



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members  
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst  
Date: December 23, 2014  
Subject: Grant Request #2727, #2728, #2729, #2730, #2731

Enclosed please find five (5) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration. One (1) limited-service position is associated with these requests.

**JFO #2727** – \$21,704 donation in the form of vehicle improvements from Whelen Engineering in Chester, CT to the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Whelen Engineering previously installed law enforcement equipment packages on two (2) training vehicles for the police academy in order to enhance training scenarios for trainees.  
[JFO received 12/22/14]

**JFO #2728** – \$10,000 donation from the Holborn Foundation 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 12/22/14]

**JFO #2729** – \$43,000 grant from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM). These funds will be used to support a one-year temporary position at AAFM to collect and track local food data at farmer's markets, livestock sales, farm-to-school programs, and from food hubs. This data will be compiled and disseminated for distribution locally and nationally.  
[JFO received 12/22/14]

**JFO #2730** – \$535,059 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Agency of Human Services. These funds will be used over two years to implement a falls prevention program aimed at decreasing the number of falls and injuries and reducing fall risks experienced by older adults through participation in the evidence-based intervention, FallScope. **One (1) limited-service position**, a Public Health Program Specialist, is associated with this request.  
[JFO received 12/22/14]

**JFO #2731** – \$1,179,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight to the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB). These funds will be used to support the review of health insurance premium changes by the GMCB and to

support other activities related to simplifying rate reviews, increasing medical price transparency and integrating rate review with GMCB's broader authorities. The funds will support three existing positions created under the previous rate review grant.

*[JFO received 12/22/14]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; [ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto: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 January 6, 2015 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



JFO 2729

State of Vermont  
Department of Finance & Management  
109 State Street, Pavilion Building  
Montpelier, VT 05620-0401

[phone] 802-828-2376  
[fax] 802-828-2428

**RECEIVED**  
Agency of Administration  
DEC 22 2014  
**JOINT FISCAL OFFICE**

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

<b>Grant Summary:</b>		The purpose of this grant is to compile and disseminate market information on shipments, supplies, processes, market conditions, distribution, and other pertinent facts for livestock, grain, foodstuffs, poultry, fruits, vegetables, dairy, and other agricultural commodities and producers, at local, regional, and wholesale markets, and make such information available nationally.			
<b>Date:</b>		12/9/2014			
<b>Department:</b>		Agency of Agriculture			
<b>Legal Title of Grant:</b>		Market News Service			
<b>Federal Catalog #:</b>		CFDA # 10.153			
<b>Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>		USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing News Division, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Room 2619-S, STOP 0252, Washington, DC 20250-0252			
<b>Grant Period:</b>		From: 10/1/2014		To: 9/30/2015	
<b>Grant/Donation</b>		\$43,000			
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$43,000	\$	\$	\$43,000	
<b>Position Information:</b>		<b># Positions</b>	<b>Explanation/Comments</b>		
		0			
<b>Additional Comments:</b>					
<b>Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <span style="float: right;">HC (Analyst Initial)</span>					
<b>Department of Finance &amp; Management</b>		K 12/11/14			(Initial)
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>		HC 12/12/14			(Initial)



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

<b>1. Agency:</b>	Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets		
<b>2. Department:</b>			
<b>3. Program:</b>	USDA/AMS Agricultural Marketing Service		
<b>4. Legal Title of Grant:</b>	Market News Service		
<b>5. Federal Catalog #:</b>	10.153		
<b>6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Marketing News Division 1400 Independence Ave, SW Room 2619-S, STOP 0252 Washington, DC 20250-0252		
<b>7. Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>	6/1/2014	<b>To:</b> 9/30/2019
<b>8. Purpose of Grant:</b>	To compile and disseminate in the State of Vermont market information on shipments, supplies, process, market conditions, distribution, and other pertinent marketing facts for livestock, grain, feedstuffs, poultry, fruits, vegetables, dairy, and other agricultural commodities and producers, at local, regional, and wholesale markets, and make such information available nationally. Information from other consuming, producing, and distributing areas in the United States will be interchanged with local information.		
<b>9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:</b>	This collaboration and funding will allow for Vermont's local food pricing data to be collected and reported weekly on a national basis. Without these resources Vermont will not be able to collect the variety and volume of consistent data to be shared with USDA Market News.		

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2015	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$27,500	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$8,000	\$	\$	
Grants	\$7,500	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$43,000	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$43,000	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source )	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	

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

<b>Appropriation No:</b>	2200030000	<b>Amount:</b>	\$43,000
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
		<b>Total</b>	\$43,000

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

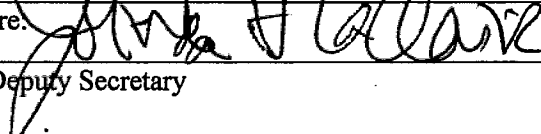
**11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts?**  Yes  No  
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

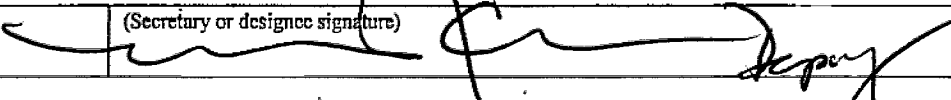
Appointing Authority Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

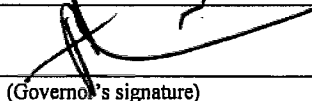
<b>12. Limited Service Position Information:</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Total Positions</b>		

**12a. Equipment and space for these positions:**  Is presently available.  Can be obtained with available funds.

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: 11/18/14  
 Title: Deputy Secretary  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:  (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 12/12/14

Check One Box:  
 Accepted  (Governor's signature) Date: 12/12/14  
 Rejected

**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 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)     |

---

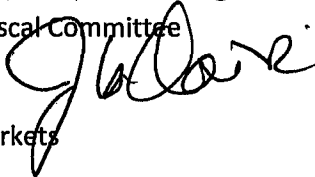
**Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets**

116 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620  
[www.VermontAgriculture.com](http://www.VermontAgriculture.com)

## Memorandum

TO: Heather Campbell, Budget Analyst, Finance & Management  
Daniel Dickerson, Analyst, Joint Fiscal Committee

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



DATE: November 17, 2014

SUBJECT: \$43,000 FROM USDA-AMS TO COLLECT/TRACK LOCAL FOOD DATA AT FARMERS MARKETS, FARM TO SCHOOL, & FOOD HUBS

---

This memo is to request permission to accept \$43,000 from USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to support a temporary position at VAAFM to collect and track local food data at farmers markets, livestock sales, farm to school programs, and from food hubs. VAAFM will be required to routinely supply AMS with data to include in Market News reports. VAAFM has a MOU with USDA-AMS to conduct this work and has the opportunity to seek annual appropriations to fund the data collection and reporting.

The \$43,000 will be used in 2014-2015 in the following ways:

- \$40,000 to hire a temporary position at Pay Grade 21, working approximately 26 hours/week, on data collection, training of farmers market managers to collect data from their vendors, and collation and tracking of results for USDA-AMS Market News reports.
  - The budget breakdown for this position will be: \$32,500 salary and travel, \$7,500 stipend support to VT Farmers Market Association for farmers' market vendors.
- \$3,000 will support existing VAAFM staff to collect weekly livestock sales data at weekly Commission sales. VAAFM has been collecting this data for years, on our own dime and USDA-AMS is now willing to offset the travel and training costs associated with the activity.
  - The budget breakdown for this will be approximately: \$1,613 VAAFM staff attendance and travel associated with Commission sales followed by weekly reporting responsibilities, and \$1,387 for annual training costs.

NOV 18 2014

