

Town of Orange
Social Service Agency Appropriation Policy

Article 1. Authority: Under the authority granted by the Town of Orange Cemetery Commissioners and Selectboard we hereby adopt the following policy concerning Cemetery Investments

Article 2: Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to Under Vermont law, a town may appropriate such sums of money as it deems necessary for the support of social service programs and agencies that provide services to town residents. 24 V.S.A. § 2691. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for managing social service agency appropriations that will be voted upon at the Town of Orange annual meeting.

Article 3: Administration: A committee comprising of the Selectboard, the Cemetery Commissioner's, the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer shall be established to administer the Town's cemetery funds. A meeting of the committee can be called at any time by any single member with due notice to all. A quorum will be the majority of the committee but no less than four. The majority of those may take action. A minimum of four "Yes" or "No" votes is required to take action.

Article 4: Objective: The principal objective of the Town of Orange Cemetery Investment Policy shall be the preservation of capital and the generation of income to fulfill the requirements of the cemeteries. Income generated from the sale of lots in the Brookhaven Cemetery will be invested for growth until such time as it is needed. Funds from the old cemeteries will be invested for capital preservation with an emphasis on income for the maintenance and upkeep of those cemeteries.

Article 5: Policy: This policy applies to appropriation requests from social services agencies and programs subject to the provisions of Chapter 73, Title 24 of Vermont Statutes Annotated. Such programs include but are not limited to transportation, nutrition, medical, day care, and other rehabilitative services persons with low incomes, senior citizens, children, disabled persons, drug and alcohol abusers, and persons requiring employment to eliminate their need for public assistance. This policy does not apply to municipal membership organizations such as the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Central Regional Planning Commission, or the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District. Those social service agencies must submit a petition *every year* for an article requesting an appropriation. Such petition must be signed by at least five percent of the voters of the town and filed *every year* with the municipal clerk not less than 40 days before the day of the annual meeting. You may file a joint petition with another agency. The petition should be in substantially the following form:

Petition of Legal Voters of the Town of Orange

We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Orange, hereby petition the Selectboard to add the following article to the warning for the annual town meeting.

Shall the Town appropriate [amount of request] to [name of social service agency], for [brief description of the purpose of the proposed appropriation] in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

Print Name

Address

Signature

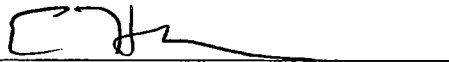
No proposed article may contain any opinion or comment. The Selectboard reserves the right to reject, amend, or edit any petitioned article that does not meet the requirements of 17 V.S.A. § 2642(a) and 24 V.S.A. § 2691. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be honored.

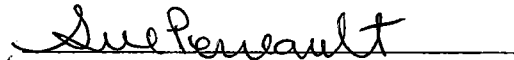
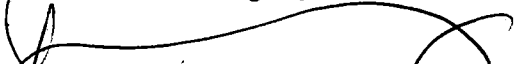
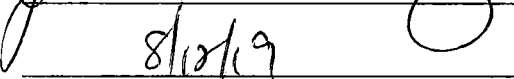
Social service agencies requesting appropriations under this policy are encouraged to submit a description of the agency's programs for inclusion in the town report. Descriptions must be limited to **(1 page)** to include in our town report and should describe the program or services provided to town residents. Agency representatives are encouraged to attend town meeting to explain the appropriation request to the voters and answer their questions.

Approved social service appropriations will be paid by the town in November of every year. Payment is subject to the availability of funds.

The foregoing revised policy is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Orange, Vermont, this 12th day of August 2019 and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

Article 6: Effective Date: This policy shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Selectboard.

Signatures: 

Date: