

From: Dragon, Paul [Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Gingras, Jessica
Subject: RE: Request for letter of support

Thanks. I think the points made regarding the letter were valid. I'm glad we had the chance to update it.
Paul

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From: Gingras, Jessica
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 4:05 PM
To: Lamoureux, Denise <Denise.Lamoureux@vermont.gov>
Cc: Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for letter of support

Hi Denise,

It was great to speak to you and Paul earlier, and thank for the revisions. I think this version more clearly explains the economic and social service needs of the region.

I am looping in Darren so he can take a look too.

Thanks!

-jg

From: Lamoureux, Denise
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 3:48:36 PM
To: Gingras, Jessica
Cc: Dragon, Paul
Subject: RE: Request for letter of support

Hi Jessica,

I attach the revised version of the template. Of course, the writer can amend and personalize it as they please.

Thank you,

Denise

Denise Lamoureux
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From: Gingras, Jessica
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Lamoureux, Denise <Denise.Lamoureux@vermont.gov>
Subject: Fw: Request for letter of support

Hi Denise,

Darren wanted me to reach out and give some feedback re: the letter of support that is attached here. This is a priority of the Governor's and we want to make sure that our messaging is consistent. Any chance you have time to talk today or tomorrow?

jg

From: Springer, Darren
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 8:39 AM
To: Gingras, Jessica
Subject: Fwd: Request for letter of support

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christopher Louras <mayorlouras@gmail.com>

Date: July 15, 2016 at 5:21:23 PM EDT

To: Darren Springer <darren.springer@vermont.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Request for letter of support

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From: Lamoureux, Denise <Denise.Lamoureux@vermont.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Request for letter of support

To: "Louras, Christopher (Chris)" <mayorlouras@gmail.com>

Cc: "Merdzanovic, Amila" <amerdzanovic@uscrvt.org>, "Johnson, Christine M." <Christine.M.Johnson@vermont.gov>

Dear Mayor Louras,

My Office is applying for a competitive, discretionary grant, from the Office of Refugee Resettlement to support services to refugees to be resettled in Rutland next fiscal year, if the proposal is approved. Although PRM has not made their decision yet, we have no choice but to apply for funding anyway because the application is due July 22, 2016, and there will be no other opportunity to apply for similar funding after the deadline has passed. We are applying for approximately \$200,000/year and this is a three-year grant period.

Services to be provided are case management services for refugee Reach Up participants, employment and case management services for refugees not eligible to Reach Up, English Language Training geared toward employment for newly arrived adult refugees, medical case management services. USCRI would deliver the services, in collaboration with our AHS District Office (for Reach Up participants).

A letter of support would increase our chances of being successful and would be very much appreciated. This funding is important because Vermont's refugee formula social services allocations are less next year than this year, with a planned expansion of 100 refugees.

To make this task easier, I attach a proposed draft letter. Feel free to amend it as you wish as I believe that personalized letters have more impact than standard ones.

Unfortunately, we have a tight deadline and I must receive the letter **by July 20** to be able to attach it to the proposal.

As background information, I attach the grant announcement.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like additional information and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Denise Lamoureux

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