



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: October 29, 2015
Subject: Grant Request #2791, #2792

Enclosed please find two (2) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration. Three (3) limited-service positions are associated with one of these requests.

JFO #2791 – \$25,000 grant from Meadows Bee Farm to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The grant funds will be used to provide sub-grants to eligible schools and organizations located in southern Vermont in need of technical assistance and implementation funding relating to the Vermont Farm-to-School program.
[JFO received 10/26/15]

JFO #2792 – \$3,760,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the Vermont Department of Health. The grant funds will be used to support projects to expand the licit prescription drug and illicit opioid overdose prevention efforts using certain strategies suggested by the CDC. Grant work will include data collection, implementing community or insurer/health systems interventions, and rapid response projects. **Three (3) limited-service positions**, a Substance Abuse Program Manager, Public Health Information Director, and Public Health Analyst II, are associated with this request.

Representatives from the Department of Health have indicated that because this request is quite similar to two existing requests (JFO #2787 and 2788) that are being reviewed at the November 13, 2015 Joint Fiscal Committee meeting, the Department would like to present this request for approval at the meeting as well. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like this item held so that I can notify Theresa and she can add it to the current agenda.
[JFO received 10/26/15]

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 November 13, 2015 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



JFO 2791

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

Grant Summary: The purpose of this grant is to supplement Agriculture's FY16 allocation of \$56K of funding for the Vermont Farm to School program. This donation will be used specifically for grants to eligible schools or organizations in southern Vermont in need of implementation or technical assistance funding in order to develop their farm to school programs.

Date: 10/8/2015

Department: Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Legal Title of Grant: Support VT Farm to School grant program

Federal Catalog #: N/A

Grant/Donor Name and Address: Leigh Merinoff, Meadows Bee Farm, 4980 Windham Hill Road, Windham VT 05359

Grant Period: From: 10/25/2015 To: 7/30/2017

Grant/Donation \$25,000

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$	\$25,000	

	# Positions	Explanation/Comments
Position Information:	0	

Additional Comments:

Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled? Yes No HC (Analyst Initial)

Department of Finance & Management	<i>BZF</i>	(Initial)
Secretary of Administration	<i>HC</i>	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office		Date



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION

1. Agency:	Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
2. Department:	
3. Program:	Farm to School
4. Legal Title of Grant:	Support VT Farm to School grant program
5. Federal Catalog #:	
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:	Leigh Merinoff Meadows Bee Farm 4980 Windham Hill Rd. Windham VT 05359

7. Grant Period:	From: 10/25/2015	To: 7/30/2017
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8. Purpose of Grant:
 The funding will supplement the state's FY 16 allocation of \$56,000 for the Farm to School Grant Program with the specific objectives of funding implementation grants and/or organizations providing farm to school program development technical assistance during the FY 16 grant round, specifically in Southern Vermont communities. These grant funds will be awarded to eligible southern Vermont schools that apply and are selected to receive funds through the competitive granting process. Support organizations providing technical assistance to develop and sustain farm to school programs to schools in southern Vermont may also receive access to this focused funding.

9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:
 This funding will allow for Vermont's farm to school grant program to reach additional schools and support technical assistance organizations in southern Vermont to implement farm to school strategies and local food procurement efforts. These projects will further the farm to school network's goal of: By 2025, 75% of Vermont Schools will lead the cultural shift to a values-based food system that engages 75% of our Students in integrated food system education; community-based learning; nourishing universal meals; and the experience of self-efficacy; purchasing at least 50% from a socially just and environmentally and financially sustainable regional food system. Without these resources, Vermont will not be as likely able to reach this ambitious goal by 2025 as no other state-wide grant program exists that provides resources directly to schools to engage in farm to school activities.

10. BUDGET INFORMATION

	SFY 1 FY 16	SFY 2 FY 17	SFY 3 FY	Comments
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	\$	\$3,000	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$6,250	\$15,750	\$	
Total	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	

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(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$
Grant (source Meadows Bee Farm, Leigh Merinoff)	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$
Total	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$

Appropriation No:	2200030000	Amount:	\$25,000
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
		Total	\$25,000

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: Jolinda LaClair Agreed by: JHL (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>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/25/15</u>
Title: Deputy Secretary	
Signature:	Date:
Title:	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Approved: [Signature] (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 10/13/15

15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

Check One Box:
 Accepted (signature below)

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected	(Governor's signature) 	Date: 6-21-15
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16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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)

(*) 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).



Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets

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Memorandum

To: Justin Johnson, Secretary, Agency of Administration

From: Chuck Ross, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Via: Jolinda LaClair, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jolinda LaClair", positioned to the right of the "Via:" line.

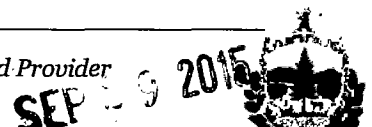
Date: September 25, 2015

Re: VAAFM receives funds from Merinoff family to support the 2016 VT Farm to School grant program

This memo is to inform the Agency of Administration that the VT Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFM) has been pledged \$25,000 from the Merinoff Family of Meadows Bee Farm in Windham, VT, toward the VT Farm to School Grant Program to support implementation of farm to school programs in southern Vermont schools.

The funding will supplement the state's FY 16 allocation of \$56,000 for the Farm to School Grant Program with the specific objectives of funding implementation grants and/or organizations providing farm to school program development technical assistance during the FY 16 grant round, specifically in Southern Vermont communities. These grant funds will be awarded to eligible southern Vermont schools that apply and are selected to receive funds through the competitive granting process. Support organizations providing technical assistance to develop and sustain farm to school programs to schools in southern Vermont may also receive access to this focused funding. No individual school grant will exceed \$10,000 and no organization's technical assistance contract will exceed \$7,500. All awards will be awarded in January 2016 and work must be completed by June 30, 2017.

Enclosed is the pledge from Leigh Merinoff of Meadows Bee Farm outlining the stipulations of their donation and expectations to support the existing VT Farm to School grant program's activities.



MEADOWS BEE
FARM

9.16.15

Joy L. Merrill
Owner/Operator
Meadows Bee Farm
Windham VT 05359

Dear Abbey,

Meadows Bee Farm in Windham, VT
would like to grant \$25,000 to the
Vermont Agency of Ag. Food & Markets -
Farm to School Program to be
allocated to year 16 grant round
to support the implementation of
farm to school programs at
southern Vermont schools, by funding
implementation grants and for
organization providing farm to school
program development
technical assistance.

We are very excited
to be able to do this.

Best - Joy L.