



STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee Members

FROM: Maria Belliveau, Associate Fiscal Officer

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DATE: October 14, 2015

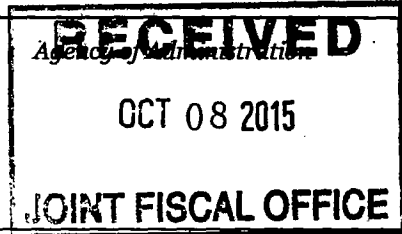
SUBJECT: JFO #2786 – Donation from VLITE to Home Weatherization Program

The Department of Children and Families, Home Weatherization Program is requesting authority to accept a \$125,000 donation from the Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity (VLITE.) The funds will be used to remediate and then weatherize the homes of clients who have insulation that contains vermiculite. Vermiculite insulation is a known asbestos containing material which prohibits the Weatherization program from installing new insulation in the buildings. Clients with vermiculite insulation have a hard time securing the funding required to remove the insulation prior to receiving Home Weatherization services.

The summary materials received as part of the request for acceptance are, in some cases, dated. The reason for the delay in getting the materials signed and over to the JFO is due to the time it took to compile all of the documentation for submission. According to the Weatherization Program Administrator, this will not cause a significant problem as weatherization services occur all year long.

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Maria Belliveau at (802) 828-5971; mbelliveau@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. Unless you respond to the contrary by October 28, 2015 it will be assumed that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of this grant.

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

Grant Summary:		This grant will be used to provided small scale short duration clean up and treatments for low income Weatherization Program clients in Vermont who have vermiculite insulation in their homes. Vermiculite was an automatic deferral of Weatherization services with specific Asbestos Regulations to remove or contain the vermiculite. This grant will be administered through Office of Economic Opportunity to provided funds to 5 Weatherization Assistant Programs to hire certified asbestos contractors to abate vermiculite so homes can be weatherized.			
Date:		September 24, 2015			
Department:		Department for Children and Families – Office of Economic Opportunity			
Legal Title of Grant:		Vermont Low Income Trust For Electricity (VLITE) Grant Vermiculite Remediation			
Federal Catalog #:		N/A			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity (VLITE), 6 Sugar Tree Lane, B3, Essex Jct, VT 05452			
Grant Period:		From:	To:		
		08/01/2015	06/30/2016		
Grant/Donation					
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:					
Department of Finance & Management			<i>BZF</i>	(Initial)	
Secretary of Administration			<i>Ne</i>	(Initial)	
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office			<i>10/16/15</i>	Date	





Department for Children and Families

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Agency of Human Services

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August 3, 2015

From: Geoff Wilcox, Weatherization Program Administrator

To: VLITE Grant File

Re: Executive Summary of VLITE Grant Vermiculite Remediation

The Vermont Low Income Trust For Electricity (VLITE) is granting \$125,000 to the Vermont Weatherization Program. These funds are to be used to help low income Weatherization Program clients who have vermiculite insulation in their homes, receive Weatherization services. Vermiculite insulation is a known asbestos containing material, and prohibits the Weatherization Program from Weatherizing their home, unless other funds can be acquired by the client such as low interest loans, or Home Repair grants which are hard to acquire.

Up until one year ago, vermiculite was an automatic deferral of Weatherization service, with over 400 households deferred service in the past few years. However with the help of last years VLITE funds (that were granted directly to OEO's Weatherization subgrantees), the VT Weatherization Program was able to develop strategies, with the help of the Health Department, to weatherize clients with vermiculite in their homes. To summarize, these strategies include small scale short duration clean up, the "hybrid approach", and "alternative treatment" approach. For more information on these strategies, please contact Geoff Wilcox at OEO.

This year, the VLITE grant will be received by OEO and granted to the Weatherization Providers. OEO will still provide the oversight and administering of these funds as it is an integral part of the Weatherization Program and these funds, and more like them, are badly needed by our clients.

Geoff Wilcox
Weatherization Program Administrator
AHS/DCF/OEO/Wx



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION

1. Agency:	Human Services		
2. Department:	Children and Families		
3. Program:	OEO Weatherization Program		
4. Legal Title of Grant:	VLITE Vermiculite Abatement		
5. Federal Catalog #:	NA		
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:	Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity (VLITE) 6 Sugar Tree Lane, B3 Essex Jct, VT 05452		
7. Grant Period:	From:	8/1/2015	To: 6/30/2016

8. Purpose of Grant:
 This Grant will allow the Weatherization Assistance Programs to serve low income clients who have vermiculite insulation (asbestos containing material) in their homes. Per the Vermont Asbestos Regulations vermiculite needs to be addressed (removed or contained) before weatherization. Vermont's Home Weatherization Assistance Program Funds cannot be spent on vermiculite removal. The VLITE funds will now allow the Weatherization Assistance Programs to weatherize homes with vermiculite.

