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## ANNOUNCING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020 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 2020 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:

- Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.
- Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential.

In addition to the State Outcomes, applicants should incorporate one or more of the following [Strengthening Family Protective Factors](#) or [Youth Thrive Protective and Promotive Factors](#) in their grant application:

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

**The Vermont Children's Trust Fund Grants** are for **primary prevention programs, serving children ages 0-18**. These programs strive 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 impact societal forces that affect parents, children and youth;
- Are open to ALL members of the population designed to be served by the grant\*;
- Require voluntary participation in the programs (participation cannot be mandated by authorities);
- Strive for coordinated and effective youth services, including service to at-risk youth
- Promote racial equity and reduction of race disparities

**\*Examples of 'open to all':** If the Girl Scouts apply 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, including those with disabilities and across socioeconomic status, racial and ethnic identity, gender identity, and sexual orientation. All One and Three year grant recipients are required to attend a cultural competency training. These trainings will be free of charge to grantees and they will be held regionally throughout the State.

### **Three Types of CTF Grants:**

**New Program Grants – One Year:** Need help getting a new program launched? New program grants are available to support planning, assessment or trial run to determine the viability of this program in your community. The maximum grant amount for a one year grant is \$7,500.

**Supporting Grants – Three Year:** Supporting grants are intended to start new programs or to support enhancements or expansions to existing programs. Three year grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for the first year, with a possibility for continued funding for up to two (2) additional years. The average award in 2019 was \$10,000.

**Equipment Grants:** These smaller grants are intended to help grantees carry out their business by offering support for purchasing needed equipment or supplies. The maximum grant amount for an equipment grant is \$2,000. Programs who have received an equipment grant within the **last two years are not** eligible to apply this year.

### **Application limit:**

If you are currently receiving VCTF funds, you may not apply for another grant for the program being funded until the end of the existing grant (even if you intend to expand or enhance the program).

**CTF Grant Period:** If awarded a CTF grant, awards will be issued in mid-August for a start-up on September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

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

ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.

VCTF applications will be available online in late January: [www.vtchildrenstrust.org](http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org)

**The following websites may have resources that provide information for grant applications.**

[http://humanservices.vermont.gov/ahs\\_community-profiles](http://humanservices.vermont.gov/ahs_community-profiles)

<https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg>