

Good Morning,

Yesterday, I attended a webinar about the Capital Projects Grants available through Vt Department of Libraries, these will be awarded to at least one library per county in the amount of \$300K-\$1.4M. The deadline is 3/12/24. I need a letter of support from the Selectboard as part of the application.

The grant requires assurance that the library will remain in its current location through 12/31/31.

Project completion date: 12/31/26.

The intention of the grant is to assure continued access to high speed internet in libraries; this may include ADA access, Soundproof rooms/booths, reservable community rooms, improvements to electrical systems to include more outlets/charging stations.

We will have a stronger case if we can be specific and may be more successful if we can provide staged process notes.

We have discussed updating our entryway for ADA and making the community room available with an exterior entrance for after hours gathering, to include a bathroom. We need more electric outlets and charging stations - we currently run extension cords and power strips for the circulation desk, and office. Patrons have one spot where they may plug in and work, it is at the end of a bookshelf in an awkward location- no table.

Ben and I met with VT Integrated Architecture 4/19/23 - at that time the cost of next steps, to include an RFP were cost prohibitive. It was difficult timing with the Selectboard coming together and we were unable to move forward on a grant from the VT Community Foundation to cover the cost of the RFP. Also, other grant opportunities arose and staffing capacity would not allow us to pursue all these. We shifted focus to the NLM and United Way grants.

As I recall, Wieman Lamphere who we contracted for the town garage did not return our calls. We do have the preliminary plan created by VIS in 2018 (the administrator has a copy). I am not sure this is still the direction we would like to go.

I am working on a draft of the grant. Will you please advise on next steps. Would you like to meet to discuss the focus and scope of the work; what we should ask for in the grant?

Thank you,  
Bridget

Selectboard: Are there further specifics that would be helpful? Please let me know and I will be glad to organize.

The deadline is 3/12/24. I'm concerned that there is not much time. This is complicated by staff submitting their resignations. Please let me know how I can best help.

Thank you,  
Bridget