There will be a separate Grant agreement between OEO and the 5 Weatherization Assistance Programs that define the specifications and expectations of this funding.

These funds will be used by each of the 5 Weatherizations Assistance Programs to hire certified asbestos contractors to clean up or abate the vermiculite so these homes can be weatherized.

9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:
 30-40 Vermont families will not be able to receive Weatherization Assistance

10. Financial Summary

	SFY 1 FY 2016	SFY 2 FY 2017	SFY 3 FY	Comments
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$125,000	\$	\$	
Total	\$125,000	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source VLITE)	\$125,000	\$	\$	

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

Total	\$125,000	\$	\$
Appropriation No:	21908/3440110000	Amount:	\$125,000
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
		Total	\$125,000

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

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

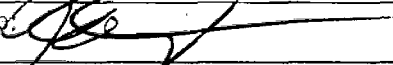

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: N/A Agreed by: _____ (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
	0	N/A
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: 	Date: 8/17/15
	Title: DCF Commissioner	
	Signature: 	Date:
	Title:	

14. AUTHORITY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) 	Date: 8/17/15
		9/28/15

15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted		Date: 10/6/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		Date:

16. ADDITIONAL 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 type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)

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

<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	

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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December 6, 2014

Mr. Paul Dragon
Department for Children and Families
Office of Economic Opportunity
5 North, 103 S. Main Street
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Dear Paul,

It is a pleasure to award a grant to the Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity, as follows:

Grant # 2015

Total Grant Amount: \$125,000

At the request of: The Board of the Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity, Inc.

Purpose: (See enclosed Program Fact Sheet)

Payment Plan:
Grant

Term of Grant: 1/__/15 to __/__/15

We're excited to see the work on the vermiculite restoration initiative. We appreciate the efforts OEO has made to reach out to Vermont organizations and individuals in advancing this program.

When making any public announcement about this grant, please acknowledge The Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity. If appropriate, you can reference our website, www.vlite.org.

Congratulations and best wishes,



Paul Craven
Executive Director

Cc. Richard Marron

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VLITE Fact Sheet

State Weatherization Program, VLITE Vermiculite Funds 2014-1025

November 21, 2014

Purpose or Statement of work:

The State of Vermont's Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) will develop and refine practices that will allow low income clients who have vermiculite insulation in their homes to receive Weatherization (Wx) service in a manner that is safe and meets State of VT Asbestos regulatory requirements.

How will your project help low income Vermonters and or address Vermont's comprehensive energy plan?

It will do both. VLITE funds will assist (only) low income Vermonters receive Weatherization who otherwise could not, which will address / count towards the Comprehensive Energy Plans goal. It will also help form the roadmap for many more folks with vermiculite insulation to receive weatherization services.

Who will lead the project and do you have confidence in them?

Geoff Wilcox the State of Vermont's Weatherization Program Administrator will lead this project. Geoff has 17 years' experience in the Wx Program in both Technical and Administrative capacities and has been the lead for the VT Wx Program in working on the Vermiculite issue for the past 5-6 years. Other OEO Wx staff and the Wx Network are committed to making this VLITE funding a success and learning experience.

With whom will you partner?

This funding will allow partnering among the following entities, OEO, the 5 local Wx providers, Vermont Department of Health's Asbestos Program, VHCB Healthy Homes Program, and Asbestos Contractors.

List timeframe:

The VLITE funds will be used throughout the contract year and will be spent in their entirety by the end of the contract directly assisting 30-50 low income clients' thus allowing them to receive Weatherization. Reporting will be monthly with names of clients served, description of methods or measures that were funded and cost per each, as well as estimated leveraged energy savings.

Cost- Who else will be contributing and how much?

\$125,000 of VLITE funds, which will leverage \$8,500 of Wx service for each family served (30-50 homes will be served total). OEO will contribute its time to administer this Contract at no cost, and Wx Providers will not charge the VLITE contract for Wx staff time or administrative costs. Capturing \$255,000 to \$425,000 in available weatherization funding.