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The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, Act 142, is administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and is in partnership with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, as well as the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Working Lands Enterprise Board, comprised of public and private sector members involved in agriculture, forestry, and/or forest products was responsible for allocating over \$1 million in grant funds fiscal 2013 budget year. The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative has been allocated \$1,425,000 for the fiscal 2014 budget year, which is a slight increase from last year's funding.

- I. The Enterprise Investment Area is one of three areas of the Working Lands Initiative, with grants ranging from \$3,000-\$15,000 for new and growing agriculture and/or forestry based enterprises. The Enterprise Investment Area received 191 applications for a total of \$2.1 million in requests from forestry, forest products, dairy, meat, berries, tree fruit, tree farms, maple, produce, honey, fish, horses, renewable energy, compost, specialty foods, fiber, hops, land and soil testing, and drainage. Just under \$220,000 was granted to this Investment Area.
- II. The Service Provider Grant Area received 84 Letters of Intent (LOIs) for a total of \$3.2 million in LOIs. Of the applicants invited to submit a full application, 27 applications were received for a total of \$1.2 million in requests. Over \$350,000 was granted to this Investment Area, representing sectors across agriculture, forestry, and forest products. All grant recipients provide impact statewide.
- III. The Capital and Infrastructure Investment Area received 112 Letters of Intent (LOI) for a total of \$6.7 million in LOIs. Of the applicants invited to submit a full application, 22 applications were received for a total of \$2.2 million in requests. Over \$400,000 in awards were granted to 8 applicants representing sectors across agriculture, forestry, and forest products, and offering benefits to the supply chain.

I. Enterprise Investment Grant Recipients:

3 from Addison County:

Eddy Farm Shiitake, Middlebury

Andrew Bojanowski

\$3,000 for "Infrastructure improvements to the current log laying yard to facilitate increased production and efficiency"

The Last Resort Farm, Bristol

Sam Burr, Eugenie Doyle, and Silas Doyle-Burr

\$15,000 to "Install a thermostatically controlled water flow system to optimize trout and strawberry aquaponic production"

Dancing Bee Gardens, Middlebury

Ross Conrad

\$6,000 to “Build an un-insulated barn for honey production, beekeeping courses and small scale mushroom growing”

2 from Bennington County:

Green Mountain Logging and Landscape Management

Jay Wilson and Cody Hall

\$8,000 to “Equipment for logging woodlots”

Rupert

Guild of Vermont Furniture Makers, Dorset

Steve Holman

\$10,000 for a “Comprehensive marketing plan to increase sales for member businesses”

2 from Caledonia County:

Currier Forest Products, Danville

Joel Currier

\$12,000 to “Purchase a small kiln to support NEK wood based businesses”

Vermont Chevron, LLC, Danville

Shirley Richardson

\$10,000 for “Market research and tactical marketing plan development”

4 from Chittenden County:

Vermont Goat Collaborative, Colchester

Karen Freudenberger

\$10,868 for a “New American custom exempt goat slaughter facility”

Adam's Berry Farm, Charlotte

Adam Hausmann

\$10,000 for a “Walk-in refrigerator and freezer”

Maple Wind Farm, Richmond

Bruce Hennessey

\$15,000 for an “Inspected poultry processing facility”

The Sculpted Tree, Winooski

Nick Rosato

\$5,629 for “Equipment for wood turning and classes”

3 from Franklin County:

A.S. Hudak Lumber and Logging, Swanton

Alexander Hudak

\$11,406 for a “CSA model where milled wood consumers (woodworkers, carpenters, etc.) could become member investors in the mill”

Vermont Cranberry Company, Fletcher

Robert and Elizabeth Lesnikoski

\$15,000 for “Capital for press building, freezer space and a solar drying facility to increase production of cranberry juice and dried cranberries”

Does' Leap, LLC, Bakersfield

George van Vlaanderen

\$6,103 for “Increased pork production and sausage processing infrastructure to both raise more pigs on pasture and increase sausage production”

1 from Orange County:

Timberhomes, LLC, Vershire

Sean Dalton

\$12,000 to “Develop natural Structurally Insulated Panels (SIPs) made with Vermont timber & agricultural resources”

1 from Orleans County:

Sweet Rowen Farmstead, LLC, West Glover

Paul Lisai

\$15,000 for “200 gallon pasteurizer to quadruple production capacity of milk”

1 from Rutland County:

Krueger-Norton Sugarhouse (KNSH), Shrewsbury

Patricia Norton and Arthur Krueger

\$9,900 to “Convert the sugarbush to use a high vacuum gravity tubing system”

2 from Washington County:

The Vermont Switchel Company, LLC, Cabot

Susan Alexander

\$15,000 for “Bottling and capping equipment”

Screamin' Ridge Farm: Joe's Soups and Joe's CSA, Montpelier

Joe Buley

\$15,000 to “Purchase equipment that will boost production capability and efficiency of Joe's Soups”

1 from Windham County:

Sidehill Farm, Brattleboro

Kelt and Kristina Naylor

\$15,000 for “New equipment and frozen storage capacity to expand product line and increase cost-competitiveness”

