



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: February 8, 2013
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find four (4) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration, including the establishment of three (3) limited service positions.

JFO #2607 – \$994,716 grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Vermont Department of Health (VDH). These funds will be used build resilience against the effects of climate change through the formation of a stakeholder’s group, the forecasting of climate impacts, and identifying opportunities to work with other programs that address climate sensitive disease or risk factors. **Two (2) limited service positions** are associated with this request.

[JFO received 02/06/13]

JFO #2608 – \$86,678 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds will be used assist Vermont farm operators in reducing agricultural pollution, particularly water pollution, by providing farm operators with education and technical assistance.

[JFO received 02/06/13]

JFO #2609 – Request to establish **one (1) limited service** position in the Vermont Green Mountain Care Board. This position will be responsible for supporting enhanced reviews of health insurance rate filings. Funding for this position was approved in JFO #2463.

[JFO received 02/06/13]

JFO #2610 – \$62,089 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development (DEHCD). These funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small businesses in 2009 designated disaster counties. This funding is being transferred to DEHCD due to the U.S. Department of Agriculture closing a similar grant with Community Capital of Vermont.

[JFO received 02/06/13]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; nlavery@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 February 22 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor’s acceptance of these requests.



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JFO 2607

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

Grant Summary:	This grant will be used to build resilience against climate change effects in Vermont.				
Date:	12/17/2012				
Department:	Health Department				
Legal Title of Grant:	Building Resilience Against Climate Effects				
Federal Catalog #:	93.070				
Grant/Donor Name and Address:	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta, GA 30333				
Grant Period:	From:	9/30/2012	To:	9/29/2016	
Grant/Donation	\$994,716 (4 years)				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$122,117	\$261,864	\$261,864	\$ 645,845 (for three years)	Additional \$348,871 available.

Position Information:	# Positions	Explanation/Comments
	2 (LSP)	These positions are limited service and will end when the grant expires. One position will be a program manager, the other an epidemiologist to analyze data.

Additional Comments:	The grant will allow the department to research health impacts of climate change. Including areas such as vector-borne diseases, water quality, extreme weather and heat events, and food systems.
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Department of Finance & Management	<i>EB 12/17/12</i>	(Initial) <i>EB 12/17/12</i>
Secretary of Administration	<i>MC 12/18/12</i>	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office	<i>12/19/12</i>	Date <i>1/7/13</i>

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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Human Services			
2. Department:	Health			
3. Program:	Environmental Health			
4. Legal Title of Grant:	Building Resilience Against Climate Effects			
5. Federal Catalog #:	93.070			
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: Center for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta GA				
7. Grant Period:	From:	9/30/2012	To:	9/29/2016
8. Purpose of Grant: See Attached Summary				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: None				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	
Personal Services	\$78,884	\$202,014	\$202,014	
Operating Expenses	\$43,233	\$59,850	\$59,850	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$122,117	\$261,864	\$261,864	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$122,117	\$261,864	\$261,864	
(Direct Costs)	\$97,845	\$199,706	\$199,706	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$1,456	\$3,729	\$3,729	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$22,816	\$58,429	\$58,429	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$122,117	\$261,864	\$261,864	
Appropriation No:	3420010000	Amount:	\$12,136	
	3420021000		\$109,981	
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		Total	\$122,117	

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PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION		
<p>11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.</p> <p>Appointing Authority Name: _____ Agreed by: <u>[Signature]</u> (initial)</p>		
12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
	1	Environmental Health Program Coordinator
	1	Epidemiologist IV
Total Positions	2	
12a. Equipment and space for these positions:	FORMCHECKBOX ¹ Is presently available. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can be obtained with available funds.	
13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT		
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>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>11/20/12</u>
	Title: Commissioner of Health	
	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/4/12</u>
	Title:	
14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/18/12</u>
15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature) <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/28/12</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		
16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED		
Required GRANT Documentation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget		<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
End Form AA-1		
(*) 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).		

