



**VCF Community Fund – Sustainable Communities Cover Page**

In the Sustainable Communities grants program, the VCF aims to strengthen organizations and community groups whose mission it is to enhance, protect, and preserve the arts and cultural heritage of Vermont and the people who live here, enhance, protect, and preserve the natural environment and the working landscape of Vermont, or promote economic development for Vermont communities. We are particularly interested in projects that build “social capital,” that is, programs that increase the sense of trust and community caring among groups of people and use that “capital” to achieve improved social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

All applications for the 2008 cycle must be postmarked on or before Friday, May 2, 2008. Organizations may submit one application per grant round - for program or operating support.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director or Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit (or municipal agency/public school)?

IRS 501(c)3 \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If “other,” name of sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization \_\_\_\_\_

Has your organization received funding within the last two years from the VCF Community Fund (VCF Discretionary grant round)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If “yes”, please attach a copy of your most recent report.

Brief Organization Mission and Background – organization’s history, mission, current services and relation to similar groups in Vermont:

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Brief project description (to be used in publications):

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Dollar amount requested \_\_\_\_\_ Project timeline \_\_\_\_\_  
Total project budget \_\_\_\_\_ Total organization budget \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified by the end of August 2008 with the results of your application.

**Please mail three collated copies to: The Vermont Community Foundation, PO Box 30, Middlebury, VT 05753.**

Please note: By submitting your application to the VCF, you give the VCF permission to share your application with other interested funders (if any), both individuals and foundations.

Checklist (3 collated copies of each):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover sheet                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Materials (optional)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-page project narrative                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors List                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resume (if not listed in narrative)         | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter (one copy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timetable                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Audited Financial Statement or        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Budget                              | most recent IRS 990 (one copy)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Budget & Financial Statement |  |