



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Sorsha Anderson, Senior Staff Associate
Date: July 5, 2024
Subject: Grant Request – JFO #3205

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration. *The Agency of Education has requested an expedited review. Please respond by Wednesday, July 10, 2024.*

JFO #3205: JFO #3205: \$100,000.00 to the Vermont Agency of Education from [Music Drives Us](#). Grants of up to \$10,000.00 will be provided to public and approved independent schools to support music programs and instrument purchases.

[Received July 2, 2024, expedited review process approved July 4, 2024]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson: sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. If we do not have a response by **July 10, 2024**, members will be polled.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
FROM: Sean Cousino - Deputy CFO
SUBJECT: Music Drives Us Grant program
DATE: July 2, 2024

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I'd like to request an expedited JFO review of the Music Drives Us grant program. This is a unique grant program based on a generous donation from Ernie Broch Jr for music programs. Some of the activity is planned to occur this summer before School re-opens at the end of August. JFO's expedited review and approval will help us move these funds and allow the grantees to improve their music programs for school this fall. Please see this site for more information about the program.
<https://www.musicdrivesus.org/music-drives-us-vermont-grant>



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Agency of Administration

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

Grant Summary:						Music Drives Us will work with the Agency of Education to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to public and approved independent schools to support music in Vermont schools through funding or instrument purchases. MDU has donated \$100,000 in total to support this program.						
Date:						6/11/2024						
Department:						Agency of Education						
Legal Title of Grant:						Music Drives Us						
Federal Catalog #:						N/A						
Grant/Donor Name and Address:						Music Drives Us 111 Morse St. Norwood, MA 02062						
Grant Period:			From:			7/1/2024		To:			6/30/2025	
Grant/Donation						\$100,000						
		SFY 1		SFY 2		SFY 3		Total		Comments		
Grant Amount:		\$100,000		\$		\$		\$100,000				
Position Information:			# Positions			Explanation/Comments						
			0									
Additional Comments:												
Department of Finance & Management						Adam Greshin Digitally signed by Adam Greshin Date: 2024.06.11 18:00:47 -0400		(Initial)				
Secretary of Administration						Sarah Clark 04AB832CD55C438...		(Initial)				
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office								Date				



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:		Education		
2. Department:				
3. Program:		Music Drives Us		
4. Legal Title of Grant:		Music Drives Us		
5. Federal Catalog #:				
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: Music Drives Us 111 Morse St. Norwood MA 02062				
7. Grant Period:		From: 7/1/2024	To: 6/30/2025	
8. Purpose of Grant: Supporting music programs in Vermont schools.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: No impact				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 25	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$100,000	\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source 21848)	\$100,000	\$	\$	
Total	\$100,000	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:	5100070000	Amount:	\$100,000	
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			\$	
		Total	\$	

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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: _____ Agreed by: _____ (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: _____ Title: Sec _____	DocuSigned by: <i>Ernie Saunders</i> CAC9097B29D94CC...	Date: 8/5/2024
Signature: _____ Title: _____		Date: _____

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) _____ DocuSigned by: <i>Sarah Clark</i> 04AB832CD55C438...	Date: 8/11/2024 6:34:
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	(Governor's signature) _____	Date: 6/28/24
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Required GRANT Documentation**
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|---|--|
| <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) |
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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).



MDU is partnering with Vermont to provide music grants to schools across the state!



Music Drives Us is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that strives to inspire New England's musicians of tomorrow by supporting their music opportunities today. Since 2006, Music Drives Us has donated millions in grants to hundreds of individuals, organizations, and schools throughout New England – empowering them to better teach the next generation of musicians.

Now, in partnership with the State of Vermont, Music Drives Us is thrilled to provide grants to schools across the Green Mountain State to support their music programs, up to **\$100,000!** Public and approved independent schools located in Vermont are welcome to apply below. Applications will be accepted from April 15 – May 13, 2024.

[Read the official press release from VT Governor Phil Scott's office here!](#)

*MUSIC DRIVES US GRANT DISCLOSURE

The maximum amount that Music Drives Us grants is \$10,000.

The person who completes the grant application must be the individual requesting funding or instruments. Applications may not be submitted by someone else on behalf of a teacher or school/organization. The grant applicant will be the primary point of contact.

It is imperative to the application process that the head administrator of your school or organization is aware that you are applying for this grant and what the grant would be specifically supporting.

If you have received a grant from Music Drives Us in the past, please wait 3 years before reapplying.

Emails and phone numbers must go directly to the points of contact. Personal emails and phone numbers are acceptable. Please do not provide the main phone number for the school/organization. If using a phone number within the school/organization, please include the extension.

Please provide the address for the school/organization that the requested instruments or funding will be delivered to. Instruments and checks will not be delivered to homes or personal addresses.

While we ask for the Tax Exempt Number or Tax ID Number in the application, please keep in mind that if you are awarded a grant, Music Drives Us will ask for a copy of the school/organization's W-9 Form. This is standard procedure. Likewise, if you have been awarded a Performance Grant, please note we will not send you a 1099 form.

If you have requested funding for instruments, and your request is approved, the instruments on your wish list will be purchased by Music Drives Us through our own vendor. If the preferred brand is unattainable, we will purchase a comparable alternative. We will not cut checks to be used towards alternate vendors.

Music Drives Us tries to coordinate grant site visits with as many grant recipients as our schedule permits. We greatly appreciate your understanding if we are unable to make a visit to your school/organization.

Please keep in mind that Music Drives Us does not conduct site visits to schools/organizations that are not grant recipients.

Due to the volume of applications being handled during the review process, decisions can take up to three (3) months. All applicants will be notified once final decisions are made.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

This application is now closed. Thank you all!