Village of Afton Code Enforcement Report August 12, 2024

Spoke with Chenango County Code about homes on Long Hill and Spring Street and go cart track at Fair. Permits were issued for Long Hill and Mr. Fox will also check Spring Street.

Spoke with Supervisor Dollar General about Parking Lot he will follow up.

Continuing to call homeonwers about lawn and property maintence.

Spoke with Homeowner about trailer moved in on East Main Street.Homeowner did not know tenant moved it there. Spoke with tenant I gave home 3 weeks to remove it.(tenant fixing to move to another property not to live there in)

Received reponses about boat ramp.(papers enclosed)

Continuing to work on Unlicened/Unregistered Vehicles.(2 homeowners responed)

Went to a Planning Board Meeting.

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6/27/2024

Mr. Jeffrey Butler 128 A Main Street Afton, NY 13730

Dear Jeffrey Butler,

Thank you for your letter on June 17th, to Governor Hochul requesting assistance with repairing the boat launch in Afton. The DEC boat launch in Afton is in a problematic location due to sediment accumulation which impacts use by trailered boats during the summer low flow levels. The recurring removal of the gravel bar is not a sustainable effort because of the site characteristics. The accumulation re-deposits during the next higher water event.

The Village/Town approached the DEC about a year ago asking what would be needed for them to develop a new launch on the other side of the river which may have better motorboat accessibility during the low summer water levels. Region 7 Fisheries and Operations staff will contact the municipalities to conduct a site visit with them to the proposed new launch location to assess its suitability and what the options for development may be.

Sincerely,

Dereth Glance Region 7 Director

cc: Scott Prindle, DEC Aquatic Biologist Daniel Bishop, DEC Regional Supervisor of Natural Resources



From: "Straebler, Ben" <Ben.Straebler@mail.house.gov> To: "jsb26@twc.com" <jsb26@twc.com> Cc: Priority: Normal Date: Monday July 8 2024 11:58:24AM

Re: Boat Launch village of Afton

Hi Jeff,

Below is some information that the Congressional Research Service was able to provide me with pertaining to the boat launch in Afton:

General Information on Federal Grants and the Role of States

In general, more than 80% of federal grant funding is allocated to states as formula or block grants. As a result, federal grant funding is administrated by state agencies that make grants or contracts with local entities that run specific programs or offer specific services. Therefore, identifying relevant state agencies with grant money is an important strategy for most grantseekers. These State Administering Agencies (SAAs) should be contacted early on in the process to determine funding availability and allocation.

The primary source of federal grant information is housed at <u>https://sam.gov/</u>. This website describes over 2,200 federal assistance programs (including some 1,700 formula and project grants) that can be located by searching the "Assistance Listings." Note that funding of specific grant programs depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations.

As opposed to state agencies with formula or block grant funds, competitive project grant opportunities that are awarded directly from federal agencies may be posted on websites such as <u>www.grants.gov</u> or <u>www.fedconnect.net</u>. These websites may also function as administrative tools for grantseekers—once they have identified relevant grant programs, communicated with program officers, and developed proposals, they can apply for grants online and track their grant application after submission.

Examples of Potential Funding Agencies and Sources

Using the database tools described above, CRS has conducted preliminary searches into grant programs of potential interest to your constituent. The programs included here do not represent an exhaustive list; rather, they demonstrate the types of grant programs currently available. Ultimately, your constituent will want to conduct their own searches to identify any additional or newly available grant opportunities. They may also wish to contact relevant state agencies for additional information.

• Department of the Interior / U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): <u>Sport Fish Restoration Program</u> Authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 (commonly known as the Dingell-Johnson Act), this formula-based grant program provides funds to State fish and wildlife agencies, and through these agencies to local governmental jurisdictions, nonprofits, and community groups.

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• <u>The Boating Access (BA) Program</u> is a part of the larger Sport Fish Restoration Program. The BA Program provides grant funds to the States, the District of Columbia, and Insular Areas fish and wildlife agencies for projects that provide access to America's waterways by developing new access facilities or renovation and/or improvement of existing facilities.

• <u>Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)</u> The BIG program is also funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program. BIG grants provide funding to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of docking, mooring, and other facilities for transient, recreational boats 26-feet or greater in length.

• U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funding to states through the <u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</u> program. Each state then provides their CDBG funds to local governments to support infrastructure improvement, economic development, public services and community facilities projects. Depending on the public benefits, the CDBG may be a possible source of funding. The constituent should double-check with a CDBG state contact on their particular project.

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): USDA's <u>Community Facilities Loans and Grants</u> program supports projects to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents. Park and recreation projects may be eligible. To determine the availability of funding under this program, we recommend contacting USDA's Rural Development State Contacts. The contact information is available <u>here</u>.

- Cities, towns, or incorporated areas under 20,000 people are eligible for grants.
- National Park Service (NPS):

• Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) <u>State and Local Assistance Program</u>: The formula-based LWCF State and Local Assistance program provides funds to the states, and through the states to local governmental jurisdictions, for the acquisition of land and the development of facilities for public outdoor recreation.

Private Foundation Grants

Grantseekers may also wish to identify sources of private foundation grants. State and local foundations may be particularly interested in funding local projects. To identify these opportunities, click on a state at <u>Grantsmanship Center</u> <u>Funding Sources</u> website for listings of local foundations. Additional information on private foundations, including guidance on proposal writing, may be found at <u>Grantdid</u> (formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar).

Finally, CRS has publicly available reports that cover how to identify and apply for federal funding, including *How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal* (<u>RL32159</u>) and *Resources for Grantseekers* (<u>RL34012</u>). You are welcome to share PDFs of these reports with your constituent and/or refer them to <u>https://crsreports.congress.gov/</u> where they can find these and other CRS reports.

I hope this information is helpful. If Afton does decide to apply for any of these grants our office would be more than happy to provide a letter of support to the relevant agency. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything further that our office can do to support the Village.

Best, Benjamin Straebler Constituent Services Representative Congressman Marcus J. Molinaro (NY19) Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter



From: jsb26@twc.com <jsb26@twc.com> Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 9:57 PM To: Straebler, Ben <Ben.Straebler@mail.house.gov> Subject: RE: Boat Launch village of Afton

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