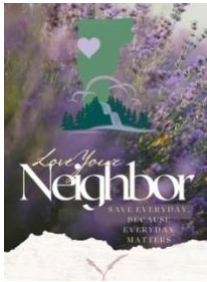


Mina December Smith

Miss Green Mountains' Teen

South Burlington

February 18th, 2025



Dear Appropriations Committee Members:

February is American Heart Month! I am Mina December Smith, part of the Miss Vermont Miss America Scholarship Organization, my initiative is to model how to Love Your Neighbor, and caring about other youth and adults health is a priority. I ask for the inclusion of \$150,000 in the FY2026 budget to provide a grant program for Vermont schools most in need of resources to help implement cardiac emergency response plans.

My mother's cousin was born with many heart defects and not expected to live very long, but due to tools in healthcare, doctors, trained people and CPR education in her school she was able to live a good life up to age 29. Please Love Your Neighbor and help save lives!

Love Your Neighbor,
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