

McClure Foundation (2019)

Vermont Community Foundation

Funding Guidelines

The J. Warren and Lois McClure Foundation will focus its funding on efforts that improve equitable access to the postsecondary and career education that leads to Vermont's most promising jobs. The Foundation's annual competitive grant program supports growth-stage efforts and programs seeking funding to pilot a model, demonstrate effectiveness, or expand delivery in alignment with the Foundation's mission. Regional and statewide models or projects that are closely aligned with the strategies of statewide multi-sector postsecondary attainment or workforce development networks (ex: Advance Vermont) will be prioritized, as well be projects that incorporate input and funding from a variety of public and private sources and are designed in learner-centered and equitable ways.

Please read the full guidelines on the McClure Foundation website:

www.mcclurevt.org/giving-philosophy

Funding priority will be given to projects that accomplish one or more of the following:

- Expand postsecondary access so that students of all ages and backgrounds can pursue postsecondary education and training;
- Increase postsecondary success by ensuring that Vermonters have the supports they need to complete a degree or credential program;
- Strengthen the pathways between education and employment; and/or
- Grow awareness of postsecondary pathways and the importance of continued education after high school.

Funding priority will be given to organizations/entities that:

- Are public institutions or that strengthen our state's public institutions, including schools, colleges, and libraries;
- Have a history of data-driven, collaborative programming;
- Work together to increase reach, to promote equity, and to share best practices; and
- Have sustainable sources for general operating funds and need specific, short-term assistance to ramp up distinct programs of interest to the Foundation.

If you have questions about the McClure Foundation's grant process or your program's eligibility, please contact Carolyn Weir, senior philanthropic advisor for the McClure Foundation at the Vermont Community Foundation, at cweir@vermontcf.org or 802-388-3355 ext. 239.

All LOIs must be submitted through the Vermont Community Foundation's Online Grants Manager (www.vermontcf.org/OGM) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. LOIs will not be accepted by mail or email.

Please note that character counts include spaces and punctuation. To create a pdf version of the LOI, click on the LOI packet button on the top of the form.

About Your Proposed Project

Project Title*

Character Limit: 100

Amount Requested for 2019-2020 School Year*

Please enter the dollar amount you are requesting. Grants for growth-stage programs typically range from \$15,000 - \$60,000 with a median grant size of \$25,000.

Character Limit: 20

Geographic Area*

Select either Statewide or each of the counties that apply:

Choices

Statewide
 Addison County
 Bennington County
 Caledonia County
 Chittenden County
 Essex County
 Franklin County
 Grand Isle County
 Lamoille County
 Orange County
 Orleans County
 Rutland County
 Washington County
 Windham County
 Windsor County

Alignment with Funding Priorities*

Please select each Foundation priority that aligns with your project.

Choices

Expand postsecondary access for youth and/or adults
 Increase postsecondary success for youth and/or adults
 Strengthen the pathways between education and employment
 Grow awareness of postsecondary pathways and the importance of continued education after high school

Proposal Summary*

Keeping in mind the guidelines of this grant program, please provide a concise project summary (maximum 6,000 characters including spaces and punctuation) that includes:

- The need your project will address;
- The work you propose to address this need (please be as specific as possible, including how the project was conceived and how it is designed to be learner-centric and equitable);
- The population served by this project;
- The data (with sources) used to guide your work;
- The role of collaborative partnership in this project; including with statewide collective impact networks, if relevant;
- A clear description of the project's current stage of development and the project's anticipated stage of development 1-2 years from now; and
- The expected outcomes for this project, including numeric measures of success;
- How McClure Foundation support will contribute to the financial sustainability of this project over time.

Make sure to address all points above to ensure full consideration.

Character Limit: 6000

Total Project Cost*

Please tell us the estimated overall cost for this project in the 2019-20 school year and, if applicable, in the following school year(s).

Character Limit: 50

What percentage of your organization's total budget will the project budget represent?*

Character Limit: 20

Other sources of funding*

What other sources of funding are you pursuing for this project? What other sources of funding have been secured?

Character Limit: 250

Partner Organization(s) (if relevant)

If relevant, provide a list of names of all partner organizations that are formally participating with you in this project. For major partners, please include the name of the primary staff contact and their title, phone number, and email address.

Character Limit: 500

Important Notes

- *By submitting your LOI or application to the McClure Foundation and the Vermont Community Foundation, you give us permission to share your LOI or application with other potential funders, both individuals and foundations.*
- *The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation is a supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation.*
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