



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: November 18, 2014
Subject: Grant Request #2718, #2719, #2720, #2721, #2722, #2723

Enclosed please find six (6) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

JFO #2718 – \$10,000 grant from the Consumers Union to the Vermont Department of Finance and Management. These funds will cover a portion of the costs associated with implementation and administration of the new law that requires labeling of food produced from genetic engineering. The donated funds will be deposited in the Vermont Food Fight Fund.
[JFO received 11/10/14]

JFO #2719 – \$15,000 grant from the Consumers Union Action Fund (separate from above) to the Vermont Department of Finance and Management. These funds will cover a portion of the costs associated with implementation and administration of the new law that requires labeling of food produced from genetic engineering. The donated funds will be deposited in the Vermont Food Fight Fund.
[JFO received 11/10/14]

JFO #2720 – \$250,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. These funds will be used to install a 2,500 foot rail siding for a new Washington County Railroad (WCRR) transload facility near the town of Barton, VT. The total project cost is estimated at \$382,120, of which, \$63,350 will be paid from in-kind contributions from the WCRR and \$68,770 will be derived from the value of state-owned rail assets, with the remainder being funded by the grant.
[JFO received 11/10/14]

JFO #2721 – \$95,126 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Agency of Human Services. These funds will be applied to the Agency's Refugee Targeted Assistance Program to supplement services already provided to refugees in Vermont. These services are geared towards making refugees economically self-sufficient as soon as possible after arriving in the U.S. through English language training and employment services.
[JFO received 11/10/14]

JFO #2722 – \$39,978 donation from the Vermont National Guard to the State of Vermont. These funds were previously appropriated to the Military Department in 2004 and 2005 as part of a

larger funding package to assist military members in emergency situations. Since that time, the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation (VTNGCF) has been established with ample funding to support its mission and the remaining State funds are no longer needed. The donation will be deposited into the General Fund.

[JFO received 11/13/14]

JFO #2723 - \$13,500 grant from Keurig Green Mountain to the Vermont Agency of Human Services. This grant will fund a volunteer coordinator position in the SerVermont program to organize volunteers for projects to improve the water quality of Lake Champlain. The position will be funded for one year.

[JFO received 11/13/14]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by December 1 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



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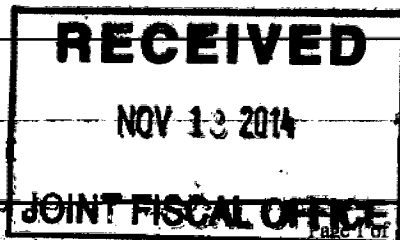
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Agency of Administration

JFO 2722

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

Grant Summary:		Donation to the State of Vermont by the Vermont National Guard (VNG) of funds remaining in the Vt. National Guard and Reserve Family Fund			
Date:		11/6/2014			
Department:		Military Department			
Legal Title of Grant:		NA			
Federal Catalog #:		NA			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		Vermont National Guard, Camp Johnson, Colchester, VT			
Grant Period:		From: 11/1/2014		To: 11/1/2017	
Grant/Donation		\$39,978			
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$39,978	\$	\$	\$39,978	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments: VNG no longer needs this funding; purpose has been superceded. See attached.					
Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	DB (Analyst Initial)	
Department of Finance & Management			JWS/ML		(Initial)
Secretary of Administration			MC 11/10/14		(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office			11/10/14		Date



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION			
1. Agency:			
2. Department:	Military		
3. Program:	Donation to the State of Vermont by the Vermont National Guard		
4. Legal Title of Grant:	NA		
5. Federal Catalog #:	NA		
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:	Camp Johnson, Colchester, Vt.		
7. Grant Period:	From:	11/1/2014	To: 11/1/2014
8. Purpose of Grant:	<p>Since the creation of the Vermont Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund's creation in 2004, the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation, Inc. (VTNGCF) has come into existence. VTNGCF's mission is much broader and more flexible than the by-laws allow of the Family Emergency Assistance Fund allow. Therefore, the Family Emergency Assistance Fund has become obsolete. The Military Department would like to return the funds to the General Fund.</p>		
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:	Funds will sit idle in Military Departments's Peoples United Bank account		

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$39,978	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source Military Department)	\$39,978	\$	\$	
Total	\$39,978	\$	\$	

Appropriation No:	Amount:	\$
		\$
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		\$
		\$
		\$

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		\$
		\$
	Total	\$

Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage? Yes No

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
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.

FOR DONATION AGENCY/DEPT.

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: HESTON,MICHAEL.THOMAS.101224377 0	Date: 10/30/2014
	Title: Michael T. Heston, Brigadier General, Deputy Adjutant General	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

FOR THE GOVERNOR

Approved: _____ (Secretary or designee signature) _____ Date: 11/10/14

REACTION BY GOVERNOR

Accepted _____ (Governor's signature) _____ Date: 11/10/14

Rejected

Required GRANT Documentation

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| <input checked="" 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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(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).

Description of fund and VNG intent. (Edits were requested to clarify original email.)

From: Gragg, Ken
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 3:08 PM
To: Beatty, David
Cc: Heston, Michael T COL USARMY (US)
Subject: Rescission of funds

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Good afternoon David,

Based on Sec. 16a of No. 80 of the Acts of 2004 and later amended by the 2005 Budget Adjustment Act, the Military Department was funded with \$200K to support the emergency needs of Vermont National Guard and Reserve members on active duty. These funds were deposited into a bank account with People's United Bank which 10 years later has a current balance of \$39,978.90 (bank statement attached).

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The Military Department is proposing that these funds be donated to the General Fund and that the current bank account be closed. There was a very critical need for these funds during a 5-6 year period immediately following 9-11. The Vermont National Guard routinely had military members activated and deployed around the world and didn't have a vehicle to assist military members emergency situations (e.g. roofs, boilers, car repairs, transportation to visit wounded family being rehabilitated in hospitals around the country, and financial hardship because of pay disparities, etc.). So, as part of the 2004 legislative language the Vermont National Guard Family Emergency Fund was established.

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Since that time a non-profit organization called the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation (VTNGCF) was established and operates independent of the Vermont National Guard and the Military Department. The organization has several missions, one being a grants and needs committee. The committee is made up of community members, volunteer military members (current and retired) and is generously supported by the public and community leaders. This group has a very close relationship with the Vermont National Guard Family Readiness Program which is the conduit for the VTNGCF to receive grant request. The Family Readiness Program Coordinators are situated in locations all around the state and have routine interaction. They have become the first line of defense to work with the military member and their families if support is needed. If they identify someone that is having a financial hardship, the Family Readiness Program Coordinators facilitate the application process and make sure that the VTNGCF receives all the necessary information to be able to act on the request very promptly. With the VTNGCF, the Grants and Needs committee accepts, reviews and issues (who applies for the grants?) grants that support military members that have financial needs or are impaired by other hardships. The VTNGCF has been able to expand its role to support all military members whether deployed or home station. The organization supports/facilitates everything from rent, mortgages, utility bills, car repairs, major house repairs; to hospital beds and chairlifts for disabled veterans; to care packages for deployed members; to social events such as the 2012 Christmas Party at the Sheraton Hotel that hosted over 1,000 members and their spouses.

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The VTNGCF is well established and can sustain its mission for the foreseeable future. The current balance is approximately \$700k. I am a member of the VTNGCF board and participate on the finance committee.

The VTNGCF has rendered the Vermont National Guard Family Emergency Fund obsolete and the Vermont Taxpayers would be better served in this resource-constrained environment to have these funds returned to the GF.

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Let me know what I need to do to get this process started.

Ken