



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management  
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst  
Date: June 15, 2009  
Subject: JFO #2380

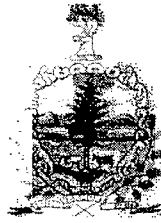
No Joint Fiscal Committee member has requested that the following item be held for review:

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*[JFO received 5/14/09]*

In accordance with 32 V.S.A. §5, the requisite 30 days having elapsed since this item was submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Governor's approval may now be considered final. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

cc: Roger Allbee, Secretary



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Roger Allbee, Secretary

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Agency of Administration


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

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<b>Federal Catalog #:</b>	10.163				
<b>Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>	United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington D.C. 20250-0254				
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<b>Grant/Donation</b>	\$15,200				
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<b>Department of Finance &amp; Management</b>	<i>SJM</i>	(Initial)
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>	<i>Ronda P. Meyer</i>	(Initial)
<b>Sent To Joint Fiscal Office</b>	5/11/09	Date

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

<b>BASIC GRANT INFORMATION</b>				
<b>1. Agency:</b>	Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets			
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(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source )	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Appropriation No:</b>	2200020000	<b>Amount:</b>	\$15,200	
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	\$
	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

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Appointing Authority Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (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: <i>Dave Lane</i>	Date: 4/21/09
	Title: <i>Deputy Secretary</i>	
	Signature: _____	Date: _____
	Title: _____	

## 14. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature)	Date: 5/8/09
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected		

## 15. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Request to JFO	(Secretary's signature or designee)	Date: 5/6/09
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information to JFO		

## 16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

### Required GRANT Documentation

<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

**STATE OF VERMONT GRANT SPENDING PRE-NOTICE** (Form AA-1PN)

**PURPOSE & INSTRUCTIONS:**

*This form is intended solely as notification to the Joint Fiscal Committee of the unavoidable need to spend State funds in advance of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of grant requests and with the intent of securing a federally or privately funded grant award. Pre-notification is required for expenditures of state funds beyond basic grant application preparation and filing costs. Expenditure of these state funds does not guarantee that a grant will be awarded to the State of Vermont, or that a future grant award will be accepted by the Joint Fiscal Committee. If a grant award is subsequently received, a completed Form AA-1 Request for Grant Acceptance must be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review and approval before spending or obligating additional funds.*

**BASIC GRANT INFORMATION**

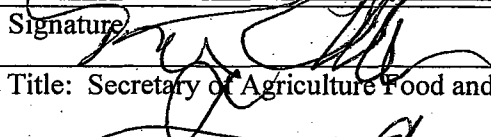
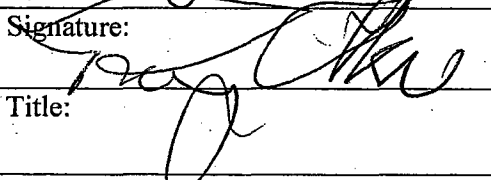
<b>1. Agency:</b>	Agriculture, Food and Markets		
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<b>3. Program:</b>			
<b>4. Legal Title of Grant:</b>	Country of Origin Labeling		
<b>5. Federal Catalog #:</b>	10.163		
<b>6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b> United State Department of Agriculture			
<b>7. Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>	4/27/2009	<b>To:</b> 9/30/2009

**8. Purpose of Grant:**  
To conduct surveillance audits at covered retail facilities as determined by USDA to ensure compliance with the country of origin labeling provisions of the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills that amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

**9. STATE FUNDS TO BE SPENT IN ADVANCE OF GRANT ACCEPTANCE BY JOINT FISCAL:**

Expenditures:	FY 9	Required Explanation/Comments
Personal Services	\$	(Include type of expenditures to be incurred, i.e. training, planning, proposal development, etc.) There are two required days of training for two Vermont Agency of Agriculture employees related to grant that will take place May 6-7, 2009.
Operating Expenses	\$2,600.00	
Grants	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,600.00	

**10. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT**

I/We certify that spending these State funds in advance of Joint Fiscal Approval of a Grant is unavoidable, and that a completed Form AA-1 Request for Grant Acceptance will be submitted for Joint Fiscal Committee approval if a grant award is received for this program:	Signature: 	Date: 5/1/2009
	Title: Secretary of Agriculture Food and Markets	
	Signature: 	Date:
	Title:	

**11. ATTACHMENTS:** Attach relevant documentation that demonstrates the necessity of this expenditure. (example: funding opportunity guidelines require training, etc.)

