

# Regional and Local Impact: Project Idea Form

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*Vermont Community Foundation*

## *Project Idea Form*

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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.

### **2021 Guidance for Proposals**

Regional and Local Impact program priorities for the 2021 grantmaking cycle are projects focusing on:

- youth supports outside of school
- innovative workforce development strategies
- building a robust civic structure/ civic engagement strategies

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

## *Organization*

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### **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.

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### **Organizational Budget\***

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

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## *Project Information*

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### **Project or Program Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Project Description\***

Please provide a brief overview of your project or program.

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### **Project Workplan\***

Please describe the main elements of your workplan and your project timeline.

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### **Collaboration\***

Please identify your main project partners and describe the nature of your collaboration.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### **Community Engagement\***

Please tell us how this idea was generated and in what ways community members have been involved including the primary beneficiaries of your project or program.

*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](#).

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### 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.

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