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RE: Small Scale State Aid
Grand Avenue Sidewalk Replacement

To whom it may concern,

The Village of Swanton is applying to the Small Scale Project Grant to assist with necessary upgrades to a significant segment of sidewalk within the Village. Grand Avenue (Route 7) is the main artery through the Village and it is heavily used for access to multiple shops and residences in our compact village. The segment from First Street, an equally busy street, to Second Street is very narrow and in desperate need of repairs. Annual budget funding allocated to sidewalk repairs is woefully inadequate to keep up with large amount of sidewalks within the Village. The availability of this funding is very beneficial to augment our available resources.

The Public Works Department has extensive experience installing and replacing sidewalk and they are confident they can easily manage this project without the need for expensive designs or external construction inspection oversight.

The Village understands the grant will provide a maximum of \$75,000 for materials and the Village will provide \$75,000 in-kind match of labor and equipment. We have submitted a budget for the project that is sufficient to complete this segment without concern. The final result of this project will be an asset to the community for encouraging pedestrian travel along the busy Grand Avenue to Village destinations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Sheets
Swanton Village Manager