

Green Mountain Fund - 2026

Vermont Community Foundation

Guidelines

The Green Mountain Fund was established at the Vermont Community Foundation in 1993 to support charitable activities in Lamoille County. Grantmaking has since been expanded to include Orleans County and neighboring communities and counties.

The Green Mountain Fund prioritizes projects where a modest grant will make an impact by leveraging a new idea or other dollars. Secondly, the fund is interested in providing support for proven ideas or concepts that fit within the focus areas. This may include a request to support general operating, or new or continued programmatic work.

Focus areas include:

- increase access to opportunity for low-income youth and families;
- connect people to the environment around them in ways that encourage stewardship and respect;
- sustainability;
- assisting in meeting Vermont's climate change goal;
- food security, farming, local food production;
- encourage community engagement and stronger sense of connection and belonging;
- increase health and wellness of children and families.

The Green Mountain Fund makes grants ranging from \$500-\$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 grants@vermontcf.org or 802-828-7760.

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 the page as the system will log out after 90 minutes of inactivity.
- The size of text boxes can be adjusted by dragging on the lower right corner.

- Create a PDF version of your application via the "Application Packet" button at the top of the page. All content and attachments will be included.

Organizational Questions

Please share the mission of the organization.*

Character Limit: 500

What is your organization's annual operating budget?*

Character Limit: 20

Financial Statements*

Upload a copy of your organization's profit/loss statement and balance sheet from its most recently completed fiscal year. Sample documents can be downloaded from the Community Foundation's website - visit our Online Grants Center FAQ for more details.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

What status best describes the applicant?*

Our 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 802-388-3355 ext. 222. 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: 200

Fiscal Sponsor Agreement Form (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 802-388-3355 if you have questions.

Upload the form here.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Application Questions

Project Name*

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

Character Limit: 100

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. Please use complete sentences.

Character Limit: 500

Total Amount Requested*

Enter the dollar amount requested in the space below. The Green Mountain Fund makes grants ranging from \$500-\$5,000.

Character Limit: 20

Target Population*

Choices

Adults
Children and Youth
Elderly
Families
Multiple Ages

Program Area*

Choices

Youth and Families
Environment
Sustainability
Climate Change
Food Security
Farming
Community Engagement
Health and Wellness

Geographic Area*

Which town(s) will be served by the grant? *Note that the Fund prioritizes organizations and projects serving Lamoille and Orleans Counties.*

Character Limit: 250

Grant Idea*

Describe how this grant will leverage a new idea or fill a gap or need. Describe if there are partnerships or collaborations with other organizations that will take place as part of the grant's planning and implementation.

Character Limit: 2500

Who will benefit?*

Tell us about your community and who will benefit from this grant.

Character Limit: 1200

Grant Goals*

What do you expect to learn through this grant and how you will know that you've achieved your goals? Please discuss both the direct impact and the broader community impact of your work as laid out in this proposal.

Character Limit: 2500

Project Timeline*

When will this project happen? What is the basic timeline? Please include the start and end dates, and indicate whether these dates are firm or flexible. **Timeline required for project/program requests only. If requesting general operating support, please write N/A.**

Character Limit: 1200

BONUS WORDS (optional)

What else should we know that we didn't ask?

Character Limit: 1200

Project Budget - Total Amount

Project budget not required if requesting general operating support.

Character Limit: 20

Project Budget - Detail

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: 1 MB

Grant History (Green Mountain Fund)*

Has your organization or project received a grant from the Green Mountain Fund in the past four years?

Choices

Yes

No

Summary of Past Grants (Green Mountain Fund)*

If you answered yes, for each grant received from the Green Mountain Fund in the past four years, please list the year, amount awarded, and the project title, and provide a brief summary (1-2 sentences) of the activities and outcomes. ***If you are not a past grant recipient of the program, please write N/A.***

Character Limit: 900

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.