

Available Grants

Since 1986, the Vermont Community Foundation has been committed to building philanthropic resources that sustain healthy and vital Vermont communities. One part of that work involves making grants. The Foundation awards more than \$12 million annually to nonprofit organizations in Vermont and beyond. These grants support a breadth of issues such as hunger, housing, arts, cultural heritage, social justice, animal welfare, and environmental sustainability.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANT PROGRAMS

Our Community Fund Grant Programs are competitive grant rounds managed by our staff and awarded in partnership with our advised fundholders who have the opportunity to support individual proposals through Giving Together.

Small & Inspiring

\$500-\$2,500 grants to organizations statewide to support work that builds communities. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Deadlines: 5:00 p.m. February 1, April 5, August 2, October 18.

Innovations & Collaborations

\$10,000-\$20,000 grants to organizations statewide to support cross-issue and cross-region partnerships and collaborations. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Deadlines:

- **Round 1:** 5:00 p.m. February 1 Letter of Interest, 5:00 p.m. March 16 Full Application
- **UPDATE:** *This is the final round of Innovations and Collaborations. The second round for 2017 has been cancelled and we will not be continuing this specific program in future years.*

Special & Urgent Needs

\$500-\$5,000 grants to organizations statewide to help nonprofits dealing with unexpected emergencies. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. We encourage organizations to apply as soon as the need and a plan to address the need are identified. *Rolling applications are firm through July 1st. Please check back in June to confirm deadline structure for the second half of 2017.*

Big Impact: Food & Farm

Statewide, 5-year initiative to connect all Vermonters with healthy, local food. The first grants were made in 2012. [Learn more.](#)

By invitation only.

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OTHER STATEWIDE GRANT PROGRAMS

In addition to our staff-lead competitive grant rounds listed above, the Foundation is also host to a number of committee-advised grant rounds. The following programs make grants to organizations across Vermont.

Con Hogan Community Leadership Award

An annual \$15,000 cash award intended to recognize Con and his life's work by encouraging and rewarding leaders who share his vision of a Vermont that places the highest value on the public good, and seize the responsibility for making that vision real. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

The Edwards Childcare Scholarship Fund

This grants program is closed. We are incredibly grateful to the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation for their generous support for early care and education in Vermont. Since 1992 the Edwards Child Care Scholarship Fund awarded over \$610,000 to more than 75 childcare providers for scholarships for preschool age children who might otherwise fall through the cracks and not get the support they need.

We encourage you to visit [Vermont Birth To Five](#) to learn about resources for early care and education providers. Grantseekers looking for funding for early care and education projects can research opportunities in the [Vermont Directory of Foundations](#).

Nonprofit Capacity Building

Grants of no more than \$2,500 each to support the cost of consultants to facilitate discussions related to strategic planning, development of an organizational fundraising strategy, or orchestrating a merger. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. *Rolling applications are firm through July 1st. Please check back in June to confirm deadline structure for the second half of 2017.*

The Paul Post Fund

\$250-\$1,000 grants to organizations for public or school libraries' young adult programs, grades 6-12. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The Samara Fund

\$500-\$5,000 grants to organizations for projects, programs, and organizations that serve the LGBTQ community in Vermont. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2017

The Vermont Arts Endowment Fund

\$1,000-\$5,000 grants for Vermont artists and Vermont arts organizations.* [Learn more.](#)

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2017

**The VAEF is associated with the Concert Artists Fund, which awards grants to support the performance of classical music in Chittenden County.*

The Vermont Women's Fund

\$1,000-\$10,000 grants to organizations for projects addressing the needs of Vermont women and girls ages 12-25. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. January 26, 2017

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PLACE-BASED GRANT PROGRAMS

These grant rounds focus on a range of issues in their regions.

Addison County & Beyond: The Walter Cerf Fund

\$500-\$5,000 grants to organizations plus one \$25,000 grant for projects including but not limited to the arts, education, historic preservation, and social services in Addison County and the Brandon area (70%) and statewide (30%). [Learn more.](#)

Region: Addison County, Brandon, and statewide

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. June 7, 2017

Chittenden County: The Concert Artists Fund

Up to \$10,000 grants for organizations presenting performances of classical music in Chittenden County.* [Learn more.](#)

Region: Chittenden County

Deadline: The Concert Artists Fund is on a two year grant cycle. The next deadline will be in 2018.

