



NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1297 in 2023

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Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

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Thank you **Town of Concord** voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2023 appropriation request of **\$1297** is the same amount voted on at the 2022 Town Meeting. This represents 1.34% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary Activity Report July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

- **2887** individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.
- **79** individuals **from the Town of Concord** accessed supportive care at NKHS.
- Employees provided **over 94 hours** of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 200 Northeast Kingdom community members.
- **552** total dedicated professional employees, **15 from the Town of Concord**, support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Concord voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director
Board of Directors
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.