



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst
Date: April 18, 2016
Subject: Grant Request #2817, #2818, #2819, #2820

Enclosed please find four (4) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration, including one (1) limited-service position.

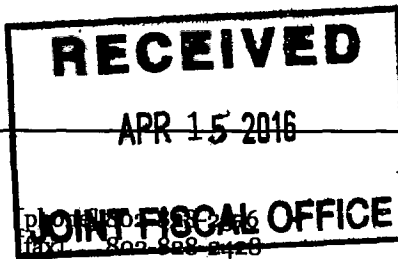
JFO #2817 – \$20,000 grant from the Trust for Public Land to the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The funds will be used by the Department to replaced undersized and failed culverts on the Dowsville Forest property, a 2,085 acre parcel of land that the Department has purchased for addition to neighboring Camel's Hump State Park.
[JFO received 4/15/16]

JFO #2818 – \$264,233 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the VT Department of Public Safety. The funds will be used to complete hazard mitigation projects to mitigate future problems identified following a storm in April 2014. The communities that would receive funds from this grant are Jamaica for drainage improvements and Ripton for a new town office generator.
[JFO received 4/15/16]

JFO #2819 – \$113,650 grant from the Nature Conservancy to the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife. Of the grant funds, \$61,350 would go towards the purchase of a 78.8 acre parcel of land along Mallets Creek in Colchester and \$52,300 would go towards implementing a restoration plan for wetlands within the parcel. The Department will use State funds of approximately \$123,650, from Duck Stamp proceeds, to fund the remaining costs of purchasing this parcel.
[JFO received 4/15/16]

JFO #2820 – \$337,128 grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to the VT Department of Health. The funds will be used over a 5-year period to advance efforts to support conformance with FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS). **One (1) limited-service position**, titled Food & Lodging Specialist/Inspector, is associated with this request. The Department would utilize approximately \$6,322 of these funds during the remainder of State FY2016 and the remainder would be included in future appropriations requests.
[JFO received 4/15/16]

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 May 02, 2016 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.



JFO 2819

State of Vermont
 Department of Finance & Management
 109 State Street, Pavilion Building
 Montpelier, VT 05620-0401

Agency of Administration

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

Grant Summary:		Cash donation to fund acquisition and restoration of wetlands in Colchester along Mallets Creek, near the Malletts Creek WMA.			
Date:		4/7/2016			
Department:		ANR F&W 612000000			
Legal Title of Grant:		The Nature Conservancy Cash Donation			
Federal Catalog #:		N/A			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		The Nature Conservancy, 27 State St, #4, Montpelier, VT 05602			
Grant Period:		From:	To:		
Grant/Donation		\$113,650, of which \$61,350 is towards the purchase of 78.8 acres of wetland and \$52,300 towards the restoration plan developed by US Fish and Wildlife. The total donation is half the estimated project cost less legal fees; F&W will use Duck Stamp funds for the other half. The project is expected to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.			
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$113,650	\$0	\$0	\$113,650	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:					
Department of Finance & Management				BTH	(Initial)
Secretary of Administration				[Signature]	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office					Date 4/14/16

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

BASIC INFORMATION			
1. Agency:	Agency of Natural Resources		
2. Department:	Fish and Wildlife		
3. Program:	Wildlife - Lands & Habitat		
4. Legal Title of Grant:	N/A - This is a cash donation.		
5. Federal Catalog #:	N/A		
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: The Nature Conservancy 27 State Street, Suite 4 Montpelier, Vermont 05602			
7. Grant Period:	From:		To:
8. Purpose of Grant: To fund the acquisition and restoration of wetlands in Colchester, along Mallets Creek.			
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: If the donation is not accepted the Department would have to spend additional Duck Stamp Funds, which would limit the ability to undertake other projects.			

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2016	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$227,300	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$237,300	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$123,650	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$113,650	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$237,300	\$	\$	

Appropriation No:	6120000000	Amount:	\$113,650
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	Total \$237,300 113,650 <i>RP</i>
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Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage? Yes No

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: Louis Porter Agreed by: LP (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.

