

## **TURRELL FUND**

### **2026 S. WHITNEY LANDON AWARDS**

The Turrell Fund is pleased to announce the application and selection process for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual S. Whitney Landon Awards.

The awards are given to organizations/individuals that are directly serving children from birth to 5-years-old and their families, with priority consideration given to programs serving the youngest and at highest risk children. A total of \$30,000 will be awarded.

Individual grant requests may be up to \$5,000 in unrestricted funding.

#### **Purpose**

The S. Whitney Landon Awards are designated by the Turrell Fund to recognize and honor early childhood programs in Vermont that exhibit *exemplary practices and bring innovative and replicable approaches* for promoting child and family well-being.

Nonprofits delivering early intervention, early literacy, home visiting and family support services are eligible to apply. Home-based childcare programs are eligible as well.

Applicants working in collaboration with other community organizations and networks to increase their collective impact on the children, families, and communities they serve and who are seen as changemakers within their respective communities are encouraged to apply.

#### **Criteria for Applicants**

The following list of criteria demonstrates the type of quality indicators the application review committee will be considering.

It is not expected that programs meet *all* criteria to be considered eligible to receive an award.

Quality indicators include early childhood programs, service providers, or organizations that:

- Provide direct services to children and families in Vermont.
- Are currently serving young children (0-5 years-old) and their families.
- Are seen as an early childhood leader in the community by peers and parents.
- Are seen as a collaborative partner by other organizations doing similar work.
- Propose innovative best practices or creative approaches to serving young children and their families. Breakthrough ideas and new approaches would greatly strengthen an application.

- **Note: if you have received a Landon Award in the last two years (2025, 2024), you are NOT eligible to apply.**

### **Process for Submitting Applications**

- The Landon Grant application portal will open on the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation website **starting Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am.**
- Applications are **due by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm.**
- **Required Documentation:** (1) Organizational and program budgets; (2) IRS 501c3 Determination Letter if the organization is a nonprofit; and (3) a tax ID if the organization is not a nonprofit. Note: Regulated early childhood centers (including public school and pre-k programs) or home-based childcare providers must participate in the STARS program, and include their rating.

### **Process for Selecting and Notifying Award Recipients**

- Turrell Fund to review applications and make **final decisions by Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- Awardees will be notified, and **checks sent by Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Reporting Requirements**

This award recognizes exemplary, high-quality programs that display new thinking, and innovative solutions.

A simple letter letting us know what impact was achieved and how funds were used within the year after the award will suffice as a final report.