

**Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets**

# **2018 Grant Programs**

**Funding and Financial Assistance Programs for the Vermont Agricultural Economy**

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## Grant Programs at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFAM)

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Grant Program	Objective	Description	Applicant	Amount	Cost Share	Contact
<b>Agricultural Fairs &amp; Field Days Capital Project Grant</b>	Support 20-year capital improvements to Vermont agricultural fairs & field days	For capital projects that support Vermont agricultural fairs & field days	Qualified Agricultural Fairs or Field Days	Dependent on legislative appropriation	85%	Lauren Masseria   802.505.5413   <a href="mailto:lauren.masseria@Vermont.gov">lauren.masseria@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Agricultural Fairs Stipend Fund Program</b>	Support the overall operations of Vermont agricultural fairs & field days	For competitive exhibits, plant improvements, and general operation			N/A	Lauren Masseria   802.505.5413   <a href="mailto:lauren.masseria@Vermont.gov">lauren.masseria@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Best Management Practice (BMP) Program</b>	Reduce nonpoint source agricultural waste discharges into state waters	For on-farm agronomic and structural improvements	Applicant must be Vermont-based and registered with the Vermont Secretary of State	\$50,000 for a single farm or \$75,000 for multiple farms	50-90%	802.828.2431   <a href="mailto:AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov">AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Capital Equipment Assistance Program (CEAP)</b>	Reduce nonpoint source agricultural waste discharges into state waters	For innovative equipment that reduces odors, seperates phosphorus and improves water quality	Custom Service Providers, Non-Profit Organizations, and Farmers	Funding caps specific to equipment type	90%	802.828.2431   <a href="mailto:AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov">AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)</b>	Reduce nonpoint source agricultural waste discharges into state waters	To remove land from agricultural production and establish vegetative buffers for the reduction of sediments and nutrient runoff	Producer or landowner whose land is used for agriculture	Funding dependent on project cost	90% + Incentive Payments	Ben Gabos   802.461.3814   <a href="mailto:Ben.Gabos@Vermont.gov">Ben.Gabos@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Trade Show Assistance Grants</b>	Expand sales and networking opportunities for Vermont agriculture and forestry businesses	To attend national trade shows to exhibit Vermont products	Business registered with the state of Vermont, 50% Vermont agricultural or forestry ingrediants	\$1,000-2,500	N/A	Lauren Masseria   802.505.5413   <a href="mailto:Lauren.Masseria@vermont.gov">Lauren.Masseria@vermont.gov</a>
<b>Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Program</b>	Improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges	To implement annual soil-based practices and to help fund education around implementing agronomic improvements	Farmers seeking voluntary implementation of FAP practices; farmers, citizens, organizations seeking educational support	\$5,000 per farm and \$1,000 per educational activity	N/A	802.828.2431   <a href="mailto:AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov">AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Farm to School and Child Nutrition Grant Program</b>	Expand Farm to School Programming in schools throughout Vermont	To invest in the development of farm to school programs	Any Vermont registered or licensed childcare provider or consortium of childcare providers, independent school, or a supervisory union (SU) on behalf of a public school or consortium of schools.	\$15,000	N/A	Ali Zipparo   802.505.1822   <a href="mailto:Alexandra.Zipparo@vermont.gov">Alexandra.Zipparo@vermont.gov</a>
<b>Farm to School Equipment Grant</b>	Improve school food programs and/or farm to school/farm to childcare programs	For purchase of milk coolers for k-12 schools and general equipment for childcare providers		\$1,000	N/A	Ali Zipparo   802.505.1822   <a href="mailto:Alexandra.Zipparo@vermont.gov">Alexandra.Zipparo@vermont.gov</a>
<b>Mosquito Control Grants</b>	Control of nuisance mosquitoes	To survey and control nuisance mosquitoes that breed/emerge from wetlands	Vermont Mosquito Control Districts (MCD)	Based on availability	N/A	802.828.2431   <a href="mailto:AGR.PlantIndustry@vermont.gov">AGR.PlantIndustry@vermont.gov</a>
<b>Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)</b>	Enhance the competitiveness of Vermont specialty crops	Provides grants to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops including fruits, vegetables, honey, maple, hops, Christmas trees, and nursery crops	Business, organization, or individual. Projects must benefit multiple specialty crop businesses, organizations, or individuals.	N/A	50% match in any combination of cash and/or in-kind	802.828.2430   <a href="mailto:AGR.SpecialtyCrops@Vermont.gov">AGR.SpecialtyCrops@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Vermont Produce Safety Improvement Grants</b>	Help produce growers implement on-farm improvements that reduce produce safety risks.	Provides grants for on-farm improvements to reduce produce safety risks	Vermont farms with over \$25,000 in average annual produce sales	\$1,000-\$10,000	N/A	802.828.2433   <a href="mailto:AGR.FSMA@Vermont.gov">AGR.FSMA@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Water Quality Grants</b>	Expanding and supporting partner organizations in the goal to reduce nonpoint source agricultural pollution	For education, outreach, technical assistance and project planning around agricultural nonpoint source pollution reduction	Farmers, organizations, educational institutions, citizen groups, and local government entities	Dependent on grant category	N/A	802.828.2431   <a href="mailto:AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov">AGR.WaterQuality@Vermont.gov</a>
<b>Working Lands Enterprise Fund</b>	Enhance Vermont's agricultural communities, economy, and culture	To support agriculture and forestry projects	Applicant must be Vermont-based and registered with the Vermont Secretary of State	\$5,000-\$50,000	N/A	802.585.9072   <a href="mailto:Working.Lands@Vermont.gov">Working.Lands@Vermont.gov</a>