

SORRENTO SULLIVAN RECREATION CENTER
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RE: Local funding for the *Federal Highway Administration FY 2023 & FY 2024 National Scenic Byway*
Program Grant Application project titled: ***Schoodic National Scenic Byway Discovery & Recreation Hub***

Commissioner Bruce A. Van Note
State of Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0016


Dear Commissioner Van Note,

This exciting project will create a byway discovery & recreation hub located at the existing Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center on Route 1 along the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. This project will provide site improvements to our existing community center which houses an event center, the library, the historical society and museum, children's playground, a small senior walking trail and a skate park.

Having the project proposals of additional improved parking area, a transit bus stop, walking distance to nearby recreation areas, restroom access for all including ADA accessibility, a shaded pavilion which will have a bike repair hub and charging station as well as informational and educational signage, interpretative exhibits, native pollinator learning gardens, benches, landscaping along Route 1 and additional play areas as well as a KIDS QUEST "Coastal forests" themed exhibit and discovery trail will enhance and provide focus to our village center making us a recreational visitor destination along the Schoodic National Scenic Byway.

In a cooperative effort, the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center is joining with many other local organizations in providing local matching funds for the project. The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center is committing \$30,000 to be used as part of the matching funds for the project. We will provide these funds to the Town of Sullivan who will be the fiscal agent for all local matching funds committed to the project.

This project is vital toward improving the scenic byway and meeting the Town of Sullivan's Comprehensive Plan vision of further developing this recreation facility as a village center with safe non-motorized connections between public parks, waterfront access sites, schools, and businesses.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Stanley
President
Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center
11.4.2024