



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: October 1, 2011
Subject: Small Grant & Gift Quarterly Report

In accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3), the Joint Fiscal Office is required to submit quarterly reports for small grant and gift requests with a value of \$5,000 or less.* For the quarter ending June 30, 2011, the Joint Fiscal Office received notification of the following items:

1. \$5,000 grant from Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. to the Agency of Agriculture. This funding will support the Farm First program's efforts to provide Vermont dairy producers support and resources for a range of issues, including legal, financial, and family issues.
[JFO received 8/11/11]
2. \$500 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont to . to the Agency of Agriculture. This funding will support the Farm First program's efforts to provide Vermont dairy producers support and resources for a range of issues, including legal, financial, and family issues.
[JFO received 8/29/11]
3. \$1,200 grant from the Farm Health Task Force to the Agency of Agriculture. This funding will support the Farm First program's efforts to provide Vermont dairy producers support and resources for a range of issues, including legal, financial, and family issues.
[JFO received 8/29/11]

32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3):

(3) This section shall not apply to the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$5,000.00 or less, or to the acceptance by the department of forests, parks and recreation of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$15,000.00 or less, provided that such acceptance will not incur additional expense to the state or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or 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.

* Act 146 of the Acts of 2009 Adj. Session (2010), Sec. B.15 amended 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3) to permit the Department of Forests, Parks and recreation to accept grants with a value of up to \$15,000 under the "small grants" procedure. This change was part of the "Challenges for Change" initiative.