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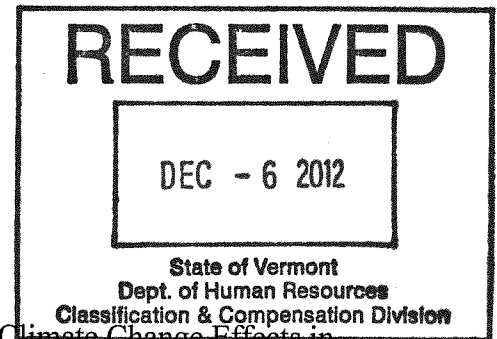
MEMORANDUM

To: Jim Giffin, AHS CFO

From: Leo Clark, VDH CFO 

Re: Grant Acceptance of the Building Resilience Against Climate Change Effects in Vermont Grant

Date: 11/13/2012



The Department of Health has received a grant from the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, providing \$994,716 over four years to enable the Department to address the probable health impacts and effects of climate change in Vermont.

We are requesting approval to receive these funds and are enclosing: the Grant Acceptance Request (AA1) and attached summary, a copy of the grant award document, a copy of the grant application, a Position Request Form for an Environmental Health Program Coordinator and an Epidemiologist, and RFR's for these two limited service positions. Please note that the .1 FTE for a GIS Analyst and the .5 FTE for a Program Technician funded by this grant will be accomplished using existing VDH staff, not new positions.

It is our understanding, based on the advice of Molly Paulger at the Department of Human Resources (DHR) that this AA-1 packet, once approved by the Secretary of Human Services, should be forwarded in its entirety to DHR. DHR will retain the original RFR's for classification action upon receipt of approval by all parties, while transmitting a copy of the RFR's and all remaining documents to Finance and Management.

We appreciate your support in moving this request forward. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you.



VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SFY 13 Climate Change Budget

<u>VISION Account</u>	<u>Admin & Support</u> (3420010000)	<u>Public Health</u> (3420021000)	<u>VDH Total</u>
Employee Salaries	\$0	\$40,453	\$40,453
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$14,159	\$14,159
3rd Party Contracts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Personal Services	\$0	\$54,612	\$54,612
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$7,333	\$7,333
Other	\$0	\$32,333	\$32,333
Travel	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,567</u>	<u>\$3,567</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$0	\$43,233	\$43,233
Subgrants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$0	\$97,845	\$97,845
Total Indirect Costs	<u>\$12,136</u>	<u>\$12,136</u>	<u>\$24,272</u>
Total SFY13 Grant Costs	\$12,136	\$109,981	\$122,117

Appropriation Summary

Total Personal Services	\$12,136	\$66,748	\$78,884
Total Operating Expenses	\$0	\$43,233	\$43,233
Total Subgrants	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$12,136	\$109,981	\$122,117

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SFY14 Climate Change Budget

<u>VISION Account</u>	<u>Admin & Support</u> (3420010000)	<u>Public Health</u> (3420021000)	<u>VDH Total</u>
Employee Salaries	\$0	\$103,597	\$103,597
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$36,259	\$36,259
3rd Party Contracts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Personal Services	\$0	\$139,856	\$139,856
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
Other	\$0	\$40,500	\$40,500
Travel	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,350</u>	<u>\$5,350</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$0	\$59,850	\$59,850
Subgrants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$0	\$199,706	\$199,706
Total Indirect Costs	<u>\$31,079</u>	<u>\$31,079</u>	<u>\$62,158</u>
Total SFY14 Grant Costs	\$31,079	\$230,785	\$261,864

Appropriation Summary

Total Personal Services	\$31,079	\$170,935	\$202,014
Total Operating Expenses	\$0	\$59,850	\$59,850
Total Subgrants	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$31,079	\$230,785	\$261,864

Request for Grant Acceptance and Establishment of Positions
Building Resilience Against Climate Effects
Summary 11/13/2012

The Department of Health has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, providing \$994,716 over four years, to build resilience against climate change effects in Vermont.

This funding will allow the Department to address the probable health impacts and effects of the following: extreme heat events, extreme weather events, vector-borne disease, water quality, and food systems.

Goals include: (1) Form an Internal Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Stakeholders' Group and hire new staff; (2) Forecast climate impacts and apply BRACE Framework Process to heat events; and (3) Identify and leverage opportunities to work with other Vermont programs that address climate sensitive disease or risk factors.

Funds will be used to establish an Environmental Health Program Coordinator position to provide direct management for program activities and an Epidemiologist IV position to act as a primary data analyst using existing data sources to determine and project the trajectory, magnitude and additional health burden of climate related health impacts and risk factors. Funding will also be used to support a graduate student research assistantship through the University of Vermont and the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation efforts to establish an ongoing tick surveillance system and blue-green algae sampling.

