



Department of Buildings & General Services
Agency of Administration

July 1, 2009

Enclosed is the 2009 Recreational Facilities Grant Program application administered by the Department of Buildings & General Services. The goal of the program is to provide competitive grants to municipalities as defined in chapter 117 of Title 24 and to non-profit organizations to stimulate the creation and development of recreational opportunities in Vermont communities. Please pass this information along to any organization or interested parties that may qualify for this program.

It is the intent of the legislature that applicants applying for any of the following Building Community grants: Historic Preservation, Cultural Facilities, Recreational Facilities, Human Services & Educational Facilities, shall not apply for more than one grant under Chapter 137 of Title 24 for the same task in the same calendar year, nor more than one grant in the same grant category for the same project.

It is the intent of the committee to award all grants on a competitive basis which ensures equitable selection. The committee gives priority consideration to applicants demonstrating strong community support through local fundraising campaigns.

Please feel free to contact our office at (802) 828-3519 if you have any questions. For your convenience the application is available on line at <http://bgs.vermont.gov/formsandpublications>

We look forward to working with everyone.



RECREATIONAL FACILITY GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION PROCESS

The program is open to municipalities and non-profit organizations that provide services to youth or adults in either an individual community or recognized community service area. The maximum available grant is \$25,000. Requests in any amount up to twenty-five thousand dollars will be considered. It is the intent of this program to make as many awards as feasible with the money appropriated by the legislature. For each dollar requested, documentation must be provided to show that three dollars have been raised (on hand or pledged) from non-state sources. Projects that are in the conceptual stage should not apply at this point. Preference will be given to those projects that have a demonstrated longevity of support within a community.

This program is intended as a simple grant application process. Handwritten applications are acceptable. We do not encourage having professionally prepared material created for this application. Short, simple applications are greatly appreciated and supported.

DEFINITIONS

Recreational Project: A facility-based project that provides, coordinates or organizes recreation programs for youth or adults within a community or community catchment area.

Municipality: As defined in Chapter 117 of Title 24 V.S.A. § 4303(12).

Non-Profit: A group granted such status by the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-State Match: Financial support raised by the municipality or non-profit that comes from either private or public sources providing that no portion of the money claimed as match comes from:

- A directed state appropriation
- State grant dollars
- Federal funds funneled through a state agency

Project: For capital costs associated with the development and creation of community recreational opportunities in Vermont communities.

Selection Criteria

Requests for funding will be evaluated on the eight (8) following criteria. The Recreational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee will make award decisions within four (4) working weeks of the application deadline. The decision of the Committee is final and is not subject to appeal.

1. Opportunity to engage a wide spectrum of the community. Emphasis will be given to projects that serve youth and community at large;
2. Creativity and/or necessity of the proposed project;
3. Demonstrated community support;
4. Project is ready to construct or has begun construction. Concepts or ideas will not be funded. Grants will not be awarded as "seed" money;
5. Demonstrate or document the critical nature of this grant funding towards the project's success;
6. Documentation of 3:1 financial match. In-kind contributions of labor and/or materials or other types of **in-kind match are not allowed as part of the financial match**;
7. Demonstrate strong community support through local fundraising campaigns;
8. Same projects or task funded by any of the grants is authorized in Chapter 137 of Title 24 §§5601-5606 in the same calendar year will not be funded.

Application Deadline: September 11, 2009

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET & CHECKLIST

Application Deadline: September 11, 2009

1. Name and address of the Sponsoring Organization or Municipality: _____

2. Name of the Contact Person: _____
3. Phone Number: _____
4. Indicate your federal ID number: (if applicable) _____
5. Amount Requested: _____
6. Purpose (brief description): _____

Attachments		✓	<i>For Office Use</i>
A.	Provide a list of your Board of Directors and their terms of office on a separate sheet of paper.		
B.	If a non-profit, attach a copy of your IRS Determination (does not apply to municipalities).		
C.	On no more than 3 pages please describe:		
	a) the history of the project;		
	b) the group the project is intended to serve;		
	c) proposed timetable for construction and program start up;		
	d) specify how this money will be used by the project (breakdown of labor and material)		
	e) effect on the project if the award is not granted; whether or not an award in an amount less than requested would be acceptable and, if so, what is the lowest amount that you feel would be helpful.		
D.	Attach a maximum of 3 letters of support that represent the community support from Select Boards, City Council, Planning Commissions, Rec. Boards, Citizens at-large and School Boards supporting this project. Reminder – this grant process is designed to be simple and represent a community's desire; letters from local boards or citizens are preferred over letters from legislators or officials.		
E.	Complete simplified budget form enclosed and attach supporting documentation that you have already raised three dollars from non-state funds for every state dollar that you are requesting. In addition, any evidence of a successful bond vote or a specific line item approved within a budget would be useful in gauging support. In-kind contributions of labor and/or materials or other types of in-kind match are not allowed.		
F.	Please Include first 2 pages of the organizations form 990 (if applicable)		
G.	Attach any other information that you feel would be helpful in assisting the Committee in making an award determination. (Pictures and sketches are appreciated)		

Return 8 Copies (3-hole punched, unstapled and unbound) of the completed application cover sheet and attachments to:

Department of Buildings & General Services
 2 Governor Aiken Avenue, Montpelier, VT 05633-5801
 Attn: Wendy Barrett