**Distribution:**  
Original - Joint Fiscal Office;  
Copy 1 - Department Grant File;  
Copy 2 - Attach to Form AA-1 (if grant is subsequently received).



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Agricultural  
Marketing  
Service

1400 Independence Avenue, SW.  
Room 3054-S, STOP 0254  
Washington, DC 20250-0254

April 6, 2009

Henry Marckres  
Chief, Consumer Protection  
Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
116 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2901

Dear Mr. Marckres:

In accordance with the terms of the cooperative agreement for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) retail surveillance activities established between the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Vermont Department of Agriculture (VTDA), USDA is obligating \$15,200 for the 2009 fiscal year. The allocation is inclusive of performance of 21 retail reviews and travel expenses for COOL training in Chicago, Illinois May 6-7, 2009.

The travel allowance was determined for 2 VTDA employees using an average price for round-trip airfare, lodging for 3 nights at the conference hotel, and the domestic per diem rate (2 days at \$64 per day and 2 days at \$48 per day) for meals and incidental expenses. If driving, mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.55 per mile. VTDA will be required to submit supporting documentation for actual airfare costs and mileage when requesting reimbursement.

The COOL retail surveillance training workshop will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7, 2009 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM both days at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois. This training will provide necessary information to conduct surveillance reviews of covered facilities to ensure compliance with COOL provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill. All necessary materials, such as copy of the presentation and the COOL final rule will be provided for you on the day of the training. Please RSVP to the training by contacting Julie Lewis at (202) 205-9356 or [Julie.Lewis@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Julie.Lewis@ams.usda.gov).

To make hotel reservations, please contact the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Airport, 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631 via phone at (773) 693-4444 or (800) 228-9290. Room rates are \$99.00 per night. A block of rooms has been reserved under "USDA". Reservations must be made by April 27, 2009 to ensure government rate. Also, the hotel has a complimentary 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport.

If you have any questions regarding the material to be covered at the training or other related questions, please contact Julie Lewis at (202) 205-9356. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Becker, Acting Chief  
Standards, Analysis and Technology Branch



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April 13, 2009

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Chief  
Consumer Protection  
Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets  
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Dear Mr. Marckres:

This letter forwards the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the Vermont Department of Agriculture. The enclosed amendment to cooperative agreement, No. 12-25-A-4891, has been approved by AMS' Associate Administrator. This copy is for your records.

We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin E. O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Martin E. O'Connor  
Chief  
Standards, Analysis and Technology Branch  
Livestock and Seed Program

Enclosure



AMENDMENT TO  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
between the  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250  
(hereinafter called the Federal Agency)  
and the  
Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets  
(hereinafter called the State Agency)

1. Provision for Amendment: It is agreed that the Cooperative Agreement providing for Country of Origin Labeling Retail Surveillance in the State of Vermont, effective April 27, 2009, is amended as follows:

Page 1 of 4 of cooperative agreement:

2. Objective: To conduct surveillance audits (reviews) at covered retail facilities as determined by the Federal Agency to ensure compliance with the country of origin labeling provisions of the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills as amended in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

Page 2 of 4 of cooperative agreement:

II Responsibilities

A. The Federal Agency will:

2. Pay for travel expenses for the maximum of two State employees to attend training seminars as deemed necessary by the Federal Agency.

5. Reimburse the State Agency a maximum of \$600 for each retail review contingent upon submission of properly completed review documentation.

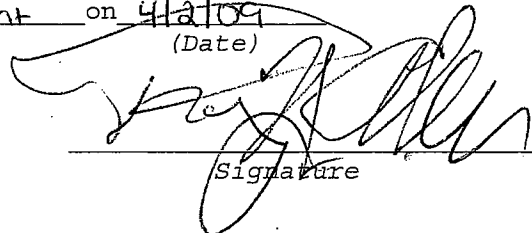
Page 3 of 4 of cooperative agreement:

C. It is mutually understood and agreed that:

7. This agreement shall continue in force until terminated, subject to annual confirmation by an authorized officer of the Federal Agency. It may be amended or supplemented at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. It may be terminated at any time by mutual consent or by either party hereto by giving 30 days written notice to the other party and specifying the date of termination. Supplemental agreements between the Agricultural Marketing Service and the cooperating State Agency made under this agreement shall be limited to the fiscal year in the work is performed.

