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Lisa M. Paradis
Director of Recreation

To Members of the Grants Committee:

I am writing in support of the proposal request to the Brookline Community Foundation from Bountiful Brookline. Their appeal as a real grassroots effort and a partner for the Brookline Recreation Department is of great value to our community.

We have been grateful for Bountiful Brookline and their diligent work in the community. We had a very positive experience working with Bountiful Brookline when our Junior Rangers summer camp program visited the Greenside Out Garden at Brookline Community Foundation and the Goodwin Garden on Goodwin Place. The Garden Coordinator met with our group to lead a garden tour, a composting lesson, a planting activity and a discussion about urban gardening. The children left with a take-home potted seeds, and a greater appreciation for growing food in a variety of open spaces.

Our collaboration with Bountiful Brookline along with their other community partners serves Brookline on a daily basis. Moving forward, your grant would provide Bountiful Brookline with the capacity they need to focus on sustainability as an organization. The Brookline Recreation Department is looking forward to future opportunities to partner with Bountiful Brookline, so I hope they can be supported by Brookline Community Foundation's grant.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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