



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members  
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst  
Date: November 20, 2012  
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find six (6) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration, including the establishment of 2 limited service positions.

**JFO #2593** – \$3,039,968 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the Vermont Department of Education. These funds will be used to improve outcomes for students with disabilities by providing professional development for educators.

*[JFO received 11/07/12]*

**JFO #2594** – \$1,713,122 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. These funds will be used to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards in low-income housing units.

*[JFO received 11/07/12]*

**JFO #2595** – Donation of \$78,750 from the Nature Conservancy to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. The value of this donation represents the difference between the appraised value of a conservation easement on land in Pawlet (\$315,000) and the price to be paid by the State of Vermont (\$236,250) for this easement.

*[JFO received 11/15/12]*

**JFO #2596** – \$1,489,141 grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to the Vermont Department of Health. These funds will be used to support conformance with the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards by replacing the 25-year-old database with a modern database to support licensing and inspection data. **Two limited service positions** are associated with this request.

*[JFO received 11/15/12]*

**JFO #2597** – \$47,250 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds (in concert with JFO #2598) will be used to promote New England's value-added meat industry by providing education, marketing tools, and exposure to innovation at the producer-processor nexus. This grant supports a continuation of the work in this area that began under an expiring Federal Agriculture Innovation Center grant.

*[JFO received 11/19/12]*

**JFO #2598** – \$15,000 grant from the John Merk Fund to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds (in concert with JFO #2597) will be used to promote New England's value-added meat industry by providing education, marketing tools, and exposure to innovation at the producer-processor nexus. This grant supports a continuation of the work in this area that began under an expiring Federal Agriculture Innovation Center grant.

*[JFO received 11/19/12]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; [nlavery@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:nlavery@leg.state.vt.us)) if you have questions or would like an item held for Joint Fiscal Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by December 4 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



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SFO 2598

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

**Grant Summary:** This grant from the John Merck Fund provides part of the match needed for the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) grant to promote New England's value-added meat industry and to continue work for this area of agriculture that had been started under the Federal Agriculture Innovation Center Grant that expired this year. There are also several other grants and donations that help cover the match for the federal grant (five other grants/donations of \$5,000 or less each).

**Date:** 11/5/2012

**Department:** Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**Legal Title of Grant:** John Merck Funds Grant

**Federal Catalog #:** NA

**Grant/Donor Name and Address:** The John Merck Fund, 2 Oliver Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109

**Grant Period:** **From:** 9/28/2012 **To:** 12/31/2013

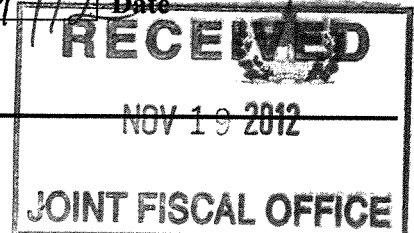
**Grant/Donation:** 15,000

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$	\$15,000	See other AA1 and Memo on smaller donations

Position Information:	# Positions	Explanation/Comments
	0	

**Additional Comments:**

**Department of Finance & Management** *JK* 11/13/12 (Initial)  
**Secretary of Administration** 11/14/12 (Initial)  
**Sent To Joint Fiscal Office** 11/19/12 Date



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

<b>BASIC GRANT INFORMATION</b>				
<b>1. Agency:</b>		Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets		
<b>2. Department:</b>				
<b>3. Program:</b>		Scaling up Value Added Meat Industry		
<b>4. Legal Title of Grant:</b>		John Merck Funds Grant		
<b>5. Federal Catalog #:</b>				
<b>6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>				
The John Merck Fund 2 Oliver Street, 8th Floor Boston, MA 02109				
<b>7. Grant Period:</b>		<b>From:</b>	9/28/2012	<b>To:</b> 12/31/2013
<b>8. Purpose of Grant:</b>				
Scaling Up New England's Value Added Meat Industry				
<b>9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:</b>				
These funds are to be used specifically for match against the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) grant, Scaling up New England's Value Added Meat Industry. Not accepting these funds will not allow the Agency to provide the match necessary to accept the FSMIP grant.				
<b>10. BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>FY 13</b>	<b>FY 14</b>	<b>FY</b>	
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source John Merck Fund)	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Appropriation No:</b>	2200030000	<b>Amount:</b>	\$15,000	
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		\$
		\$
	<b>Total</b>	\$15,000

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed by: JHL (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
<b>Total Positions</b>		

**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>11/1/12</u>
Title: <u>Deputy Secretary</u>	
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	

**14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary or designee signature), Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/14/12

**15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR**

Accepted  Rejected

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Governor's signature) Date: 11/19/12

**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 type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)
<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).