



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members  
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst  
Date: November 18, 2014  
Subject: Grant Request #2718, #2719, #2720, #2721, #2722, #2723

Enclosed please find six (6) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

**JFO #2718** – \$10,000 grant from the Consumers Union to the Vermont Department of Finance and Management. These funds will cover a portion of the costs associated with implementation and administration of the new law that requires labeling of food produced from genetic engineering. The donated funds will be deposited in the Vermont Food Fight Fund.  
*[JFO received 11/10/14]*

**JFO #2719** – \$15,000 grant from the Consumers Union Action Fund (separate from above) to the Vermont Department of Finance and Management. These funds will cover a portion of the costs associated with implementation and administration of the new law that requires labeling of food produced from genetic engineering. The donated funds will be deposited in the Vermont Food Fight Fund.  
*[JFO received 11/10/14]*

**JFO #2720** – \$250,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. These funds will be used to install a 2,500 foot rail siding for a new Washington County Railroad (WCRR) transload facility near the town of Barton, VT. The total project cost is estimated at \$382,120, of which, \$63,350 will be paid from in-kind contributions from the WCRR and \$68,770 will be derived from the value of state-owned rail assets, with the remainder being funded by the grant.  
*[JFO received 11/10/14]*

**JFO #2721** – \$95,126 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Agency of Human Services. These funds will be applied to the Agency's Refugee Targeted Assistance Program to supplement services already provided to refugees in Vermont. These services are geared towards making refugees economically self-sufficient as soon as possible after arriving in the U.S. through English language training and employment services.  
*[JFO received 11/10/14]*

**JFO #2722** – \$39,978 donation from the Vermont National Guard to the State of Vermont. These funds were previously appropriated to the Military Department in 2004 and 2005 as part of a

larger funding package to assist military members in emergency situations. Since that time, the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation (VTNGCF) has been established with ample funding to support its mission and the remaining State funds are no longer needed. The donation will be deposited into the General Fund.

*[JFO received 11/13/14]*

**JFO #2723** - \$13,500 grant from Keurig Green Mountain to the Vermont Agency of Human Services. This grant will fund a volunteer coordinator position in the SerVermont program to organize volunteers for projects to improve the water quality of Lake Champlain. The position will be funded for one year.

*[JFO received 11/13/14]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; [ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us)) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by December 1 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



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Agency of Administration

JFo 2719

**STATE OF VERMONT  
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

<b>Grant Summary:</b>		Donation to help fund the "Food Fight Fund" to pay costs incurred by the Attorney General as a result of requirements for labeling of food produced from genetic engineering.			
<b>Date:</b>		10/30/2014			
<b>Department:</b>		AoA Finance and Management			
<b>Legal Title of Grant:</b>		Food Fight Fund Donation - Consumers Union Action Fund			
<b>Federal Catalog #:</b>		N/A			
<b>Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>		Consumers Union Action Fund, Inc., 101 Truman Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703-1057			
<b>Grant Period:</b>		From: 10/24/2014		To:	
<b>Grant/Donation</b>		\$15,000			
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$15,000	\$	\$	\$15,000	
<b>Position Information:</b>		<b># Positions</b>	<b>Explanation/Comments</b>		
		0			
<b>Additional Comments:</b>					
<b>Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	HE (Analyst Initial)	
<b>Department of Finance &amp; Management</b>		10/30/14		(Initial)	
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>		10/30/14		(Initial)	
<b>Sent To Joint Fiscal Office</b>		11/6/14		Date	

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**STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (\*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)**

**BASIC GRANT INFORMATION**

<b>1. Agency:</b>	Administration		
<b>2. Department:</b>	Finance and Management		
<b>3. Program:</b>	Food Fight Fund		
<b>4. Legal Title of Grant:</b>	Food Fight Fund Donation - Consumer's Union Action Fund		
<b>5. Federal Catalog #:</b>	N/A		
<b>6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>	Consumer's Union Action Fund, Inc., 101 Truman Avenue, Yonkers, NY10703-1057		
<b>7. Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>	10/24/2014	<b>To:</b>
<b>8. Purpose of Grant:</b>	To pay costs or liabilities incurred by the Attorney General or the State for the implementation and administration, including rulemaking, of the requirements under 9 V.S.A. chapter 82A for the labeling of food produced from genetic engineering.		
<b>9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:</b>	Insufficient funds to cover the costs detailed above.		

	SFY 1 FY 15	SFY 2 FY	SFY 3 FY	Comments
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Personal Services	\$15,000	\$	\$	Legal Contract
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000	\$	\$	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source )	\$15,000	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000	\$	\$	

Appropriation No:	Amount:
1110003000	\$
	\$
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	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000

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**Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage?**  Yes  No

**NOTE**

**11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts?**  Yes  No  
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed by: gc (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
<b>Total Positions</b>		

**12a. Equipment and space for these positions:**  Is presently available.  Can be obtained with available funds.

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):

Signature: <u>Danah Clark</u>	Date: <u>10/24/14</u>
Title: <u>Deputy Commissioner</u>	
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary or designee signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Date: 10/30/14

Check One Box: Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ (Governor's signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/12/14

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Required GRANT Documentation**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget                           |   |

(\*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).

# ConsumersUnion

POLICY & ACTION FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Vermont Food Fight Fund  
State of Vermont  
Agency of Administrative Financial Services  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Vermont Food Fighters,

Consumers Union, the policy arm of Consumer Reports, encloses \$25,000 for the Vermont Food Fight Fund to be used to defend Vermont's GMO labeling law. As you know, Consumers Union strongly supported Vermont's GMO food labeling legislation. We also strongly support and appreciate the enactment of the new law as a signal of Vermont's national leadership on this important consumer right-to-know issue.

Consumers Union's contribution is in two separate checks: the first is a contribution of \$10,000 from Consumers Union; a second check for \$15,000 is from Consumers Union Action Fund and represents the amount we were able to leverage through a \$10,000 gift match, from consumer activists who follow and support Consumers Union's work on GMO labeling.

We congratulate Vermont for being the first state in the nation to pass a GMO labeling law without strings attached, and we know you will use the \$25,000 well to defend Vermonter's legal right to know if their food has been genetically altered.

All best,



Elisa Odabashian; Director  
West Coast Office and State Campaigns  
Consumers Union