Vermont Community Foundation

2027 Competitive Grant Program Calendar



While unlikely, all dates are subject to change. Please visit each grant program's webpage for the most up to date information.

Rolling Grant Programs

Green Mountain Fund

- Geographic focus: Lamoille and Orleans Counties
- Supports: environment, food security & agriculture, community engagement, low-income youth and families, health and wellness
- Application Open: year-round
- Award Notification: Rolling, within 8-10 weeks of applying
- Project Period: Up to one year

Hills & Hollows Funds

- Geographic focus: Poultney and surrounding communities
- Supports: education, children and families, efforts that foster the future sustainability of Poultney
- Application Open: January 1 - November 1, 2027
- Award Notification: Rolling, within 12 weeks of applying
- Project Period: Up to one year

Nonprofit Development and Support

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: nonprofit capacity building; special and urgent needs
- Application Open: February 16 - October 1, 2027 or when 2027 funding runs out
- Award Notification: Rolling, within 8 weeks of applying
- Project Period: Up to one year

Paul Post Fund

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: town and school libraries
- Application Open: January 1, 2027 until funding runs out
- Award Notification: Rolling, within 6 weeks of applying
- Project Period: Up to one year

Annual Grant Programs

Health, Wellness, & Economic Empowerment Grant for Communities Impacted by Racial Injustice

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: communities impacted by racial injustice
- Letter of Intent open: November 2, 2026 – January 8, 2027
- Award Notification: May 2027
- Project Period: May 2027 – May 2029

Deerfield River Enhancement Fund

- Geographic focus: Deerfield River Watershed
- Supports: environmental conservation of the Deerfield River Watershed
- Application Open: November 10, 2026 – January 19, 2027
- Award Notification: June 2027
- Project Period: June 2027 – June 2028, or up to 3 years

Kelsey Trust – Spring

- Geographic focus: Lake Champlain Basin
- Supports: education and environment in the Lake Champlain Basin
- Application open: January 5 – June 1, 2027
- Award Notification: June 2027
- Project Period: June 2027 – June 2028

Spark Connecting Community

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: strengthening community and building social capital
- Application Open: February 2 – March 16, 2027
- Notifications: May 2027
- Project Period: May 2027 – May 2028

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Vermont Women's Fund

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: women and girls
- Application Open: January 5 - March 2, 2027
  - Award Notification: May 2027
- Project Period: May 2027 - May 2028 or May 2029

Samara Fund

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: 2SLGBTQIA+ Vermonters
- Application Open: TBA Spring 2026
- Award Notification: June 2027
- Project Period: June 2027 – June 2028

South Lake Champlain Fund

- Geographic focus: South Lake Champlain, South of Crown Point in NY and VT
- Supports: research and education concerning Lake Champlain
- Application Open: February 16 – March 30, 2027
- Notifications: May 2027
- Project Period: May 2027 – May 2028

Concert Artists Fund

- Geographic focus: Chittenden County
- Supports: performances of classical music in Chittenden County
- Application Open: March 16 – April 27, 2027
- Award Notification: June 2027
- Project Period: June 2027 – June 2029

Arts & Social Cohesion

- Geographic focus: Statewide
- Supports: arts programming that support positive social interaction
- LOI Open: TBA
- Award Notification: TBA
- Project Period: TBA

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Walter Cerf Community Fund

- Geographic focus: Addison County, Brandon, and Statewide
- Supports: education, historic preservation, and social services
- Application Open: April 20 – June 8, 2027
- Award Notification: Late September 2027
- Project Period: September 2027 – September 2028

Northeast Kingdom Fund

- Geographic focus: Northeast Kingdom
- Supports: projects and programs by and for NEK communities
- Application Open: June 1 – July 20, 2027
- Award Notification: Late September 2027
- Project Period: September 2027 – September 2028

Kelsey Trust – Winter

- Geographic focus: Lake Champlain Basin
- Supports: basic services for people in the Lake Champlain Basin
- Application open: June 1 – December 1, 2027
- Award Notification: January 2028
- Project Period: January 2028 – January 2029

Opportunity Fund for Southshire Youth

- Geographic focus: Bennington and surrounding communities
- Supports: programming for youth aged 13-18
- Application Open: July 27 – September 7, 2027
- Award Notification: Late October 2027
- Project Period: October 2027 – October 2028

Laurance and Mary Rockefeller Fund

- Geographic focus: Woodstock and Surrounding Communities
- Supports: preserving and enhancing the physical, cultural, spiritual, and wellness environment of Woodstock and its surrounding communities
- Application Open: August 24 – October 12, 2027
- Award Notification: January 2028
- Project Period: January 2028 – January 2029