

HOW TO FIND MONEY FOR YOUR VSA VERMONT ARTS PROGRAM

We're excited that VSA Vermont's inclusive arts programs for disabled children and adults are of value to your organization. Here are some ideas to help you find funds to pay for a VSA Vermont arts program. For additional help, please don't hesitate to contact Marguerite Adelman, Development Director, VSA Vermont, at [802-655-4606](tel:802-655-4606) or marguerite@vsavt.org.

- Look at your own organization's budget. Do you have an activity fund? Do you have a public programs fund?* Remember that there is always a public component to a VSA Vermont arts program. You may be able to allocate a small amount of funding to the arts program.
- Do you have a supportive or connected group?* If you are a school, your parent/teacher organization may be able to provide assistance.
- Think about the individuals who will be participating in the program. *Do they have relatives or friends that are connected to larger businesses or organizations that could provide some support?*
- Do you have service clubs in your area (Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, etc.)? Does anyone you know belong to these service clubs?* Ask if they would be willing to provide a donation in support of your special arts program.
- What schools are in your area?* Colleges and universities often have community service clubs or groups that may be willing to provide a fundraiser for you. Your local high school may have a Key Club or another service oriented club that would be willing to help you out with a small fundraiser. Once again, does anyone in your organization have any connections here?
- Your organization probably uses a variety of vendors for various services: banking, phone, garbage, computers, payroll, catering, etc.* Any of these vendors may be willing to fund a small portion of a special arts program if you provide them with publicity and credit for their donation.
- There are a number of small grants with quick turnaround times.* Check out select businesses with charitable giving foundations: Rite Aid, Kinney Drugs, WalMart, large chain grocery stores, local hospitals, and community foundations (see the attached sheet). We can provide suggestions and technical assistance in the writing of short grant proposals.
- Consider holding your own fundraiser.* Keep it simple. A family dinner, a family movie night, or a family game night could raise some monies for a special arts program.

Grant Resources

Foundation/ Corporation	Application Deadlines	Nature of Application	Average Funding	Geographic Area	Contact Person	Address	Email	Phone	Website
RBC Foundation	2/28 or 7/18	Application and guidelines are online	2,000 to 20,000	Manchester, Vermont area	Ms. Martha Baumbach, Manager	60 South 6th St.-P20; 60 South Sixth Street; Minneapolis, MN 55402	martha.baumbach@rbc.com	612-371-2936	www.rbcdain.com/community/involvement
Vermont Community Foundation Crosby -- Gannett Fund	5/1, 10/15	Application online	250 to 1,000	Brattleboro, Vermont area					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/
Vermont Community Foundation -- Green Mountain Fund	Rolling	Grant application online	500 to 5,000 minigrants & sustaining grants	Lamoille County, Vermont					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/
Vermont Community Foundation -- Northeast Kingdom Fund Grants	no dates listed yet	Grant application online	500 to 5,000 both mini grants and sustaining grants	Orleans, Essex, Caledonia Counties in Vermont					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/
Vermont Community Foundation -- Hills & Hollows Fund	Rolling	Grant application online	500 to 5,000	Poultney, Vermont					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/
Vermont Community Foundation -- Dunham-Mason Fund	5/1, 10/15	Grant application online	250 to 500	Brattleboro, Vermont area					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/
Oakland Foundation	3/1, 6/1, 9/1, and 12/1	Call or email first	500 to 5,000	Northern Vermont	Katherine Lutz Coppock, Pres.	P.O. Box 491; Stowe, VT 05672	oakland@oak.org	802-253-5115	
The Couch Family Foundation	Rolling	LOI first	up to 10,000	Upper Valley Region of Vermont	Ms. Brooke Couch Freeland, Mng. Dir.	69 Cherry Brook Rd; Weston, MA 02493	info@couchfoundation.org	617-921-1795	www.couchfoundation.org/
Plum Creek Foundation	1/31, 4/30, 7/31, 10/31	Application and guidelines are online	500 to 10,000	Essex County/ Northeast Kingdom	Ms. Kristen Smith	999 Third Ave, Ste. 4300; Seattle, WA 98104	foundation@plumcreek.com	206-467-3664	www.plumcreek.com/community
Thomas Thompson Trust	1/1, 4/1, 7/1, 10/1	Application and guidelines are online	up to 25,000	Windham County, primarily Brattleboro	Susan T. Monahan, Grants Coordinator	160 Federal Street, 13th floor; Boston, MA 02110	smonahan@rackemann.com	617-951-1108	www.cybergrants.com/thompson/grant.html
Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation	Rolling -- reviewed quarterly	Application and guidelines are online	500 to 25,000	Castleton, Vermont area		c/o Foundation Services, LLC; 640 W. Putnam Ave., 3rd floor; Greenwich, CT 06830	agd@fslc.net	203-629-8552	www.agdonchian.org/
The Windham Foundation	2/13, 5/5, 8/4	Application and guidelines are online	1,000 to 25,000	Windham County, Vermont area	Ms. Becky Nystrom, Executive Assistant	P.O. Box 70; 225 Townshend Road; Grafton, VT 05146	becky.nystrom@windhamfoundation.org	802-843-2211	www.windhamfoundation.org
Entergy Charitable Foundation	2/1, 5/1, 8/1	Contact Jim Sinclair first; forms are available on the website	1,000 (micro grants) and up (open grants)	Vernon, Vermont area (VT Yankee will be leaving at the end of 2014)	Jim Sinclair-- 802-258-4241	P.O. Box 61000; Mail Unit L-ENT-8A; New Orleans, LA 70161	grants@entergy.com	504-576-6980	www.entergy.com/our_community/
The Donley Foundation	3/15 and 9/15	Application and guidelines are online	2,000 to 25,000	White River Junction, Vermont area	Ms. Daphne Rowe, ED	c/o Pembroke Philanthropy Advisors; 16 East Lancaster Ave.; Ardmore, PA 19003	drowe@pembrokephilanthropy.net	610-896-3868	www.donleyfoundation.org

