

Laurance & Mary Rockefeller Fund (2026)

Vermont Community Foundation

FUND GUIDELINES

The Laurance & Mary Rockefeller Fund was established at the Vermont Community Foundation in 2007 to support charitable activities in the Town of Woodstock and the area comprising the watershed of the Ottauquechee Valley.

The Fund will accept applications from organizations working to preserve and enhance the physical, cultural, spiritual, and wellness environment of the communities of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock. Applicants must be serving one or more of these communities to be eligible to apply.

The Fund will consider requests for both general operating or project/program support with funds primarily benefiting persons in the eight named communities. The Fund prioritizes projects where a modest grant will make an impact by leveraging a new idea or other dollars. The Fund does not make grants to individuals nor, under ordinary circumstances, to capital or endowment campaigns.

Applications will be accepted between September 1 - October 13, 2026. Applications must be received by 5PM on Tuesday, October 13 to be considered.

The advisory committee meets in the fall (2026) to consider applications for the following year (2027). Notifications and awards will be sent to applicants in January 2027. **Grants will be in the range of \$1,000-\$5,000.**

All applications must be submitted electronically to the Vermont Community Foundation through the Online Grants Manager. Applications will not be accepted by mail or email. If you have questions, please contact emarks@vermontcf.org or 802-828-7902.

Helpful Hints:

- Character limits include spaces and punctuation.
- Include relevant data to support your responses to the application questions.
- Be sure to save your work frequently by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of this page.

GRANT REQUEST

Project Name*

If general operating support is being requested, please note that here.

Character Limit: 250

Organization Name*

Character Limit: 250

Grant Request*

Provide a two to three sentence description of what the grant will accomplish if awarded. Be clear and explicit about what you will accomplish and how.

Character Limit: 500

Amount Requested*

Enter the dollar amount requested in the space below. The Laurance & Mary Rockefeller Fund makes grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000.

Character Limit: 20

Geographic Area Served*

Which towns will be served by the grant?

Choices

Barnard
Bridgewater
Hartland
Killington
Plymouth
Pomfret
Reading
Woodstock

Project Description*

How will you use this grant? What gap or need are you filling? Do you have program partners? If so, who are they?

Character Limit: 2500

Who will benefit?*

Tell us about the people who will benefit from this grant.

Character Limit: 1200

Grant Goals*

Please discuss both the direct impact and the broader community impact of your work as laid out in this proposal.

Character Limit: 2500

Funding Sources*

Sometimes we choose to award partial grants that are less than the applicant's requested amount. If you are awarded a partial grant from the Laurance and Mary Rockefeller Fund, what would the impact be on your ability to complete the project? Have or will you secure other funding from different funders?

If requesting general operating support, please enter N/A.

Character Limit: 750

Use of Funds*

The Laurance and Mary Rockefeller Fund prioritizes projects where a modest grant will make an impact by leveraging a new idea or other dollars. Please explain how your proposal achieves this goal.

Character Limit: 750

Project Budget

Upload a PDF copy of your itemized project budget. You should include both expenses and revenue and identify whether your funding is pending or secured. ***Project budget not required if requesting general operating support.***

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Previous Awards*

If you received a grant from the Laurance and Mary Rockefeller Fund in 2026 (or recent years), please briefly explain the purpose of the previous award, provide an update on grant-funded activities, and address how this year's proposal relates to your prior work.

If you have not recently received an award from the Laurance and Mary Rockefeller fund, please type N/A.

Character Limit: 750

ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Organizational Budget - Current Fiscal Year (PDF format)*

Upload a copy of your organization's operating budget for the current fiscal year.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

What status best describes the applicant?*

Grants must be paid to a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, place of worship/religious group, or town/municipal agency. If your organization or group does not fall into one of these categories, you will need to use a fiscal sponsor. If you have questions, please contact 802-828-7760. We are happy to talk through your options.

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.

Use this space to provide additional information about the applicant's status. (If Applicable)

If you have a fiscal sponsor—or if you operate under the umbrella of a larger registered nonprofit—provide their name below.

Character Limit: 150

Fiscal Sponsorship (If applicable)

Download a blank Fiscal Sponsor Agreement Form ([click here to download the form](#)) and forward it to your fiscal sponsor to print, fill out, and sign. The form must be filled out completely and you must use the official VCF form. Please call 802-828-7760 if you have questions.

Upload the form here.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Attach a Photograph (OPTIONAL)

Quality photos can be very helpful and inspiring. Sometimes we have opportunities to share your proposal with other potential funders and sometimes we want to promote the good work you are doing through social media and web posts. Providing an image is optional, but we would be grateful.

Please indicate photographer credit and/or photo description in text area. *File types supported: png, jpeg, or jpg*

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 10 MB

Photograph License and Release (if applicable)

Do you wish to give the VCF permission to use your photo in communications? Please indicate below how you'd like it used.

Option 1: Please only use my photo internally if relevant to this application (to be shared among VCF staff only)

Option 2: Please use my photo internally and externally as determined by the VCF (this may include external communications, such as press releases, social media, or communications with potential funders of your project) Your organization &/or the photographer will be credited as the source of the image.

Select an option below.

Choices

Option 1

Option 2

SAVE AND SUBMIT

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