



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: March 24, 2015
Subject: Grant Request #2744, #2745, #2746, #2747, #2748

Enclosed please find five (5) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration. Two (2) limited-service positions are associated with these requests.

JFO #2744 – \$249,966 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to the Vermont Department of Public Service. The grant funds will be used to help modernize and streamline the process for interconnecting distributed renewable generation resources to Vermont’s electric grid. Green Mountain Power will be supplying a required match through in-kind staff time.
[JFO received 3/13/15]

JFO #2745 – \$10,000 grant from the National Alcoholic Beverage Control Association to the Vermont Department of Liquor Control. These funds will be used by the Department to develop a public service campaign to educate the public about the amount of alcohol in their drinks and to combat “over-service.”
[JFO received 3/20/15]

JFO #2746 – \$25,000 grant from SumOfUs 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 3/20/15]

JFO #2747 – \$30,000 grant from the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials to the Vermont Department of Health. The above amount represents two separate grants; a \$15,000 breastfeeding support grant to support workplace compliance with the federal lactation accommodation law and a \$15,000 health impacts assessment grant to support a health impact assessment of proposed zoning changes in the South End of Burlington.
[JFO received 3/20/15]

JFO #2748 – \$33,392,282 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the Vermont Agency of Education. This grant will provide funding to facilitate the expansion of preschool programs to children from families below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The grant funds will be disbursed over four calendar years and five State fiscal years, starting in FY15 and

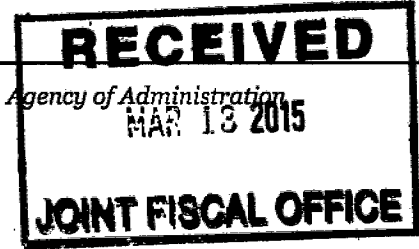
ending in FY19. Private philanthropic money will serve as the State's required 58% match over this period of time. **Two (2) limited-service positions**, an Education Financial Analyst and an Education Programs Coordinator, are associated with this request.

[JFO received 3/20/15]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; 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 April 7, 2015 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



JFO 2744



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STATE OF VERMONT
FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM

Grant Summary:		Federal support lowering the cost of development and interconnection of distributed electric generation resources to Vermont's electric grid.			
Date:		2/26/2015			
Department:		Department of Public Service			
Legal Title of Grant:		Modern, Streamlined and Transparent Interconnection for Distributed Resources in Vermont			
Federal Catalog #:		81.119			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		U.S. Department of Energy, Golden, Colo.			
Grant Period:		From: 12/19/2014 To: 12/31/2016			
Grant/Donation		\$249,966			
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$60,629	\$132,000	\$57,337	\$249,966	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:					
Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	(Analyst Initial)	
Department of Finance & Management				(Initial)	recomm. approval DS 2/26/15
Secretary of Administration				(Initial)	
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office				Date	



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:				
2. Department:		Public Service Department		
3. Program:		Department of Energy - State Energy Program		
4. Legal Title of Grant:		Modern, Streamlined, and Transparent Interconnection for Distributed Resources in Vermont		
5. Federal Catalog #:		Award No. DE-EE0006889 // 8L.119		
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: U.S. Department of Energy				
7. Grant Period:		From: 1/30/2015	To: 12/31/2016	
8. Purpose of Grant: Lowering the cost of development and interconnection of distributed electric generation resources to Vermont's electric distribution grid.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: None on existing programs, just lost opportunity				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1 FY 15	SFY 2 FY 16	SFY 3 FY 17	Comments
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	\$31,004	\$60,258	\$28,718	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$49,000	\$118,663	\$47,337	
Total	\$80,004	\$178,921	\$76,055	
Revenues:				
State Funds:				
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:				
(Direct Costs)	\$60,629	\$132,000	\$57,337	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:				
Grant (source GMP)	\$19,375	\$46,921	\$18,718	
Total	\$80,004	\$178,921	\$76,055	
Appropriation No:	2240000000	Amount:	\$249,966	
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		Total	\$249,966	

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PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

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: Christopher Recchia Agreed by: CR (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. 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>Christopher Recchia</u>	Date: <u>2/22/15</u>
	Title: Christopher Recchia, Commissioner	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2/23/15</u>
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	(Governor's signature) <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2/10/15</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation


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

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).

MEMO

TO: Justin Johnson, Secretary of Administration

FROM: Christopher Recchia, Commissioner of Public Service Department 

DATE: 2/19/14

RE: AA-1 Request Memo for DOE Interconnection Grant

The Public Service Department (PSD) is requesting approval to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program.

This competitively-awarded grant for \$249,966 will allow the PSD to undertake several program efforts that will help to modernize and streamline the process for interconnecting distributed renewable generation resources to Vermont's electric grid. The grant will support PSD staff to work on updating the Public Service Board's (PSB's) interconnection rule; to expand the electronic filing system under development by the PSB to include interconnection application; and to support Green Mountain Power (GMP) in its ongoing efforts to characterize its grid and make the results of its analysis available developers of distributed generators. GMP will be supplying the required match through their in-kind staff time.

The grant agreement in the form of the Statement of Project Objectives attached to the AA-1 has all the specifics about the programs and budget for the grant. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the grant manager on this project, Asa Hopkins.