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):

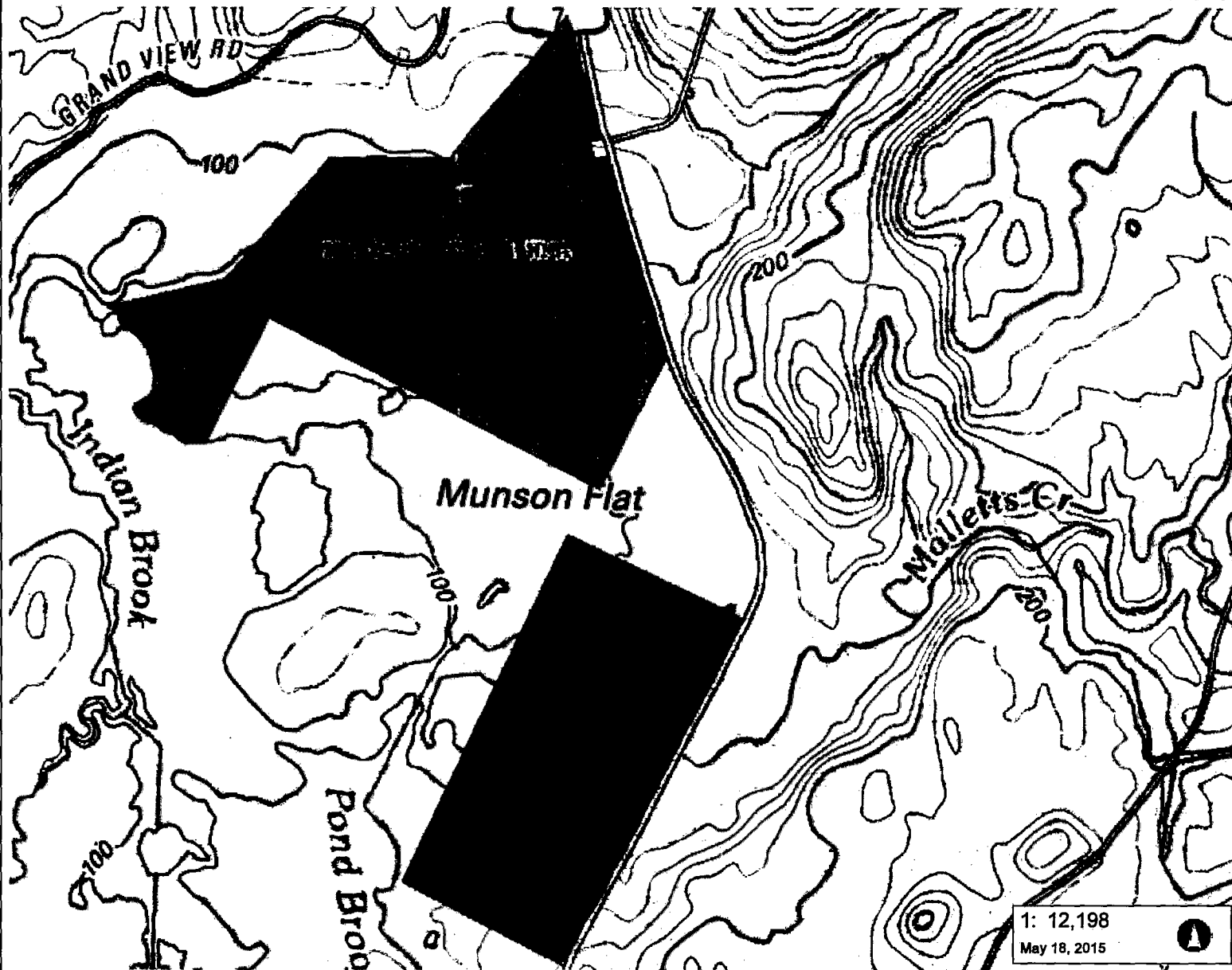
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 3-27-16
Title: Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 5/22/16
Title: Commissioner, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department	

Approved: *[Signature]* (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 04/11/16

Check One Box: Accepted
 Rejected
 (Governor's signature) *[Signature]* Date: 4/13/16

- Required GRANT Documentation**
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|---|--|
| <input 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).



