



2006 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 19 phenomenal projects with \$90,740 in our 9th year of grantmaking. In that time, we are proud to have awarded 146 grants totaling \$568,020! Please enjoy perusing the list of awards and know that individual community members like you make each of them possible . . .

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless

"Housing Matters"
Bennington County

\$4,500

This project will provide support and life skills training to women and children searching for or trying to maintain housing. Bennington Coalition for the Homeless will help women explore and eliminate their barriers to decent and affordable housing.

Committee on Temporary Shelter

"A Bridge to Economic Independence for Homeless Women"
Chittenden County

\$4,000

This project removes the barriers to educational opportunities that can lead to economic independence for homeless women.

Greensboro Wonder and Wisdom

"Senior Trotters"
Orleans County

\$3,000

This project will provide a monthly activity, trip, or presentation offering socialization, mental stimulation, and a nutritious meal to seniors.

Have Justice – Will Travel

"Women In Transition Life Skills and Mentoring Group"
Washington County

\$2,500

The Have Justice – Will Travel Women In Transition Life Skills and Mentoring Group provides both the lessons and the tools for women who are survivors of domestic violence to solidify their financial well being, widen their network, and develop a foundation on which to build a new life for themselves and their children.

Northern New England Tradeswomen

“Tech Savvy Girls”

Statewide

\$5,340

Northern New England Tradeswomen seeks to keep Tech Savvy Girls – a program that uses mentoring and coaching to increase girls' skills, leadership, and participation in technology – alive in Vermont.

Peace and Justice Center

“Vermont Livable Wage Campaign”

Statewide

\$5,000

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

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

“Sexuality and Developmental Disabilities Project”

Statewide

\$10,000

This project aims to create a statewide resource network of experts in the field of sexuality education for people with developmental disabilities, which will be accomplished through a series of sexuality education trainings for professionals, parents, and people with developmental disabilities.

Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter

“Living Free”

Rutland County

\$3,500

Living Free provides positive, safe re-engagement with the community for women survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Mentoring will be provided by staff, and community activities will be introduced to enhance life skills and the value of friendship among women.

SafeArt

“Training Workshops and Resource Guide”

Statewide

\$6,500

SafeArt will conduct training workshops for the staff of Vermont agencies providing services in abuse prevention and intervention. A SafeArt resource guide will be developed to provide an ongoing tool for work in the field.

Safeline

“A Safe Place for Safeline!”

Orange & Windsor Counties

\$5,000

This project will assist Safeline with a move to a safer, more appropriate physical location so we can better serve their clients, which are 90% female.

Springfield Family Center

"Springfield In Motion"

Windham & Windsor County

\$3,000

Springfield In Motion is an obesity prevention project that provides a physical activity and education component where incentives are offered to participants that improve in this capacity; these incentives are for items that support health (ex.: memberships to exercise facilities/classes, vouchers for fruits and vegetables, etc.).

STRIDE: The Wright Foundation for Female Athletes

"Snow Stars"

Addison County

\$1,500

Snow Stars is a mentoring program that introduces disadvantaged elementary school girls to skiing through a series of lessons building self-esteem and encouraging a healthy outdoor pursuit.

Vermont Children's Aid Society

"Birth Parent Counseling Program Evaluation & Growth"

Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Washington & Windsor Counties

\$5,900

The Birth Parent Counseling Project (BPCP) serves birth parents, usually women, in the termination of parental rights proceedings initiated by the Vermont Department for Children and Families. This project will allow the Vermont Children's Aid Society to continue BPCP services while evaluating and preparing to expand the program.

Vermont Institute of Natural Science North Branch Nature Center

"Girls on the Wild Side"

Orange & Washington Counties

\$4,000

Girls on the Wild Side is an outdoor camp program for teenage Vermont girls designed to build girls' self-esteem and leadership skills and inspire girls to develop a life-long interest in the natural world.

Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

"Northeast Kingdom Business Coach Program"

Caledonia, Essex, & Orleans Counties

\$10,000

This project will provide free business technical assistance to women entrepreneurs in the start-up and expansion of new business ventures in the Northeast Kingdom. The Fund seeks to establish new outlets for Northeast Kingdom Artisan products in New England retail outlets and galleries.

Vermont Women's History Project

"Strengthening The Future by Illuminating The Past"

Statewide

\$2,500

This project will create easily accessible web-based, dynamic educational materials based on new research about Vermont women that will emerge from the Vermont History Expo 2006, where the collaborative exhibit theme will be women in Vermont History. A History lending kit for public schools will also be produced.

Winooski Parks and Recreation

*“Summer Food & Enrichment Girls Program”
Chittenden County*

\$5,000

This project will incorporate a "Girls Program" into the Winooski Parks and Recreation’s regular summer program by partnering with successful organizations that help girls develop self-esteem, confidence, healthy lifestyle choices, and positive body image.

Women’s Rape Crisis Center

*“See Your Strength Bystander Intervention Education for Girls and Young Women”
Statewide*

\$4,500

The Women’s Rape Crisis Center's "See Your Strength" Initiative seeks to empower girls and young women to safely and successfully support their peers around the issues of sexual violence.

The Youth Horticulture Project

*“Girls Grow”
Windham County*

\$5,000

The Girls Grow project will build healthy lifestyles and life skills for girls through growing, preparing, and donating vegetables in a peer supportive environment. Through mentoring and various activities, girls will learn self-sufficiency and build positive body image and self-confidence.

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