

Regional and Local Impact: Project Idea Form

Vermont Community Foundation

Project Idea Form

The Regional and Local Impact (RALI) grant program is an invitation-only place-based grant program. We are looking for ideas that are generated with community engagement that address directly one or more of our four strategic focus areas of the Opportunity Gap frame. Preference will be given to those projects that can show readiness, capacity, collaboration, knowledge of best practices and evaluation necessary for their strategy to be successful.

The Project Idea Form is NOT an application. Your project idea will be evaluated by VCF staff for its alignment with the Opportunity Gap and you will either be invited to apply the full Regional and Local Impact grants program, or will be given feedback on other grant opportunities for your project or program.

2022 Guidance for Proposals

The Regional and Local Impact program priorities for the 2022 grantmaking cycle are projects focusing on:

- youth support and wellness
- community leadership development
- regional workforce development
- accelerating regional entrepreneurship

Please consider how these priorities overlap with your project when submitting a Project Idea Form for review.

Visit the [VCF website](#) for more information about the RALI program.

Organization

Organization Name*

Name of Organization

Character Limit: 250

Contact Person*

To whom should we reach out with questions about this project idea form?

Character Limit: 250

Organizational Overview*

Please share your organization's mission and programs.

Character Limit: 750

Organizational Budget*

What is your total operating budget for the current fiscal year?

Character Limit: 15

Project Information

Project or Program Name*

Character Limit: 100

Project Description*

Please provide a brief overview of your project or program, including the main activities you will undertake.

Character Limit: 2000

Please describe your project timeline.*

Character Limit: 500

Collaboration*

Please identify your main project partners and describe how you will collaborate. Please indicate if partners are confirmed or prospective.

Character Limit: 1000

Community Engagement*

Please tell us how this idea was generated and in what ways community members have been involved.

Character Limit: 1000

Developmental Stage*

What best describes the stage of development of your project or program?

Choices

- Brainstorm/Research
- Planning/Design
- Pilot Implementation
- Scaling or Expanding

Replication or Model Development with Network/Peers

Opportunity Gap Strategic Focus Area*

What strategic focus area does this project or program serve? Choose one or more. Read about our focus areas [here](#).

Choices

- Early Care and Learning
- Support for Youth and Families
- College and Career Training
- Community and Economic Vitality

Opportunity Gap Strategy

Is there a further strategy alignment you would like to highlight for VCF staff to review?

Review the strategies the Community Foundation is prioritizing in each strategic focus area [here](#).

Character Limit: 1000

Geography Served*

Please choose the region of Vermont that your project or program will serve.

Choices

- Addison/Rutland Counties
- Central Vermont (Lamoille, Washington)
- Connecticut River Valley (Orange, Windsor)
- Northeast Kingdom (Orleans, Caledonia, Essex)
- Northwestern Vermont (Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle)
- Southern Vermont (Bennington, Windham)

Population Served*

Please describe the population you intend to serve with this project/program.

Character Limit: 250

Estimated Project Budget*

Choices

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$15,000
- \$15,000 - \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$25,000
- More than \$25,000
- N/A

Please indicate here the current budget gap/fundraising need.*

This will help reviewers understand fundraising efforts and/or momentum and how a RALI grant may support the work.

Character Limit: 850

VCF Referral

Please indicate if you've spoken with a philanthropic advisor, Grants team member or other VCF staff member about your project or program.

Character Limit: 250