University of Vermont | Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships

Grant Program - Awarded Proposals, Spring 2024 Cycle

App ID	Org	Title	Region Served	Project Description	Themes	Amount
2410	Professional and Continuing Education (PACE)	Vermont Local Government Institute	Statewide	This program helps new and mid-career managers, assistant managers, and department supervisors, even career-changers new to local government gain the essentials skills to lead their teams and support their communities.	Policy & Governance	$ 28,985
2428	Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering (VASE)/CEMS	STEM Mentors in Rural Communities**	Statewide	VASE would like to partner with UVM to support rural communities that do not have the local resources and/or know-how to support STEM activities in these underserved regions.	Community Schools	$ 10,000
2429	UVM College of Education and Social Services	Leveraging the Vermont Community Schools Research-Practice-Partnership	Addison County, Caledonia County, Chittenden County, Orleans County, Washington County, Windsor County	The Vermont Community Schools Research-Practice Partnership (VTCSRPP) is a dynamic collaboration , designed to enhance, support, and study the implementation and sustainability of community schools in Vermont.	Community Schools, Access to Health Care in Rural Areas, Policy & Governance	$ 300,000
2477	Institute for Agroecology	Seeding Partnerships for Agroecological Transitions in the NEK	Caledonia County, Essex County, Orleans County	This project links organizations who are promoting thriving food and agricultural systems, with the aim of increasing collective impact and leveraging complementarities to promote agroecological food systems and just transitions.	Regenerative Agriculture, Transit & Housing Solutions, Healthy Ecosystems, Policy & Governance	$ 299,762
2480	University of Vermont - EDLP	Creating a Vermont Rural Education Hub**	Statewide	Catalyze a partnership between EDLP, the Vermont Rural Education Consortium (VREC), and the National Rural Education Association (NREA). The primary objective is to create the organization, infrastructure, and leadership to connect rural educators and administrators across the state.	Community Schools, Policy & Governance	$ 10,000
2497	Ethiopian Community Development Council Vermont (ECDCVT)	The "Rural Renewal through Resettlement" Initiative	Bennington County, Windsor County, Windham County	Comprehensive proposal comprising four distinct yet interconnected activities –collectively, the Leahy Rural Resettlement Impact Initiative – that are directly aligned with the objectives of the Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships, specifically around transit/housing solutions and policy and governance.	Policy & Governance	$ 250,000
2504	VELCO	System Optimization and LiDAR for Vermont Energy Resilience (SOLVER)	Statewide	Accelerate moving Vermont to a future in which the state's electrical grid is more resilient and equitable	Resilient Energy Systems	$ 269,482
2514	Center for Biomedical Innovation	Development of Public Self-Service Healthcare Technologies for Rural Settings: Planning and Partnership Building**	Statewide	Making powerful health-checking technologies available in public settings in rural towns on a self-service basis.	Access to Health Care in Rural Areas	$ 10,000
2524	NEK Biosciences LLC	Commercializing the CorioGraft Wound Healing Gel**	Orleans County	Funds will support exploration of productive partnerships with UVM and other rural-focused organizations to result in a written UVM-NEKBIO Partnership and Project Continuation Plan	Regenerative Agriculture, Healthy Ecosystems	$ 10,000

2551	Burlington Bio	The Whey Forward: Recapturing Nutrients from Dairy Production Waste	Bennington County, Caledonia County, Chittenden County, Essex County, Franklin County, Grand Isle County, Lamoille County, Orange County, Orleans County, Washington County	Diverting waste from our waterways and soil, from Vermont dairy production, and recapturing and transforming it into nutritious food products through a process called valorization.	Regenerative Agriculture, Healthy Ecosystems	$ 200,000
2661	Town of Stowe Electric Department	Enhancing the Little River**	Lamoille County	This pilot project will help to mobilize a statewide campaign to kill off knotweed and replenish Vermont waterbodies with healthy, native vegetation. Riverbank management is essential to future flood prevention.	Resilient Energy Systems, Healthy Exosystems	$ 10,000
2700	UVM Extension	Migrant Health Initiative	Statewide	Strengthen and adapt the Community Health Worker program to better address health inequities among the unprecedented and growing number of non- agricultural Spanish speaking migrant and immigrant households moving into Vermont's rural communities	Access to Health Care in Rural Areas	$ 200,000
2478	Windham Regional Commission + Town of Jericho	Vermont Wastewater Infrastructure Mapping	Migrant Health Initiative	Systematic mapping of available wastewater infrastructure data on a town-by-town basis for the state of Vermont and bring together community and professional perspectives through outreach and engagement activities to understand the relationship between wastewater infrastructure and stagnant or even contraction of economic activity and housing development	Transit & Housing Solutions, Policy & Governance	$ 137,750

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