



2005 GRANT AWARDS

The Vermont Women's Fund is a grantmaking organization that supports the advancement, self-sufficiency, and economic and social equality of Vermont women and girls. We also encourage all women to be philanthropists and to use their collective financial power to help shape Vermont's future. We are a fund of The Vermont Community Foundation, a member of the international women's funding movement, and are governed by a diverse Council of women from across the state.

This year we are honored to support 21 phenomenal projects with \$81,647 in our 8th year of grantmaking. In that time, we are proud to have awarded 127 grants totaling \$477,280! Please enjoy perusing the list of awards and know that individual community members like you make each of them possible . . .

Craftsbury Community Care Center

"Bone Builders"

Orleans County

\$4,502

This grant will help establish a community Bone Builders class at the Craftsbury Community Care Center, taught by volunteer instructors. The classes will help senior women strengthen their bones and muscles so as to reduce and prevent the effects of osteoporosis.

Full Cycle

"5th Annual Girlz Mountain Bike Camp"

Lamoille County

\$1,000

Full Cycle's annual Girlz Mountain Bike Camp is a week-long summer empowerment program for girls ages 10 - 14. Through mountain biking, girls learn about sports, health, body image, nutrition, self-care, and gain self-confidence.

Girls on the Run of Vermont

"Expansion Project"

Statewide

\$2,500

Girls on the Run is a noncompetitive, athletic educational program with a mission to prepare and educate girls ages 8 - 13 years for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. This project will expand the number of sites for Girls on the Run programming and increase the number of girls reached by the curriculum.

Governor's Institutes of Vermont

"Breaking Gender Barriers in the Sciences"

Statewide

\$6,000

This project will encourage high-school girls to overcome traditional hesitancy toward participation in sciences that are stereotypically seen as a male world. Girls will be recruited to enroll in three

Governor's Institutes science-related programs by setting tuition at 50 percent, providing women-focused materials, and including elements dealing with women's issues in the curricula.

Hub Youth Center

"Force Fed"

Addison County

\$2,120

Force Fed is a young women's media discussion group culminating in a documentary film of actual girls' experiences.

Mercy Connections

"Fresh Start, Second Chances"

Chittenden County

\$4,100

Formerly incarcerated Vermont women will gain financial literacy and entrepreneurial training through a community based supportive education and transition center.

Morningside House

"Life Skills Housing Program"

Windham County

\$5,000

The Life Skills Housing Program will provide housing, education/literacy, and support services for young, single mothers and expectant mothers ages 18 - 30 that are homeless or about to be so. Life Skills will have six apartments with a length of stay of up to two years.

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital

"Girl Talk"

Northeast Kingdom

\$3,000

Girl Talk will provide health education, empowerment, and support to pregnant teens. A liaison will be formed with provider-client and school (if applicable) to assist teens with reaching their goals.

Northern New England Tradeswomen

"Rosie's Girls at the Women's Correctional Facility"

Statewide

\$5,500

Northern New England Tradeswomen will conduct a five day residential iteration of Rosie's Girls for twelve girls whose mothers are incarcerated at the state's correctional facility in Windsor. The camp will be based at the prison and will engage offenders in the program's design and implementation.

Peace and Justice Center

"Vermont Livable Wage Campaign"

Statewide

\$2,500

The Vermont Livable Wage Campaign is a statewide coalition of groups and individuals committed to empowering low-income Vermonters through attaining livable wages through education, community organizing, research & legislative efforts.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

“Civic Engagement Project”
St. Johnsbury & Rutland \$5,000

The goal of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England's Civic Engagement Project is to engage activists in more leadership activities in their communities through developing a curriculum and piloting two trainings in St. Johnsbury and Rutland.

Prevent Child Abuse – Vermont

“Nurturing Parenting Program for Mothers in Recovery from Substance Abuse”
Caledonia County \$3,500

The Nurturing Parenting Program is designed for mothers in recovery from substance abuse who seek to become better parents. Through the program, mothers will learn about child development, develop healthy parenting skills, and learn to make healthy choices for themselves and their children.

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)

“Healthy Mind, Body, & Family”
Bennington County \$5,000

The grant will fund a series of three 10-week workshops for women who are survivors or at-risk of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Workshops will focus on the following issues: health, parenting, financial fitness, and entrepreneurship.

QNEK Productions, Resident Theatre Company at the Haskell Opera House

“Memoirs”
Northeast Kingdom \$3,500

Memoirs will consolidate the writings of 10 senior women from a Northeast Kingdom memoirs workshop into a full-length dramatic reading with music. The Memoirs will be presented as Theatre, and compiled into a book.

R.U.1.2? Community Center

“Vermont Diversity Health Project: Focus on Lesbian Health”
Statewide \$5,000

Vermont Diversity Health Project’s mission is to improve the health and wellness of LGBTQ Vermonters by building bridges between providers and LGBTQ people. This grant will allow resources to be directed specifically for lesbian health initiatives, including online resources and provider outreach.

Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter

“Living Free”
Rutland County \$5,000

Living Free will provide positive, safe re-engagement with the Rutland community for women survivors of domestic and sexual violence who have become isolated by the offender. Mentoring will be provided in on-going support groups and community activities to enhance life skills, focus on increasing joy, develop safe social/cultural activities and demonstrate the value of friendships among women.

Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Central Vermont

“Teen Media Project”

Washington County

\$1,300

This project is a partnership between the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Central Vermont and the In Your Face Guerilla Theater group to create, produce, perform, record, and distribute video-taped skits on sexual violence education and prevention.

Vermont Children’s Aid Society

“Birth Parent Counseling Project”

Chittenden County

\$5,900

The Birth Parent Counseling Project serves birthparents, usually women, in the Termination of Parental Rights proceedings initiated by the Vermont Department for Children and Families. This project provides counseling that empowers birthparents to participate with dignity in the permanency planning process for their children in a non-adversarial approach.

Vermont Parent Information Center

“Girls in the Driver Seat”

Statewide

\$3,725

The purpose of the project is to provide additional support, resources and planning to serve the unique needs of teenage girls with disabilities as they transition from high school to adult life.

Volunteers in Action

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Windsor County

\$3,000

Volunteers in Action is a community-based effort that brings together caring volunteers with neighbors in need of a helping hand.

Women’s Agricultural Network

“Raising Our Voices”

Statewide

\$4,500

This project seeks to build the capacity of Vermont Farm Women to affect public policy concerning agriculture. It is linked to a national effort to raise the profile of farm women in business, government, and community and will begin with a 2005 conference.

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