

Town Article 18 – Social Services Agencies

This article will raise \$40,000 for twelve Social Service agencies that provide services to Raymond residents. (1) The Board of Selectmen capped the amount awarded to \$40,000. (2) The estimated tax impact is \$0.041 per thousand of valuation or \$8.20 on a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote will provide funding to the listed Social Service agencies serving Raymond residents.

A NO vote will not provide any funding from Raymond to any of these Social Service agencies.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- All the Social Service agencies contribute more in services and financial support to Raymond residents than they receive from the Town.
- You or someone you know has been impacted and needed the services.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Personal objections to any or all of the agencies.
- Personal objections to town funding any or all Social Services agencies.

References:

1. -The following agencies are proposed to be funded at an increase from 2020: Southern NH Services/Rockingham Community Action: \$4,000 (up \$22), and Rockingham County Nutrition Program: \$6,000 (up \$2,253).
-These agencies are proposed to be funded at the same level as last year: Child Advocacy Center \$2000, Waypoint (formerly Child and Family Services of NH) \$6000; Home Health and Hospice Care \$1,000.
-The following agencies are proposed to be funded at a lesser amount as compared to 2020: HAVEN: \$4,000 (down \$175); Retired Senior Volunteer Program: \$500 (down \$100); Chamber Children's Fund: \$2,000 (down \$1,000); Raymond Coalition for Youth: \$7,000 (down \$3,000).
-The following agencies will receive funding, and although did not request funding in 2020, they had been awarded funds in prior years: American Red Cross: \$1,000, and Richie McFarland Children's Center: \$5,000.
2. Requests from Social Services in 2020 totaled \$90,322. Requests in 2021 totaled \$95,285.