

Mr. Richard Amore
Better Places Program - Planning and Outreach Manager
Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Amore,

I am writing on behalf of the Fight For Kids Foundation (FKF) in support of the work set forth to build the new Winooski Youth Center in Winooski VT.

FKF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and a Vermont registered Domestic Non-profit Corporation. FKF is a solution-based organization committed to providing practical and effective problem solving for challenges that negatively impact the physical and mental health of today's youth. Its presence will be vital to our community's future stability.

With the densest demographic of population in Vermont, Winooski is home to the most diverse communities of BIPOC and New American residents. A population that is largely underserved and low income. Currently the foundation has capped its enrollment to 10 kids per class. The new Winooski Youth Center will have the capacity to serve upward of 50 students at a time which will in turn offer the ability to impact the lives of over 200 kids.

The Winooski School District will continue growing while the dynamics of the student body will continue to change. Our region will always need a space for young people to have recreational activities, to socialize and be supervised. Organizations like FKF will continue to require federal, state and local funding to operate.

FKF and Winooski Youth Center have a unique value to our population that the town of Winooski supports wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

Winooski City Council

Mayor Kristine Lott

