

March 7, 2023

Petersburg Borough Assembly  
PO Box 329  
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RE: Grant Application Submitted by Mt. View Food Services (MVFS)

Dear Borough Assembly Members;

My husband and I support awarding a grant in the next fiscal year to MVFS in the requested amount of \$42,788.48.

My dad was diagnosed in 2015 with Alzheimer disease. He is now 83 years old and has been incapable of cooking his own meals for almost three years. He eats cold foods during the day, MVFS brings dinner to him five nights a week, and our family provides it on the weekends.


My 92-year-old mother-in-law no longer cooks for herself, which is probably best because her short-term memory is significantly impaired and cooking could be an unsafe activity. Like my dad, she eats cold foods during the day, MVFS brings dinner five nights a week, and we provide it on the weekends.

We are extremely grateful for the reliable service that MVFS offers. We would be hard-pressed to prepare dinners seven days a week for our parents. They are both on fixed incomes so don't have the luxury of hiring someone to do the job that MVFS would provide for free.

Our parents do make monthly donations to MVFS, however -- \$140 per month. I have learned that a large number of meal recipients do not donate the suggested amount of \$7 per meal. MVFS is prohibited by the terms of their State of Alaska grant from charging for the meals or asking for payment. Therefore, they must rely on people paying the \$7 out of the goodness of their heart or their sense of fairness or responsibility.

As is evidenced by MVFS's grant application, the number of meals served has increased significantly in the last few years. I have been told that donations have remained flat, however, at pre-pandemic levels. This invaluable service needs the Borough's assistance to continue providing hot and nutritious meals to the disabled and elderly, especially to the vulnerable population that includes my dad and mother-in-law. I urge the members to vote in favor of awarding MVFS's grant application in the requested amount.

Sincerely,



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