

Deerfield River Enhancement Fund 2019

Vermont Community Foundation

Application Guidelines

The Deerfield River Enhancement Fund was established in 1999 by USGen New England, Inc. (USGenNE) for the environmental preservation of the Deerfield River Watershed. The hydroelectric generating system is now owned and operated by Great River Hydro, LLC, who believes it is important to help preserve natural resources in the communities where it operates and established the Deerfield River Enhancement Fund for watershed conservation and improvement.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR:

The Deerfield River Enhancement Fund is for the purpose of supporting watershed conservation, development of low impact recreational and educational facilities, and planning, design, maintenance and monitoring of such facilities in the Deerfield River Watershed. Projects must provide clear public benefits and contribute to the goals of enhancing low impact recreational, environmental education, or environmental protection opportunities directly related to the Deerfield River Watershed. Funds may be used for outdoor educational programs, including curriculum development and travel for students, interpretive materials and signs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

The 2019 Full Application is **invitation only**. Applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent, **due May 31, 2019**. If selected, Eligible grant recipients include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and units of local and regional government within Vermont and Massachusetts. Projects must be located within the Deerfield River Basin or in towns with some portion falling within the basin. In the latter case, projects must be directly tied to the basin, e.g. a trail spur originating outside the basin that connects with a trail network within the basin.

Organization Name*

Name of Organization applying to grant.

Character Limit: 100

Proposal Narrative

Project Name*

Character Limit: 250

Describe the need for this project*

Character Limit: 800

Describe the goals for this project*

What is the broad, long-range outcome you want to achieve? For example, if your project were a complete success, how would the environment be improved?

Character Limit: 1000

Describe the objectives of this project*

What methods will you implement to achieve the goals?

Character Limit: 1000

Describe the activities of this project*

What methods will you implement to achieve the goals?

The *activities*: How are you going to implement the methods?

Character Limit: 800

Geographic Area*

The *geographic area* within the Deerfield Basin the project will directly effect.

Character Limit: 500

Methods for measuring your success*

How will you know if your project has made the difference you intended? For example, the number of people who will benefit from the project.

Character Limit: 800

Additional Information

Anything else that might help us understand what you are trying to accomplish and why.

Character Limit: 500

Personnel*

List the personnel who will work on the project, and their qualifications.

Character Limit: 250

Timetable*

Show the timetable you have set to implement the project. Projects should be completed within one year unless the nature of the project requires another time period. Under no circumstances should the project be longer than three years.

Character Limit: 1000

Project Funding*

Give details of any funding you have already received or requested for your project (how much, from whom, and for what). Explain how funds from the Deerfield River Enhancement Fund will be used.

Character Limit: 1000

Project Budget*

Provide a full budget breakdown. Detail projected overall expenses for your project and itemize the portion requested from the Deerfield River Enhancement Fund. Please indicate how you will fund your project if you do not receive the full amount of your request.

Character Limit: 2000 | File Size Limit: 4 MB

Organization Information

Your Organization's Background*

A brief description of your history, mission, current services and relation to the Deerfield Basin. (Or, attach a brochure or other material that contain this information and write "see attachment" under this heading.)

Character Limit: 500

Optional Organization Attachment

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Financial Statement*

Attach a financial statement or audit report for your organization's past fiscal year and a copy of its current operating budget showing anticipated revenues by source and expenditures. (If no audit has been done, a year-end financial statement, complete with a balance sheet and statement of revenue and expense, must be included.)

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What best describes your organization?*

Tax Exempt Status

Choices

Municipal entity (i.e., town, public school, or other municipal department or agency)

Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Place of worship or religious group

Other - Please provide details in your answer to the next question.

If you answered "other," please explain your organization's status: (IF APPLICABLE)

For example, if your organization has a fiscal sponsor -- or if it operates under the umbrella of a larger registered nonprofit -- provide the name of that organization or any other details.

Character Limit: 250

Board List

List your organization's current board of directors with their addresses and affiliations.

Character Limit: 500

Save and Submit

Please double check all attachments and text answers before submitting your application.

By submitting your application to the Vermont Community Foundation, you give us permission to share your application with other potential funders, both individuals and foundations.