- 2. Effective date of Amendment: April 27, 2009
- 3. Approvals: This Amendment is hereby approved for the State Agency.

Done at Montpelier, Vermont on 4/27/09  
(City and State) (Date)

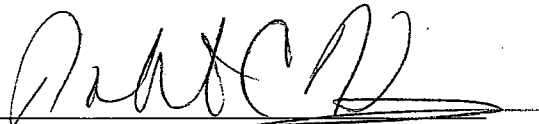
  
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Signature

Roger N. Allbee  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Secretary, VT Agency of Agriculture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

This Amendment is hereby approved for the Federal Agency.

Done at Washington, D. C. on 4-9-09  
(Date)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Administrator  
Agricultural Marketing Service





STATE OF VERMONT  
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Joint Fiscal Committee Members

**From:** Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate *RB*

**Date:** October 15, 2008

**Subject:** Small Grant & Gift Requests—Summary Report

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In accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) (as amended in Secs. 394 and 406 of Act No. 65 of 2007\*), the Joint Fiscal Office is required to submit quarterly reports for small grant and gift requests with a value of \$5,000 or less. In the past sixteen months 6 items have been submitted. The following is a summary, to date, of the items submitted:

- (1) July/December 2007; **\$5,000 grant from the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association** to the Department of Liquor Control for distribution of training video.
- (2) April 2008; **\$4,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets** to perform Country of Origin labeling audits at specified locations with Perishable Agriculture Commodities Act licenses.
- (3) May 2008; **\$5,000 grant from the American Bar Association Janet D. Steiger Fellowship** to the Office of the Attorney General to fund a law student intern for a minimum of 8 weeks this summer dedicated to consumer protection/anti-trust matters.
- (4) September 2008; **\$4,999 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets** to participate in a Foot and Mouth Disease Test Exercise in November.
- (5) September 2008; **\$1,999 grant from the Vermont Humanities Council to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation** to fund a leading expert in New France in the Champlain Valley to create content for the upcoming "Lake Champlain Voyages of Discovery: Bringing History Home" web site and publication.

(6) October 2008; **gift of a treadmill (valued at \$350) from Pat Melesco to the Department of Corrections to supplement existing physical fitness equipment at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield.**

\*Sec. 394. 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) This section shall not apply to the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other ~~thing~~ things of value ~~by the division for historic preservation for use in establishing and maintaining displays and exhibits at any historic site or restoring any historic site maintained and developed under section 723 of Title 22; nor to grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value~~ with a value of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$5,000.00 or less, provided that such acceptance will not incur additional expense to the state or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, of facilities. The secretary of administration and joint fiscal office shall be promptly notified of the source, value and purpose of any items received under this subdivision. The joint fiscal office shall report all such items to the joint fiscal committee quarterly.

Sec. 406. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(c) Sec. 394 shall sunset on June 30, 2009 and revert to prior legislative language, unless otherwise recommended by joint fiscal committee vote and subsequent legislative action.



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<b>Sent To Joint Fiscal Office</b>	<i>5/11/09</i>	Date

  
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	Title: <i>Deputy Secretary</i>	
	Signature: _____	Date: _____
	Title: _____	

## 14. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature)	Date: 5/8/09
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected		Date: _____

## 15. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Request to JFO	(Secretary's signature or designee)	Date: 5/6/09
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## 16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation	
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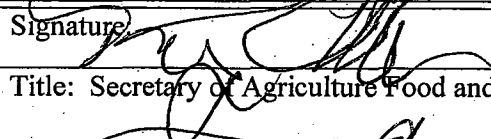
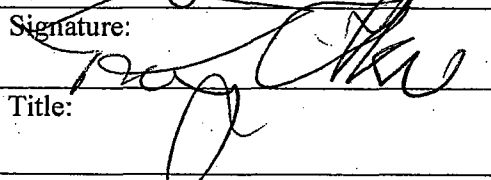
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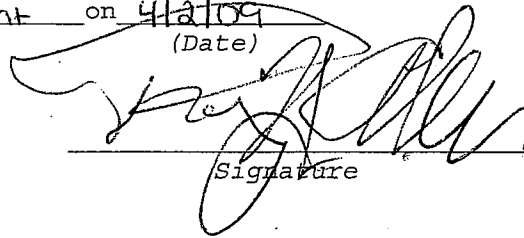
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Done at Montpelier, Vermont  
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(Date)



