



THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES RESTORATION FUND

This fund was established in 2009 as part of a comprehensive settlement agreement between the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) and the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for the Lamoille River, Carver Falls, and Silver Lake Hydroelectric Projects. Grants will be awarded for new initiatives, one-time special projects, or continuing funding for outstanding, existing programs that address one or more of the following purposes:

- Protect, restore and enhance the ecosystem integrity and ecological connectivity of the community of aquatic life in the Lake Champlain ecosystem and its tributaries.
- Protect, restore and enhance lake sturgeon and their habitats in the Lake Champlain basin and its tributaries.
- Restore a self-sustaining land-locked Atlantic Salmon population in Lake Champlain through habitat restoration and fish monitoring programs.
- Protect the riparian zones along Lake Champlain tributaries for the benefit of the ecological and recreational resources through the purchase of land easements.

Who May Apply

Applications will be considered from nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, units of government, and officially appointed commissions, or boards in the state of Vermont for projects that address the above purposes and that meet the following criteria.

- Projects must be located within the Lake Champlain basin and its tributaries. [Click here to see map.](#)
- Projects require a 50% match. In kind contributions can count toward this match.
- Applicants must demonstrate past experience in working on protection and restoration projects.
- Projects may address more than one of the topic areas listed above.
- Strong preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate partnerships between multiple organizations, are innovative, and build on existing programs.

Grant Size

Minimum request \$5,000 – Maximum request \$50,000.

Deadline

All inquiries must be emailed or postmarked on or before December 3, 2011. Applicants will be notified of decisions by December 21.

Application Guidelines

Applications should be no longer than 4 pages and should include the following information in this order:

1. Legal name and address of organization (If there are multiple organizations presenting a collaborative proposal, please identify one primary contact.)
2. Contact person(s) and title(s).
3. Telephone and email.
4. Brief history and mission of organization (Include current activities related to lake restoration/preservation and examples of relevant past experience at your organization(s).)
5. Description of project area or areas addressed in the application & brief description of how you plan to address each. (Include information about the community need or opportunity the project is intended to address and specific ways project will address them.)
6. Detailed project goals and outcomes.
7. Describe your plans for measuring effectiveness of the project (what will be measured, how it will be measured, when it will be measured).
8. Timeline.
9. List the personnel who will work on the project, and their qualifications.
10. Detailed budget including matching funds. (Contracted services or in-kind donated services require a per-hour or per-diem rate.)
11. Include a budget narrative.
12. Include a map of the project area you will be working in.
13. Include the page number, lead organization, and project title(s) on each page.

You may submit your application by email or mail.

Email:

Send to rtorres@vermontcf.org and please reference The Lake Champlain Restoration Fund and the name of your organization in the subject line.

Mail:

The Lake Champlain and Tributaries Restoration Fund
c/o The Vermont Community Foundation
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Attn: Ryan Torres, Philanthropic Advisor

We're Here to Help

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Torres at rtorres@vermontcf.org or 802-388-3355 x289.