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STATE OF VERMONT BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAMS

The Building Communities Grants Programs consist of five grant programs established and funded by the Vermont Legislature to “*help communities preserve important historic buildings and enhance community facilities*”. All of these grant programs, with the exception of the Barn Grants, require that the applicant be a non-profit organization or municipality. The deadlines for all five occur in the fall, and selections are made by individual boards through an established selection process. All grants require a match; matching funds from local fundraising efforts are encouraged. You may not apply to more than one of the grant programs for the same Project in one calendar year.

- Read the descriptions below to determine which programs fund the type of project you are planning.
- Look at the grant application and instructions on-line at the websites listed below.
- Contact representatives from the agencies listed below if you have questions concerning their respective grant programs.
- Be prepared to demonstrate strong community support for projects on public buildings through fundraising campaigns and grass roots initiatives.
- Good luck!

Historic Preservation Grant Program

Since 1987, 50/50 matching grants have been offered through a competitive process administered by the Division for Historic Preservation to assist municipalities and nonprofit organizations in restoring important historic buildings across the state. Each year, grants of up to \$20,000 are awarded by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to help preserve and repair buildings that will promote the public's awareness and appreciation of Vermont's cultural heritage. Town halls, municipal buildings, churches, historical societies, granges, and many other kinds of buildings have been funded. Eligible work includes restoration and repair of roofs, structural elements, windows, foundations, and other components of historic buildings. Application deadline is Monday October 3, 2011.

For more information, contact:

Judith Williams Ehrlich, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (828-3049; judith.ehrlich@state.vt.us) **Website:** www.HistoricVermont.org

Historic Barn and Agricultural Buildings Grant Program

Since 1991, a 60/40 matching grants program has been assisting owners of historic agricultural buildings (barns, corn cribs, silos, grist mills, etc.) located in Vermont through the Division for Historic Preservation the state provides 60% of the grant project funding, up to the award amount, and the grant recipient provides 40%. Grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to assist in the restoration and repair of endangered buildings, which can be in private ownership. Historic barns may qualify whether they are in active agricultural use or non-agricultural use. Eligible work includes restoration and repair of roofs, structural elements,

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windows, foundations, and other important components of historic agricultural buildings. Application deadline is Monday November 7, 2011.

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Cultural Facilities Grant Program

The cultural facilities grant program is administered by the Vermont Arts Council in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Museum & Gallery Alliance, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The program awards grants on a competitive basis to assist nonprofit organizations and municipalities to improve community facilities used to provide cultural activities to the public. The purpose of the program is to enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming. Grants range from \$1,000 – \$20,000 and require a 1:1 match (at least 75% of which must be in cash and up to 25% of which may be in well documented in-kind materials and/or labor). The Arts Council will offer Cultural Facilities Grants Workshops in September. Details will be posted on our website. Application deadline is Monday October 3, 2011 for projects taking place between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

For more information, contact:

Sonia Rae, Vermont Arts Council (828-5425;
Srae@vermontartscouncil.org)

Website:

www.vermontartscouncil.org

Recreational Facilities Grant Program

The recreational facilities grant program provides competitive grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations for capital costs associated with the development and creation of community recreational opportunities to stimulate the creation and development of recreational opportunities in Vermont Communities. The program requires a 1:1 match from the recipient and caps awards at \$25,000. This program requires that there be demonstrated community support, both financial and grassroots. Application deadline is Friday, September 2, 2011,

For more information, contact:

Wendy L. Cadorette, Department of Buildings and General Services
(828-3519; Wendy.Cadorette@state.vt.us)

Website: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/formsandpublications>

Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program

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The human services and educational facilities grant program is directed to award matching grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations for capital costs associated with the major maintenance, renovation and development of facilities used for the delivery of human services and health care, or for the development of educational opportunities in Vermont communities. The program requires a 1:1 match from the recipient and caps awards at \$25,000. Application deadline is Friday September 16, 2011.

For more information, contact:

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Website: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/formsandpublications>

Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant

Competitive grants are awarded to fairs to make improvements to physical plan and infrastructure. Favored activities are bringing fairs up to code, especially on electricity, sewer and water, ADA, safety and land purchased. Emphasis is placed on leveraging other funds and generating community support for the fair through improvements to the infrastructure, which can be utilized by the whole community throughout the year, not just during fair days.

For more information, contact:

Jim Cameron, Department of Agency of Agriculture
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