II. Service Provider Grant Recipients:

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont
Richmond, VT
Statewide Impact
\$20,000 for Professional Development for Farmers' Market Managers

Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District
Middlebury, VT
Statewide Impact
\$55,000 for an Expansion of the Vermont Skilled Butchers and Meat Cutters Training Program

University of Vermont Extension Service
Mark Cannella
Berlin, VT
Statewide Impact
\$39,302 for Poultry and Grape Sector Business Model Research & Development

University of Vermont Extension Service
Vern Grubinger and Chris Callahan
Brattleboro, VT
Statewide Impact
\$40,000 to Increase Supply and Quality of "Local" Vegetable Storage

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
Montpelier, VT
Statewide Impact
\$100,000 to Expand Business Assistance to Agricultural Infrastructure and Forestry Sectors

Vermont Meat and Poultry Processors' Association
Statewide Impact
\$15,000 to Enhance Innovation in Vermont's Meat Processing Industry

Vermont Solid Waste District Managers Association
Middlebury, VT
Statewide Impact
\$55,000 for Technical Planning Services for Food Scrap Composting

Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association
Rutland, VT
Statewide Impact
\$48,000 for Workforce Development for the Secondary Wood Manufacturing Industry

III. Capital and Infrastructure Investment Recipients

A. McGovern Logging and Sawmilling

Orange County

\$20,000 for Increasing Volume of Custom Milled Wood Products through Portable Sawmill Upgrades

Black River Produce/ Black River Meats

Windsor County

\$50,000 to Build Volume and Value for Vermont Livestock Producers in New Regional Meat Markets

Champlain Orchards

Addison County

\$75,000 to Expand Vermont's Cider Apple Supply Chain

Jasper Hill Farm

Orleans County

\$50,000 for a Cheese Microbiology Lab to Develop "Artisanal Cultures" to Promote Product Quality and Safety for Vermont Producers

Vermont Refrigerated Storage

Addison County

\$43,369 for Increasing Storage Capacity for Farms, Distributers and Processors with the Construction of a 300-Pallet Freezer

Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Rutland County

\$38,153 to Increase Pellet Mill Efficiency and Quality through Mill Upgrades

Vermont Wood Studios

Windham County

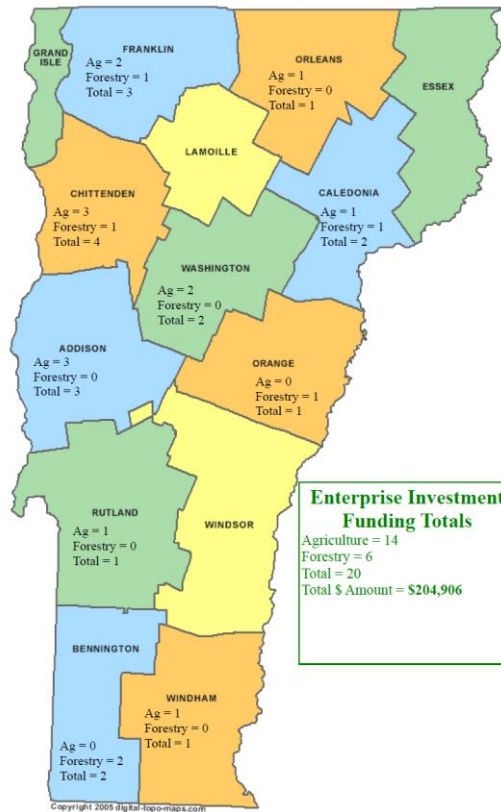
\$100,000 to Expand Markets of Vermont Made Furniture by Building a Destination Shopping Experience in Southeastern Vermont

Vermont Woodworking School

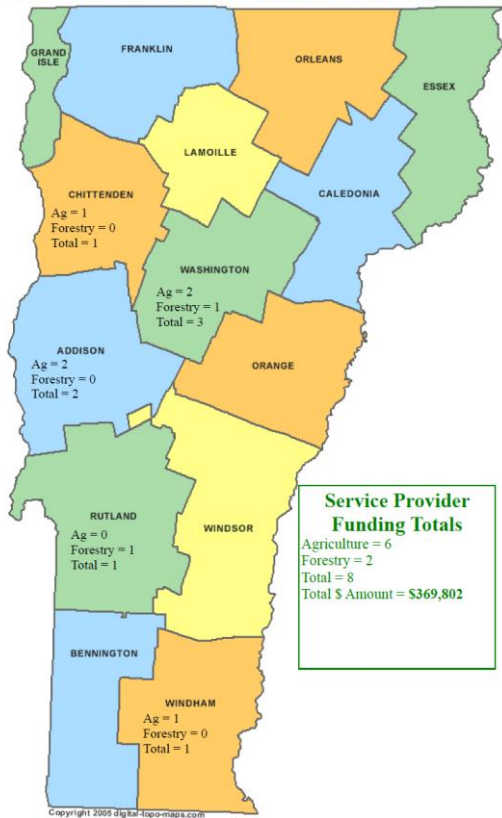
Franklin County

\$50,000 for an Incubator Space for Emerging Woodworking Businesses

Enterprise Investment Funded Applications (By County)



Service Provider Funded Applications (By County)



Capital and Infrastructure Funded Applications (By County)

