

HISTORY:

VT Legislature establishes Children's Trust Fund: The Vermont Children's Trust Fund (CTF) was established in 1986 by amendment to 33 V.S.A., Chapter 33, Section 3306 for the purpose of providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs. The CTF is overseen by the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs (CFCPP), a 21 member Council appointed by the Governor, and the Child Development Division of the Department for Children and Families.

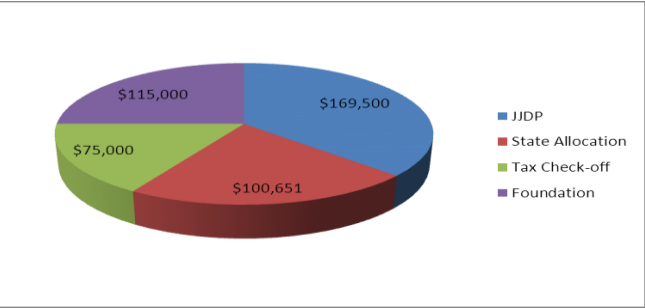
Additional fund raising made possible through a public/private partnership with the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation and Tax Check-off: In 1991 the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation (VCTF) was formed to raise funds from private and corporate sectors to increase the Vermont Children's Trust Fund. To further increase funding to the Trust Fund, in 1996 the Vermont State Legislature enacted the Children's Trust Fund Tax Check-off, which became effective with the 1997 Vermont State Income Tax Forms, giving taxpayers an opportunity to donate to the Children's Trust Fund. In 2004, the CTF became part of the Child Development Division within the Department of Children & Families (DCF). On July 1, 2009, DCF awarded a grant to VCTF to oversee the management of the Children's Trust Fund grant program in partnership with the Child Development Division (CDD) within the Department for Children and Families.

Grants are awarded to community-based programs for primary prevention work: Through the Children's Trust Fund, grants are awarded to community-based, private non-profit and public organizations to provide direct services for primary prevention activities. Grants are reviewed by both the CFCPP and VCTF and then approved by the Deputy Commissioner of the Child Development Division within the Department for Children and Families.

Primary prevention programs promote healthy children and families: Primary prevention programs promote the health and self-reliance of children and families. These voluntary programs, which are open to the general public, help reduce the likelihood of child abuse, drug abuse, domestic violence, school truancy, school dropouts, teen pregnancy, and other high-risk behaviors.

Examples of programs that effectively address these issues are home visits to parents of newborns, parenting education classes, before- and after-school programs, violence prevention training, teen community service, and mentoring programs.

These programs tend to cost less and be less intrusive in the lives of families and children than remedial or rehabilitation programs. They are most effective when combined with a community-wide coordinating effort, public awareness campaign, training, and ongoing assessments and evaluation.



CTF Funding Sources: Each year several sources of money are pooled to make up the Children's Trust Fund. In SFY'13 these funds consisted of: State Appropriation, Tax Check-off, Foundation and Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) dollars.

Grant cycle starts in January: The CTF grant cycle starts the first week of January with an open invitation to community organizations to submit proposals for funding. Technical assistance trainings are provided.

In SFY'13 the VCTF received 50 applications for new programs and funded 24. Ten (10) of the 24 new grant awards were for only one year. In addition, the VCTF/CFCPP funded 35 continuing programs that were in their second or third year of their multi-year grant award period. A total of 48 multi-year programs were funded in SFY'13. Multi-year grant awards were implemented in SFY'07 which eliminates the need of programs having to reapply every year.

Summer Grant Cycle: In addition to the year-long grants, 9 summer grants were awarded for the summer of 2012 totaling \$34,311. CFCPP/VCTF implemented a summer grant cycle in SFY'03. The grant announcement is issued in early fall with awards announced in mid March with start-up of July 1st. These programs are solely funded with VCTF dollars. Numbers served during summer 2012 will be reported in the 2014 Tax Check-off Report.

Evaluation: A Site Visit Coordinator from the Foundation visits each funded multi-year grantee throughout the grant period to evaluate progress and offer technical assistance.

Actual funds rarely meet the demand: Requests for CTF dollars outweigh the actual amount of funds available by a roughly 2-1 margin. For State Fiscal Year 2013, there was \$459,651 available to award, requests totaled \$671,617.

Grant decisions based on five identified outcomes:

- Children succeed in school
- Children are ready for school
- Pregnant women & young children thrive
- Children live in stable, supported families
- Youth choose healthy behaviors

Improved Outcomes for participants: Grantees reported serving 7,553 individuals between the ages of birth through high school. Of those served 3,907 individuals reported positive change in their behavior including the dangers of risky behaviors.

Future Funding Concerns: The large majority of CTF funds are federal dollars, through the Office Of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Office. Due to large cuts in the federal budget, Vermont is seeing a \$200,000 reduction in these funds. This reduction will be passed along to future funds being available for CTF grants in SFY'14.

Need More Information? Contact VT Children's Trust Foundation at (802) 951-8604 or visit the Foundation's web site at www.vtchildrenstrust.org.

SFY'13 CTF & CTF 2012 Summer Programs:

- Addison Center Teens and Friends
- Addison Central Supervisory Union
- Alice M. Ward Library
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Windham County
- Boys & Girls Club of White River Valley
- Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition
- Brattleboro Youth Services
- Burlington Children's Space
- Burlington Supportive Housing Initiative
- Cambridge Elementary Early Childhood Center on Temporary Shelter (COTS)
- Child Care Fund of Vermont
- Connecting Youth
- Craftsbury Schools
- DREAM Program
- Essex CHIPS
- Everybody Wins! Vermont
- Family Center of Washington County
- Fairfax Success By Six
- Franklin County Caring Communities
- Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile
- Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union
- Health Connections of the Upper Valley

Funded Programs List (continued):

Hope Works
Howard Center
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
Hub Teen Center
Lamoille Family Center
Milton Community Family Center
Milton Community Youth Coalition
Mountain Communities
NEKCA/PCC South
New England Youth Theatre
Newport City Schools
Northshire Day School, Inc.
One Planet Afterschool Program
Orange County Parent Child Center
Outright Vermont, Inc.
Pine Forest Children's Center
Prevent Child Abuse-Vermont
Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)
Puffer Child Care Center
Rutland Boys and Girls Club
Rumney Community Connections
SafeArt, Inc.
Sharon One Planet Summer Program
Springfield School District
South Royalton One Planet
Southwest Vermont supervisory Union
Sunrise Family Center
Together Works
Twinfield Union School
Vergennes Afterschool Program
VNA of Chittenden/Grand Isle Counties
VSA Vermont, Inc.
Washington County Youth Service Bureau
Winooski Family Center
Women Helping Battered Women
YMCA

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