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The Lucy Downing Nisbet Charitable Fund	15-Jan	May call to discuss a project and the application process	5,000 to 20,000	Vermont (special consideration in Morrisville, VT, area)			ct.grantmaking@ustrust.com		
The Vermont Community Foundation -- Small & Inspiring	2/3, 4/1, 6/2, 8/4, 10/1, 12/1	Application online	500 to 2,500	Vermont					http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants/SmallInspiring.aspx
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation	3/1 to 11/15 for Small Grants	Online application	up to 5,000	Areas in Vermont that serve NH residents	Ms. Wendy Cahill, Administrative Assistant, wlc@nhcf.org	Upper Valley Region; 16 Buck Road; Hanover, NY 03755	info@nhcf.org	603-225-1700 (main office); 603-653-0387	www.nhcf.org
Mortimer R. Proctor Trust	Rolling	written request	5,000 to 149,000	Proctor, VT area		c/o People's United Bank; P.O. Box 820; 2 Burlington Square, Burlington, VT 05702		802-660-2153	none
Walmart Foundation	4/13 to 4/26 for Focus Area and 9/7 to 9/13 for Focus Area and Community Involvement Area	Online application that is only available during the cycle period!	25,000+	State (local giving is an option as well)		702 SW 8th Street; Bentonville, AR 72716	charrec@walmart.com	479-273-4000	http://foundation.walmart.com/
CVS Caremark Community Grant Program	1/1 to 10/31 annually	Applications (welcome brief inquiries via email)	500 to 5,000	Vermont, where stores are located		c/o Community Relations Dept; One CVS Drive; Woonsocket, RI 02895	CommunityMailbox@cvscaremark.com	401-770-8150	www.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants
Lamson Howell Foundation Inc.	Rolling	LOI first	500 to 5,000	Randolph, VT, area		P.O. Box 291; Randolph, VT 05060	lamsonhowell@comcast.net		
Hannaford Charitable Foundation	Reviewed quarterly	Proposal and guidelines on website	500 to 200,000	VT is one of 5 listed states	Ms. Donna Boyce	P.O. Box 1000; Portland, ME 04104	doboyce@hannaford.com		http://www.hannaford.com/content.jsp?pageName=charitableFoundation&leftNavArea=AboutLeftNav
Target Community Giving Program	3/1 to 4/30 (for programs that take place from September to August)	Online application	2,000	National-- where stores are located		Community Relations; 1020 Nicolet Mall; Minneapolis, MN 55403			www.target.com/grants
Stewart Shops	Rolling	LOI first	500 to 1,000	Southern VT where Stewarts is located	Susan Dake	Stewart's Shops c/o Susan Dake P.O. Box 435 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.			http://www.stewartshops.com/contributions/