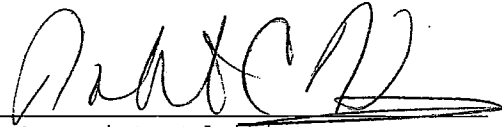
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Roger N. Allbee  
Printed Name

Secretary, VT Agency of Agriculture  
Title

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Associate Administrator  
Agricultural Marketing Service





STATE OF VERMONT  
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Joint Fiscal Committee Members

**From:** Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate *RB*

**Date:** October 15, 2008

**Subject:** Small Grant & Gift Requests—Summary Report

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In accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) (as amended in Secs. 394 and 406 of Act No. 65 of 2007\*), the Joint Fiscal Office is required to submit quarterly reports for small grant and gift requests with a value of \$5,000 or less. In the past sixteen months 6 items have been submitted. The following is a summary, to date, of the items submitted:

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\*Sec. 394. 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) is amended to read:

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Sec. 406. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(c) Sec. 394 shall sunset on June 30, 2009 and revert to prior legislative language, unless otherwise recommended by joint fiscal committee vote and subsequent legislative action.



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members  
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst  
Date: May 15, 2009  
Subject: Grant Request

Enclosed please find one (1) request that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration:

**JFO #2380** — \$15,200 grant from the US Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These grant funds be used to conduct surveillance audits at retail facilities to ensure compliance with federal country of origin labeling provisions. **Funds for this activity have been previously accepted without the Joint Fiscal Committee action because the amount of the grant was below the statutory threshold of \$5,000 (see 32 V.S.A. §5(a)(3)).** Because the amount is now above \$5,000, this grant is being submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee. A Small Grant & Gift Request summary report indicating past notification to the Joint Fiscal Office of this grant has been included.

*[JFO received 5/14/09]*

The Joint Fiscal Office has reviewed this submission and determined that all appropriate forms bearing the necessary approvals are in order.

In accordance with the procedures for processing such requests, we ask you to review the enclosed 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 this item held for Joint Fiscal Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by May 29 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of this request.

cc: James Reardon, Commissioner  
Roger Allbee, Secretary



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

<b>Grant Summary:</b>	This grant is to conduct surveillance audits at covered retail facilities to ensure compliance with the country of origin labeling provisions of the 2002 and 2008 Farm bills as amended in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.				
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<b>Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>	4/27/2009	<b>To:</b>	9/30/09	
<b>Grant/Donation</b>	\$15,200				
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$2,600	\$12,600	\$	\$15,200	

<b>Position Information:</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Explanation/Comments</b>
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**Additional Comments:** USDA has awarded them funding for this in the past. However, the amount was small enough that Agriculture could send a letter of notification of the grant to JFO and to the Secretary of Administration. This year's grant is over that limit and so must go through the regular approval process with JFC. Also because there is some required training which has to happen before grant process completed, Agriculture has submitted a grant spending pre-notice to JFC ( a copy is attached.)

<b>Department of Finance &amp; Management</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>	(Initial)
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>	<i>Ronda P. May</i>	(Initial)
<b>Sent To Joint Fiscal Office</b>	5/11/09	Date



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

<b>BASIC GRANT INFORMATION</b>				
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<b>9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:</b>				
Audits will not be performed.				
<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 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY</b>	
Personal Services	\$	\$10,290	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$2,600	\$2,310	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,600	\$12,600	\$	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$2,600	\$12,600	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
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Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source )	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,600	\$12,600	\$	
<b>Appropriation No:</b>	2200020000	<b>Amount:</b>	\$15,200	
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**STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)**

		\$
		\$
	<b>Total</b>	\$

**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
<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: <i>Dave Lane</i>	Date: <i>4/21/09</i>
	Title: <i>Deputy Secretary</i>	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

