

Kelsey Trust - Winter 2025

Vermont Community Foundation

FUND GUIDELINES

The Kelsey Trust provides grants to organizations that serve the people and/or protect the environment of the Lake Champlain Basin, with a strong preference for organizations located in the Basin.

The Trust is a family foundation established in 1988 by Sally Patrick Johnson to benefit the people and protect the environment of the Lake Champlain Basin. The Trust honors the lives and work of Robert Fleming Patrick and Jonathan Kelsey Woods. Since 1989 the Trust has worked collaboratively with the Vermont Community Foundation, which assists the Trust with its grantmaking.

The Trust's full guidelines may be viewed online [here](#).

Grants Size

In its current fiscal year the Trust's grants budget will be roughly \$200,000, some of which may have been committed in previous years. Because of the Trust's limited size and the high demand for resources in the Champlain Basin, Kelsey Trust grants typically range in size from \$5,000 to 10,000.

Deadline and Notification

Winter Grants focus grantmaking on children and families, basic human needs (food, fuel, shelter), and health.

- **Application deadline is December 1st.** *Additional information will be requested if needed.*
- Grant decisions will be made in late December or early January, with notification following soon thereafter.

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 jbarrett@vermontcf.org or 802-828-7891.

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

Organization Name*

Character Limit: 250

Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Primary Contact First and Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

Primary Contact Email*

Character Limit: 254

Please upload your Organization Statement*

Use this space to upload the Organization Statement (one page or less) on your organization's letterhead that includes:

- Legal name of your organization, address, and name of your executive director
- Indication of whether your organization is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit and if not, your organization's fiscal agent
- Contact person and title, with phone and e-mail address
- A statement of your organization's mission
- Your organization's annual budget
- Support received from the Kelsey Trust in the last five years

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please upload your Letter of Interest (LOI)*

The LOI should be limited to no more than two (2) pages and include the following:

- Identification of the proposal's target population and geographic communities served
- A brief statement on the project's impact and outcomes including, (1) anticipated outcomes; (2) outcomes to date; and (3) how outcomes are measured
- The amount requested from the Kelsey Trust; the percentage of the proposed project/program's budget such an amount would represent; and an identification of other support, both public and private, received for the proposed project/program

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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.