The Health Department is hereby seeking approval to receive \$163,850 in new Federal funds in State Fiscal Year 2013 and the establishment of these two limited service positions. The remainder of the Federal funding under this grant will be included in the Department's future budget requests. The "Position Request Form" is attached and a copy of the grant application and award document are included for your information.

**STATE OF VERMONT
Joint Fiscal Committee Review
Limited Service - Grant Funded
Position Request Form**

This form is to be used by agencies and departments when additional grant funded positions are being requested. Review and approval by the Department of Human Resources must be obtained prior to review by the Department of Finance and Management. The Department of Finance will forward requests to the Joint Fiscal Office for JFC review. A Request for Classification Review Form (RFR) and an updated organizational chart showing to whom the new position(s) would report must be attached to this form. Please attach additional pages as necessary to provide enough detail.

Agency/Department: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health Date: 11/13/2012

Name and Phone (of the person completing this request): David Grass, 802-951-4064

Request is for:

- Positions funded and attached to a new grant.
 Positions funded and attached to an existing grant approved by JFO # _____

1. Name of Granting Agency, Title of Grant, Grant Funding Detail (attach grant documents):
 United States Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Disease Control & Prevention
 Building Resilience against Climate Effects

2. List below titles, number of positions in each title, program area, and limited service end date (information should be based on grant award and should match information provided on the RFR) position(s) will be established only after JFC final approval:

<u>Title* of Position(s) Requested</u>	<u># of Positions</u>	<u>Division/Program</u>	<u>Grant Funding Period/Anticipated End Date</u>
EH Program Coordinator	1	Environmental Health	09/30/2012-09/29/2016
Epidemiologist IV	1	Environmental Health	09/30/2012-09/29/2016

*Final determination of title and pay grade to be made by the Department of Human Resources Classification Division upon submission and review of Request for Classification Review.

3. Justification for this request as an essential grant program need:

These positions will accomplish the program objectives for the Building Resilience against Climate Effects grant as described in the budget justification submitted as part of the federal application and approved by the granting agency.

I certify that this information is correct and that necessary funding, space and equipment for the above position(s) are available (required by 32 VSA Sec. 5(b).

[Signature] _____ Date 11/20/12
 Signature of Agency or Department Head

[Signature] _____ Date 12/4/12
 Approved/Denied by Department of Human Resources

[Signature] _____ Date 12/19/12
 Approved/Denied by Finance and Management

[Signature] _____ Date 12/18/12
 Approved/Denied by Secretary of Administration

Comments:

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Project Abstract Summary

Project Summary

On August 28, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene struck Vermont and became one of the worst storms the state encountered in history. The immense amount of rainfall that saturated the rivers and streams caused more flooding than Vermont had experienced in almost a century. Climate data show that more extreme rain events are occurring in Vermont and this trend is predicted to continue. Significant floods may occur more frequently and major flooding like what was experienced with Tropical Storm Irene is expected to continue. This event opened more Vermonters' eyes to the effects of climate change, the fact that we are vulnerable and the necessity that we must plan ahead.

Vermont's leadership is committed to addressing climate change. In a recent executive order, the Governor established the Climate Change Cabinet made up of senior officials in his administration. Speaking to a large crowd in front of the Statehouse for 350.org's Moving Planet day of action, Governor Shumlin expressed his personal dedication with the following statement: "it is time to get up and do something to make this planet livable for future generations." The cabinet has also expressed their commitment stating climate change is the most serious environmental issue facing Vermont and our future. Dr Harry Chen, the Health Commissioner, serves on this cabinet. Recently Dr. Chen was asked to define the relationship between health effects and climate change and to explain the role of the Health Department with regard to the cabinets' agenda.

As part of this grant, Vermont expects to address the probable health impacts and effects of the following: extreme heat events, extreme weather events (flooding), vector-borne diseases (with a focus on lyme), water quality (with a focus on blue-green algae), and food systems. Additional health impacts and effects as defined in the Health Department's climate change whitepaper and those that emerge from the Climate Profile Report will also be touched upon.

Our position on the climate change cabinet coupled with the potential of this grant funding presents Vermont with a great opportunity to define our agenda at the highest levels of state government. Additionally, our partnership with the Vermont State Climatologist as well as numerous state agencies, our previous work summarizing the health effects in a white paper and our participation in the CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network makes Vermont well positioned to join the other Northeastern states to become a Climate-Ready state.

Estimated number of people to be served as a result of the award of this grant.

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