



ANNOUNCING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, in partnership with the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs and the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF), is pleased to announce State Fiscal Year 2018 funding opportunities to improve or expand services for Vermont children and youth through grants to private non-profit organizations, schools, and public entities (town government, etc.).

STATE OUTCOMES AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR PROPOSALS

VCTF funding will support proposals that address one of the following State Outcomes:

- Pregnant Women, young children and adolescents thrive
- Children Are Ready For School
- Children Succeed in School
- Children Live in Safe Supported Families
- Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors

In addition to the State Outcomes, applicants should incorporate at least one of the following Strengthening Family Protective Factors in their grant application:

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children

The Vermont Children's Trust Fund Grants are for NEW primary prevention programs or expansions of existing programs, to reduce the likelihood of juvenile delinquency, truancy, substance abuse, child abuse and other socially destructive behaviors **BEFORE** intervention by authorities, through strength-based activities in a community-based setting. These programs do the following:

- Affirm and promote positive family functioning;
- Work to positively influence societal forces that affect parents, children and youth;
- Are offered to ALL members of the population designed to be served by the grant;
- Ensure voluntary participation in the programs or activities.

VCTF defines a “new program” as: A program that has not existed before within the organization; not just that an organization has not applied for CTF funding for this program (in other words, an existing program that is applying for CTF funds for the first time must be demonstrating an expansion in scope or adding a location).

Examples of “open to all:” If the Girl Scouts applied for a grant, the program would have to be open to all Girl Scouts served by the applying organization; if DREAM is offering a program for a particular affordable housing community, it would have to be open to all students who live in that affordable housing community.

All successful proposals will include reference to the organization’s policies and practices relevant to providing services that are culturally and linguistically competent, and discuss how the organization promotes equity and access of services to all individuals across socioeconomic status, racial and ethnic identity, gender identity, and sexual orientation. All grant recipients are required to attend cultural competency trainings. In the first year of funding, leadership personnel will be required to attend these trainings; in subsequent funding years, direct service staff will be required to attend cultural competency trainings. These trainings will be free of charge to grantees and they will be held regionally throughout the State.

Three Types of CTF Grants:

One Year Program Grants: One year program grants are available to support prevention programs in planning or assessment to determine if the community wishes to explore a program in the future. These grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Equipment Grants: Equipment grants range from \$200 to no more than \$1,000. Programs who have received an equipment grant within the **last two years are not** eligible to apply this year.

Three Year Grants: Three year grants range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for the first year, with a possibility for continued funding for up to two (2) additional years. The average award is \$8,500 the first year.

CTF Grant Period: If awarded a CTF grant, awards will be issued in mid-August for a start-up on September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: For questions about the grant application please contact theo@vtchildrenstrust.org or call 802-951-8604

ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.

VCTF applications will be available online **JANUARY 17:** www.vtchildrenstrust.org