

September 2020 Executive Director Report

Grants & Finance

- Contract(s) Ending
 - NYS DOH Creating Healthy Schools & Communities: \$299k / yr – September 30
 - NYSED Legislative Initiative: Community Hub & Cupboard: \$75k – October 31
- Frozen/Cut
 - NYS DOH Creating Healthy Schools & Communities Year 5: 20% frozen
 - NYS AGM Farm to School: \$98k – frozen w/ anticipated 20% cut
 - SUNY: NYS 224 – Cornell U. anticipated 20% cut, CCE SUL mostly “held harmless”
- Funded
 - 2020-2021 SullCo OFA for Caregiver Resource Center: \$43k
- Submitted
 - 2021 SullCo Budget Request: \$460k appropriation + \$80k Ag contracts (level)
- In Progress
 - NYS Dept. Ag & Markets Fair Infrastructure Round 2 (of 4): \$96k
- Pending
 - NYS DOH Creating Healthy Schools & Communities: \$305,000 / yr x 5 years
 - NYS SAM / DASNY: ADA & Restroom Upgrades: \$50k
- Declined
 - USDA REAP: \$90k Capital Project: Technology – to be resubmitted February 2021

Operations Update

- Public/In person meetings by appointment across program areas
- Ag & Food Systems in office & farmers’ markets Monday through Friday
- Community Cupboard staff & volunteers in Monday through Saturday
- Environment & Natural Resources Program Manager in Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Facilities Manager in Monday through Friday
- Finance Manager in ~3 days per week
- Operations Coordinator: last week of month for mailings
- Staff office rotation by appointment/program need
- Front door drop box for Lab samples: processed by Ag & ENR
- Turtle Spring Nature Trail “informally” open
- Calico Geese meeting in back parking lot w/ safety protocols. ~20 participants
- Welcome Center & Taste NY open Sunday through Saturday 11am – 8pm

Administration

- Professional Development: See attached summary staff PD through June 30
- Board Nominating Committee: brainstormed 10 potential nominees for 6 board seats and 4 for 2 PAC seats. Colleen, Nicole, Robert did outreach and info sessions. Ballots finalized at 9/22 nominating committee meeting.
- Annual Performance Reviews in process. To be completed by October 30, 2020

Facilities

- USDA Capital Projects Update
 - Pending:
 - HVAC (bid in progress)
 - Quotes Pending
 - Restrooms
 - Exterior door replacements

PROGRAM UPDATES

Agriculture & Food Systems

- Welcome & congrats to Ag Educator Michelle Proscia on the arrival of baby boy Parker!
- Sullivan Fresh RX program kicked off! CCE, Garnet Health, Sullivan Renaissance, and Public Health Services program that provides Garnet Health patients with \$5 “prescription” coupons to use at Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move in Liberty, Monticello, Fallsburg, Lock Sheldrake, and Wurtsboro
- Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move will scale from 5 locations to Liberty Community Services Campus and Wednesday pop ups for month of October.

Community & Economic Development

- Shoptasty.com now bringing NYS farm and food products to JFK and Lagaardia International Airports, the Catskills Food Hub, and the Town of Crawford Tourism Office and Pine Bush UFO & Paranormal Museum!

Environment & Natural Resources

- In site design process for development of fully accessible, interactive sensory garden, to be located on the north side of the building, with the greenhouse and high tunnel. Supported by a \$5,000 grant from the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability through the University of Alabama at Birmingham

Nutrition & Healthy Families

- Purchased 2nd refrigerated van, funded by NYS DOH and NYSED, for Sullivan Fresh Community Cupboard program, a partnership of CCE Sullivan and SALT
- In site process for (2) outdoor cold storage units, funded by NYS DOH, to increase capacity of Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move, Sullivan Fresh Community Cupboard, and the Catskills Kitchen

Youth & Family Development

- The 2020 Sullivan County Youth Fair is ON! Just in a different setting. There are drop off, in person by appointment, and virtual entry options through the month of September. NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets has approved up to \$5,000 premium reimbursements.