

FY20 Featured Social Service Agencies

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Featured Health & Human Service Agencies		
Agency	FY19	FY20
HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	\$7,960	\$7,960
RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	\$2,050	\$2,050
Addison County Readers	\$2,000	\$2,000
Otter Creek Natural Resource District	\$884	\$884

HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) serves low income Addison County residents with a variety of goods and services including clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and budget counseling. HOPE operates the largest food shelf in the county. In 2017, Hope provided food for 70,299 meals, and distributed over 30,000 pounds of surplus farm produce. HOPE's funding request for FY20 is \$7,960, the same as last year.

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is a volunteer management program which offers individuals the opportunity to share their experience, skills and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations. Volunteers meet needs critical areas such as human services, health care and education. In FY18, 117 Middlebury residents served the community by volunteering over 17,000 hours at area non-profit organizations, helping community members stay healthy, engaged and financially viable. RSVP requests funding in the amount of \$2,050 from the Town of Middlebury, the same as last year.

Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer organization dedicated to promoting preschool literacy. It sponsors the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, which mails free quality books monthly to the homes of registered children. The \$30 annual cost of the program, which is open to any child from age 0 to 5 residing in Addison County, is covered by Addison County Readers. In September 2018, 208 Middlebury/East Middlebury children were enrolled in the program and more than 2,500 books were shipped to Middlebury children last fiscal year. Addison County Readers request \$2,000, the same as last year.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District works in many ways to increase water quality in the Otter Creek and other Addison County watersheds. The District sells trees and plants trees along streams, helps fund repair of gully erosion and construction of rain gardens, and other water quality projects, including soil testing of farms and implementation of Nutrient Management Plans. The Otter Creek NRCD requests \$884, the same as last year.