Seeking Grant Funds

1. Purpose
The Town of Chebeague Island recognizes the importance of obtaining funding for public projects in a number of creative ways including grants and low-interest loans.

This policy assures the citizens of the Town of Chebeague Island that entities working on behalf of the Town to secure non-municipal tax based funds (such as grants) are in the best interests of the public.

The purpose of this policy is to guide the process of securing non-municipal tax based funds in order to lessen the burden for taxpayers and improve their safety and happiness.

2. Definitions
Municipal Entity – For the purpose of this policy a Municipal Entity is defined as anybody or group working on behalf of the Town. Examples include the: Town Administrator, Fire Department, Harbor Master, and other employees.

3. Enactment
This policy is enacted upon a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen and may be amended or repealed from time to time by the Selectmen or by Town Meeting.

4. Policy
The Selectmen encourage municipal entities to pursue non-municipal tax based funding for appropriate projects using the following process:

Prior to submitting any grants or other applications for funding any municipal entity will submit a description of the grant and its intended use to the Town Administrator who will inform the Selectmen and present an initial financial impact assessment.

In the event of a successful award the Selectmen will determine if the project is appropriate and if sufficient funding is available prior to entering into an agreement.

Appropriate projects include capital improvement projects already approved by Town Meeting, building capital reserves and any other projects that the selectmen have the authority to undertake.

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