marlborough: *Volunteer Stream Teams* are out along the *Southwest Branch, the Green River, the Williams River, and the Konkapot River*, too! They've already assessed Hop Brook and many portions of the Housatonic River Mainstem. These *Stream Teams* gather vital information about the conditions of these rivers – the crucial first step in creating *river restoration and protection plans*. Your membership trains and outfits these wonderful volunteers. *And we share our findings with YOU.*
- **Helps families and kids of all ages explore and enjoy the great outdoors!**
Dalton and Hinsdale: Now you can use your cell-phone to explore the old mills that once flourished on the East Branch. Follow the trail and use the app to “see” the mills and read about their role in the history of our communities.



Lee, Lenox, Stockbridge, Great Barrington, and Sheffield:

You can paddle the Housatonic River safely now at “put-ins” and “take-outs” – newly installed river access sites that we coordinated with the help of community leaders, land trusts, commissions, volunteers and businesses. They offer you easy entry and exit, and protect the riverbank from erosion and the river from polluted runoff, too.



Adult and school education programs that touch every

Berkshire Community: We're at almost every elementary school across the region - and a few high schools, too - teaching river dynamics and stewardship. We share *RiverSmart* programs at libraries and community centers to help adults protect their backyard streams with simple steps such as natural buffers and rain gardens. We spread the word!

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU BY JOINING HVA AS A MUNICIPAL MEMBER.

To view our annual report, visit our website: hvatoday.org. Please let me know if you want more information, or would like an HVA representative to attend your town board or budget hearing.

Gratefully,


Lynn Werner
Executive Director

P.S. HVA is already in your town doing great work: we conducted stream assessment on the Green River (2017).

FINANCIAL REPORT

HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION, INC. AND HVA FOUNDATION, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Membership Dues	\$ 62,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,072
Contributions Above Dues	524,473	-	-	524,473
Grants	775,052	401,155	-	1,176,207
Events	149,614	-	-	149,614
Fees	39,455	-	-	39,455
Rent	9,085	-	-	9,085
Investment Income	5,951	20,405	-	26,356
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	23,511	72,440	-	95,951
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	141,485	(141,485)	-	-
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	<u>1,730,698</u>	<u>352,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,083,213</u>
EXPENSES				
Program Services				
Issue Response	65,401	-	-	65,401
Environmental Education	247,235	-	-	247,235
Land Protection	356,132	-	-	356,132
Water Protection	718,575	-	-	718,575
Total Program Services	<u>1,387,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,387,343</u>
Supporting Services				
Membership	100,276	-	-	100,276
Events	73,241	-	-	73,241
Management and General	28,178	-	-	28,178
Fundraising	130,094	-	-	130,094
Total Supporting Services	<u>331,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>331,789</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,719,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719,132</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>11,566</u>	<u>352,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,081</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>500,086</u>	<u>562,047</u>	<u>849,025</u>	<u>1,911,158</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 511,652</u>	<u>\$ 914,562</u>	<u>\$ 849,025</u>	<u>\$2,275,239</u>

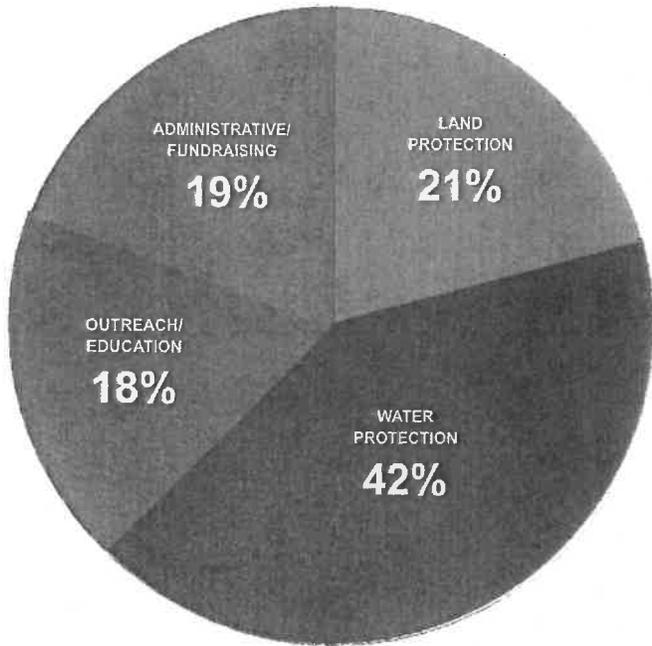
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 380,112
Accounts Receivable	653,989
Prepaid Expenses	27,213
Total Current Assets	<u>1,061,314</u>
Property and Equipment	
Land	216,206
Buildings and Renovations	369,106
Furnishings and Equipment	190,273
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(476,925)
Net Property and Equipment	<u>298,660</u>
Other Assets	
Investments	1,290,127
Deferred Land Sale Costs	6,342
Total Other Assets	<u>1,296,469</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,656,443</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 366,864
Accrued Salaries and Wages	14,340
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>381,204</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted, Equity in Property and Equipment	298,660
Unrestricted, Designated by the Board	62,000
Unrestricted, Undesignated	150,992
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	511,652
Temporarily Restricted	914,562
Permanently Restricted	849,025
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>2,275,239</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$2,656,443</u>

