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Subject: NBRC21GEDA06 - Town of Westford

Holly,

Thanks so much for taking my call earlier today. I appreciate all the effort and due diligence your team has invested to date. I'm sorry to learn of this outcome.

My outreach was relative to your 2021 NBRC EDA Partnership award:

Town of Westford, VT - \$466,194: The project will expand the public wastewater system for Westford by expanding wastewater capacity and allowing for future connections. As such, the completed project will support local business creation and expansion.

As you are aware, NBRC awards are a 3 year period of performance. Amendments and extensions are possible; however, the project location, the budget, scope of work and implementation timeline need to remain relatively intact. If the infrastructure project referenced above moves to a new parcel or if the selectboard is stopping implementation altogether and returns to the feasibility/predevelopment alternatives phase, then it's probably more appropriate to initiate deobligation. As I relayed when we spoke; there is a new program crosscutter that would preclude Westford from presenting a new proposal for NBRC investment until this project is 75% complete. Deobligating the award would have no resulting impacts on the Town should you pursue NBRC investment in the future.

My recommendation is that you communicate the status to our federal partners at NBRC soon, regardless of your reporting cadence. If the town sees the project as viable and desires our assistance to keep the award intact, we will certainly stay the course. Alternatively, if the town has no intention to implement for the foreseeable future, then we will support you through the deobligation process and move to close out. As you know, that team is available at: admin@nbc.gov.

My contact information appears below, please reach out if I can assist in any way.

Regards,

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