



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Montpelier, VT 05602

September 6, 2022

Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.
C/O Andrew Barter, CEO
PO Box 338, 146 Mill Street
Bradford, VT 05033

Dear Mr. Barter:

As a former long-term resident of Newbury, Vermont, who still has family living in the area, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for your application for the Vermont Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants Program's Building and General Services (BGS) grant to renovate your Newbury clinic site.

I have been long acquainted with the services Little Rivers provides in the rural area of east central Vermont and commend you on your willingness to grow to meet the increasing needs of the greater Newbury community. I am aware that as a federally qualified health center, your mission goes well beyond traditional medical primary care to also include community outreach to our schools and local farms, as well as providing public health services like COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics these past two years.

Access to medical care in the area has significantly increased thanks to the growth Little Rivers has undergone over the past 15 years, but many residents in our local towns still struggle to obtain dental and mental health services. Your plans to renovate the Newbury clinic to create two dental operatories and more space for social workers will be a boon for the community. The fact that you are also collaborating with River Bend Career and Technical Center, Vermont Technical College, and regional dental programs to offer clinical training for dental professionals at that site is especially exciting as it will make new career opportunities more accessible for the region.

It is therefore my pleasure to offer my support for your project. Thank you for all that you do and best wishes for a successful grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly R. Gray".

Molly Gray
Vermont Lieutenant Governor