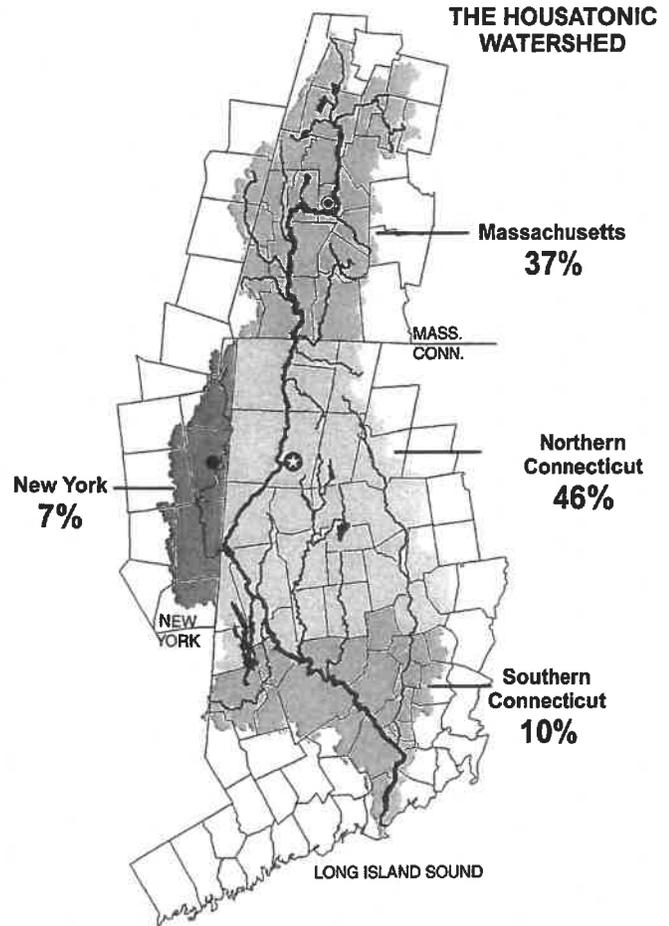
2018 AT A GLANCE

The Housatonic Valley Association's mission is to save the natural character and environmental health of our communities by protecting land and water in the Housatonic River Watershed.

How we spent our resources



Where we spent our resources



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LITERACY NETWORK OF SOUTH BERKSHIRE

March 4, 2019

Ms. Mary Brazie
Office Administrator
Town of Egremont
PO Box 368
Egremont, MA 01258

Dear Ms. Brazie:

On behalf of the Literacy Network of South Berkshire, thank you to the Town of Egremont for the generous gift of \$400.00, received on February 27, 2019.

Thanks to you, LitNet is able to undertake our daily work with students like Guadelupe, who worked as a nurse for more than 25 years in her native country. When Guadelupe came to the United States, she did not have either the language skills or the certifications required to continue her medical career.

With the help of LitNet and her tutor, Vicky, Guadelupe has improved her English. This past fall, she decided to tackle the challenge of returning to nursing. Guadelupe worked with LitNet and her tutor to register for and participate in a local Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training course. She studied diligently, passed the training class, and is currently preparing to take the Massachusetts State CNA exam.