**14. ACTION BY GOVERNOR**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check One Box: Accepted	<i>[Signature]</i> (Governor's signature)	<i>5/8/09</i> Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

**15. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check One Box: Request to JFO	<i>Ronda P. Mead</i> (Secretary's signature or designee)	<i>5/6/09</i> Date:
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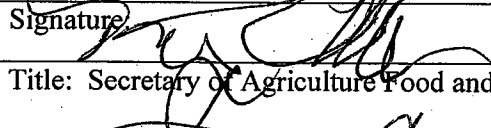
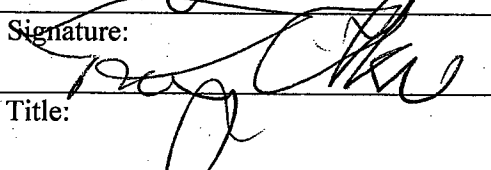
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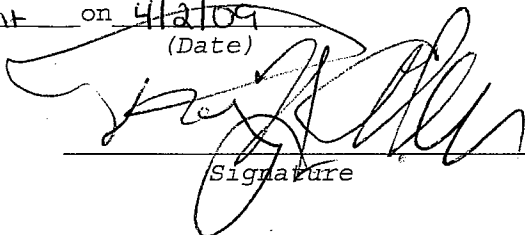
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Done at Montpelier, Vermont on 4/21/09  
 (City and State) (Date)


  
 Signature

Roger N. Allbee  
 Printed Name

Secretary, VT Agency of Agriculture  
 Title

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Done at Washington, D. C. on 4-9-09  
 (Date)

  
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 Agricultural Marketing Service



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Joint Fiscal Committee Members

**From:** Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate *RB*

**Date:** October 15, 2008

**Subject:** Small Grant & Gift Requests—Summary Report

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In accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) (as amended in Secs. 394 and 406 of Act No. 65 of 2007\*), the Joint Fiscal Office is required to submit quarterly reports for small grant and gift requests with a value of \$5,000 or less. In the past sixteen months 6 items have been submitted. The following is a summary, to date, of the items submitted:

- (1) July/December 2007; **\$5,000 grant from the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association** to the Department of Liquor Control for distribution of training video.
- (2) April 2008; **\$4,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets** to perform Country of Origin labeling audits at specified locations with Perishable Agriculture Commodities Act licenses.
- (3) May 2008; **\$5,000 grant from the American Bar Association Janet D. Steiger Fellowship** to the Office of the Attorney General to fund a law student intern for a minimum of 8 weeks this summer dedicated to consumer protection/anti-trust matters.
- (4) September 2008; **\$4,999 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets** to participate in a Foot and Mouth Disease Test Exercise in November.
- (5) September 2008; **\$1,999 grant from the Vermont Humanities Council to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation** to fund a leading expert in New France in the Champlain Valley to create content for the upcoming "Lake Champlain Voyages of Discovery: Bringing History Home" web site and publication.

(6) October 2008; **gift of a treadmill (valued at \$350) from Pat Melesco to the** Department of Corrections to supplement existing physical fitness equipment at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield.

\*Sec. 394. 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) This section shall not apply to the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other ~~thing~~ things of value ~~by the division for historic preservation for use in establishing and maintaining displays and exhibits at any historic site or restoring any historic site maintained and developed under section 723 of Title 22; nor to grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value~~ with a value of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$5,000.00 or less, provided that such acceptance will not incur additional expense to the state or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, of facilities. The secretary of administration and joint fiscal office shall be promptly notified of the source, value and purpose of any items received under this subdivision. The joint fiscal office shall report all such items to the joint fiscal committee quarterly.

Sec. 406. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(c) Sec. 394 shall sunset on June 30, 2009 and revert to prior legislative language, unless otherwise recommended by joint fiscal committee vote and subsequent legislative action.



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**To:** Representative Carolyn Partridge  
**From:** Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst  
**Date:** May 15, 2009  
**Subject:** JFO #2380

Representative Michael Obuchowski asked that I forward to you a copy of the enclosed grant materials and cover memo. He requests your observations regarding the enclosed item.

cc: Rep. Michael Obuchowski  
Stephen Klein