

Vermont Capacity Building Grant Recipients



Rural Vermont / REAP

3 year \$25,000/yr

Consultation and Strategic Planning **Montpelier, VT**

Rural Vermont is a 20-year old statewide, farmer-led organization that is working to promote and achieve their vision for a sustainable, thriving Vermont agriculture, which supports small farms and in turn local communities. A three year Capacity-Building Grant was awarded to provide consultation and strategic planning work helping to shift funding base from foundation support to individual member support, and to build the membership base in order to increase numbers of small donors, rather than relying on a few large donors. Grant was made in 2007. www.ruralvermont.org

Vermont Partnership for Fairness & Diversity

3 year \$25,000/yr

Towards financial sustainability and statewide expansion

Brattleboro, VT

Vermont Partnership for Fairness & Diversity (Vermont Partnership) is a statewide non-profit, research, education and advocacy organization dedicated to building inclusive and equitable communities in Vermont. Vermont Partnership provides training, technical assistance, coaching and advocacy services to individuals and institutions in the areas of civil rights, diversity, anti-bias education and multiracial education. Funds were provided to support Vermont Partnership's statewide expansion and it's transition from a direct service provider to an organizer for systemic change within Vermont's institutions. Grant was made in 2008. www.alanavision.org

Highfields Institute, Ltd.

3 year \$25,000/yr

Close the Loop Vermont **Hardwick, VT**

Highfields Institute was selected for the Ben & Jerry's Foundation Capacity Building Grant for 2009. Highfields works to close the loop on community-based sustainable food and agricultural systems, thus addressing soil health, water quality, solid waste, farm viability, and climate change. Their program, Close the Loop Vermont, for which funding was granted, has a goal to capture 100% of food waste in Vermont by 2017 through effective educational, behavioral and infrastructural change strategies and engaging local community members as agents of change at the community and municipal level. Grant was made in 2009. www.highfieldscomposting.org

Vermont Workers' Center

3 year \$25,000/yr

Healthcare is a Human Right **Burlington, VT**

The VWC is building a statewide grassroots movement for change by organizing low-income and working Vermonters to create a sustainable network of leaders and organizing committees in communities across the state through a coordinated fight to win real healthcare reform in Vermont. By organizing to make healthcare a public good in Vermont, through the Healthcare is a Human Right Campaign, they empower low-income and working Vermonters to build power for change on a range of issues affecting working people. Grant was made in 2010. www.workerscenter.org

Vermont Journalism Trust / VT Digger.org

3 year \$25,000/yr

Building Capacity & Development **Montpelier, VT**

VTDigger.org is a statewide online-only nonprofit news organization dedicated to coverage of Vermont politics, consumer affairs, business and public policy. VTDigger.org publishes original news reporting, video, audio and photos, in addition to raw information

in the form of press releases and government documents. Funding was provided for the ongoing development of the VTDigger.org website to enhance access to news, information and their unique, interactive newsgathering platform, Tipster. Additionally, VTDigger.org plans to create and maintain a database of documents from state government and the legislature that pertain to news issues. Lastly, VTDigger will create a member-subscriber donor system that will enable them to financially support ongoing tech development into the future. www.vtdigger.org