Guadelupe's work environment and her current income have improved because of her CNA training. She is thrilled with her success, and we are proud to be able to support her on this journey.

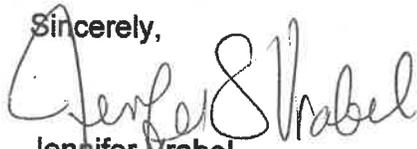


Vicky and Guadelupe at the LitNet Annual Holiday Party, 2018

The IRS has designated The Literacy Network of South Berkshire as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation of \$400.00 is a charitable contribution, which is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were exchanged in return for this gift designated as a charitable contribution. Please retain this letter for your records as confirmation of your donation.

On behalf of Guadelupe and all of our students, thank you for your incredible generosity. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 413-243-0471 or jvrabel@litnetsb.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Vrabel
Executive Director

*Thank you to the Town of
Egremont for its continuing
support! Best,
Jennifer*



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Thank you!

July 1, 2019

Egremont Board of Selectmen
ATTN Mary Brazie
P.O. Box 368
South Egremont, MA 01258

Dear Mary,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$1,500.00 in support of Railroad Street Youth Project. Since its founding, RSYP continues to serve a vital role in our community, empowering young people to find their voice and unique identity in the world, follow their passion, and successfully negotiate the often difficult transition to adulthood. Through RSYP, our constituents explore and develop ideas and projects which enrich their lives, the lives of their peers and our community as a whole.

In this past year alone, RSYP served over 800 youth in South County with programs including the Youth Operational Board, staffed Drop-in Center, Apprenticeships, Mentoring, Jobs & Career services, Counseling, and Sexual-Health Education. Our programs provide opportunities that reach beyond the classroom, allowing participants to gain the experience and skills to think differently about their future and life choices.

Without your support for our mission of youth development and empowerment, none of this would be possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ananda Timpane
Executive Director

Your gift to Railroad Street Youth Project, a 501(c)3 organization, is fully deductible for income tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in return for your gift.



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June 18, 2019

Mary Brazie
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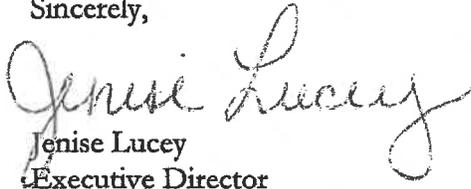
Dear Mary,

Thank you for your grant award to Berkshire South Regional Community Center. This grant, in the amount of \$2,000, supports our BUB and Sings! programs, as outlined in our grant application.

We are extremely grateful for your support and contribution. The Center is a community organization that understands the diversity of our community and the powerful health benefits of ensuring a diverse and inclusive approach to service and programming. Your support and commitment is so valuable to helping us build a healthy, compassionate and connected community.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our staff, our members, and everyone the Center serves, **thank you** .

Sincerely,

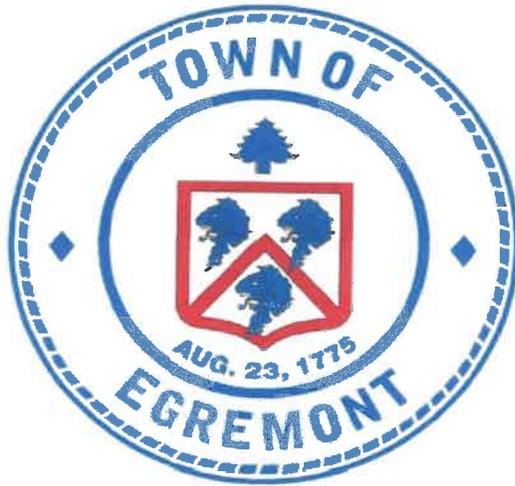

Jenise Lucey
Executive Director

Please note: In accordance with IRS regulations, your gift to Berkshire South Regional Community Center (BSRCC) is tax deductible, based on BSRCC's 501(c) 3 nonprofit status under Federal ID # 04-3348584. This tax-deductible value is based on the full market value of these assets, because BSRCC has not provided you with any goods or services as a result of your donation.

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Egremont's other residents. Photo's taken by Jeanne Peck in her yard.





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