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Deerfield River Enhancement Fund

Up to \$15,000 grants to organizations for environmental preservation of the Deerfield River Watershed. [Learn more.](#)

Region: [View or download a map of the area.](#) [PDF 1 KB]

Deadline: Every four years. We anticipate the next request for proposals in 2019.

Brattleboro: The Crosby-Gannett Fund

\$250-\$1,000 grants to organizations support endeavors that contribute to the betterment and vitality of the Brattleboro area. [Learn more.](#)

Region: Brattleboro and surrounding area.

2017 Deadlines: 5:00 p.m. April 13 and October 12

Brattleboro: The Dunham-Mason Fund

\$250-\$1,000 grants to organizations support endeavors that contribute to the betterment and vitality of the Brattleboro area. [Learn more.](#)

Region: Brattleboro and surrounding area.

2017 Deadlines: 5:00 p.m. April 13 and October 12

Lake Champlain Basin: Kelsey Trust

Established in 1988 by Sally Patrick Johnson to benefit the people and protect the environment of the Lake Champlain Basin. The Trust honors the lives and work of Robert Fleming Patrick and Jonathan Kelsey Woods. [Learn more.](#)

Region: Lake Champlain Basin

2017 Deadlines: May 1 - Spring Letter of Interest; November 1 - Winter Letter of Interest

Lake Champlain & Tributaries Restoration Fund

\$5,000-\$50,000 grants to organizations for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of Lake Champlain's ecosystem. [Learn more.](#)

Region: [Lake Champlain Basin](#)

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. December 15, 2017

The South Lake Champlain Fund

\$1,000-\$7,500 grants to organizations for research and education concerning the southern portion of Lake Champlain. [Learn more.](#)

Region: Area of Lake Champlain south of Crown Point

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. December 15, 2017

Lamoille County: The Green Mountain Fund

\$500-\$5,000 grants to organizations serving children, elderly and family services, education, environment, sustainability, and the arts in Lamoille County and other parts of the Northeast Kingdom. [Learn More](#).

Region: Lamoille County, Hardwick, Greensboro, Craftsbury

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The Northeast Kingdom Fund

\$500-\$5,000 grants to organizations to support the vibrancy and health of the Northeast Kingdom. [Learn more](#).

Region: Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties

2017 Deadline: 5:00 p.m. September 6, 2017

Rutland County: The Hills and Hollows Fund

\$250-\$5,000 grants for organizations to promote educational opportunities, support children and families, and foster the future sustainability in Poultney and its adjacent communities. [Learn more](#).

Region: Rutland County

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund

Projects grants up to \$5,000. Strategic grants of more than \$5,000 for river restoration work in the upper Connecticut River Watershed; wetland restoration, protection, and enhancement; and shoreline protection. [Learn More](#).

Region: Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River and the Connecticut River at White River Junction, VT and West Lebanon, NH.

2017 Deadline: Concept Paper due 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017; Application (by invitation only) due 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Our supporting organizations are engaged in long-term, big-picture, strategic philanthropy. Their grantmaking is primarily by invitation only, however the J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation has a competitive grant round.

The High Meadows Fund

Promotes vibrant communities and a healthy natural environment while encouraging long-term economic vitality in Vermont.

Deadline: By invitation only. If you'd like to introduce yourself, please fill out an [introductory questionnaire available on the High Meadows Fund website](#).

www.highmeadowsfund.org

The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation

The McClure Foundation focuses on building systemic improvement in the access low-income Vermont students have to career and college education. It envisions a Vermont in which no promising job goes unfilled for lack of a qualified applicant. [Learn more](#).

2017 Deadline: Letter of Interest – 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, Full Application (invitation only) – 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 31.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Weir at cweir@vermontcf.org or 802-388-3355 ext. 239.

The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children

Promoting healthy, happy children and families in Vermont through the funding and support of community-based prevention strategies. [Learn more](#).

By invitation only.

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