LEGEND

- Wildlife Management Areas**
 - Fee ownership
 - Non-fee interest
- Riparian Lands**
- Other Managed Lands**
 - Fishing Access Areas
 - Green Mtn. Conservation Camps
 - Fish Culture Stations
 - FWD easement property
- Town Boundary**

1: 12,198
May 18, 2015

NOTES

Map created using ANR's Natural Resources Atlas



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Agency of Natural Resources

TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

FROM: Steve Gomez, Financial Manager

SUBJECT: Joint Fiscal Committee Approval Needed for Acceptance of a Donation from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (VFWD)

Recommendation: That you approve the acceptance of a donation of \$113,650 from TNC to the VFWD to apply towards the acquisition and restoration of the Goad property at Mallets Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Description

The VFWD currently owns 110 acres of Lake Champlain influenced wetlands in Colchester as Mallets Creek WMA. The LeBlanc parcel was purchased in 2012 with the use of Duck Stamp Funds. This area is just south of Chimney Corners along U.S. Route 7 and is known as either Munson Flats Wetlands or Mallets Creek. It is a significant wetland complex and the last major Lake Champlain wetland complex largely in private ownership. Three streams meander through the wetland complex, Mallets Creek for which the WMA is named and Pond Brook and Allen Brook. The LeBlanc parcel was purchased after a Wetland Reserve Program easement was placed on the property and a restoration plan was drafted. Active restoration was undertaken in the summer of 2015 and a parking lot is planned for 2016.

The Goad property occurs to the south of LeBlanc and is not directly adjacent. The Department is interested in expanding the WMA though to protect the entire wetland complex and the Goad property is a logical addition. The property contains two small ditches which have begun to naturally fill in over the years. Mallets Creek itself bisects this 78.8-acre parcel of which the majority is wetlands. The western portion of the property includes some significant open water wetlands which are utilized by hunters by evidence of permanent duck blinds. A restoration plan was developed for the property by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service which includes a ditch plug, tree plantings and some topographic modifications to hold water longer. These restoration efforts, in addition to enhancing wildlife habitat values, will improve the water quality of Lake Champlain and specifically Mallets Creek which has increasingly become a concern in recent years.

Need and Cost

The VFWD is acquiring this property in order to provide permanent protection of public access for wildlife-based recreation, conservation of significant wildlife habitats and to restore the wetlands on the property improving water quality in Lake Champlain. The estimate set for the total project costs



is \$237,300 which reflects the agreed upon sale prices of \$175,000 for the property, \$10,000 in legal fees, and the estimate to implement the restoration plan, \$52,300. VFWD funding for this project will come from Duck Stamp Funds. TNC has offered to grant us half of the total costs minus the legal fees or \$113,650. This funding comes from a partnership TNC has with Keurig which is focused on enhancing water quality in Lake Champlain and water storage. TNC and Keurig believe this is an excellent project to achieve their goals and as such, would like partner with VFWD on it by supporting half of the costs of the project. VFWD will use TNC's funding to support the restoration plan (\$52,300) and will apply the remaining funds towards the acquisition of the property (\$61,350). VFWD anticipates closing on the property in May of 2016 and implementing the restoration plan during the summer of 2016.

Your approval of this donation is required by 32 VSA § 5, which states in part "No original of any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value may be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of State government except as follows: (1) All such items must be submitted to the Governor who shall send a copy of the approval or rejection to the Joint Fiscal Committee through the Joint Fiscal Office together with the following information with respect to said items..."

Date

Peter Shumlin
Governor
State of Vermont

3/22/16

Date

Louis Porter
Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department



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Agency of Natural Resources

TO: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst
Department of Finance and Management

FROM: Steve Gomez, Financial Manager
Fish & Wildlife Department

DATE: March 25, 2016

RE: Supporting Documentation for Grant Request – The Nature Conservancy Documentation

Please find the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's (Department) responses to the grant approval questions as requested.

- 1.) *Are there any state matching requirements or contributions?*
This request is for the acceptance of a cash donation, which will be used as matching funds with state duck stamp funds to acquire Goad property.
- 2.) *Is the State already performing the function for which the funds are intended?*
The funds will be used for the one-time acquisition of a land parcel and restoration work. The Department is not performing these functions already and cannot acquire the land without approval of this request.
- 3.) *After the term of the grant expires, what is the intent of the underlying activity? Does the grant funded activity cease to exist? Will the state be asked to assume financial responsibility?*
The intent of the grant funded activity is to acquire a 78.8 acre parcel that contains a wetland complex and to restore the area. When this objective is complete the nexus with the donation will cease but the Department will have a payment in lieu of taxes, in the future.
- 4.) *What are the measurements that are going to be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the expenditure?*
The measurement used to evaluate the effectiveness of the expenditure will be the increased acreage of state owned land for habitat connectivity and public access.
- 5.) *How will the grant funds be expended? What is the budget for the grant funds, including all funding sources, for the duration of the grant?*
The grant funds will be expended on the purchase of 78.8 acres, which will be added to the Mallets Creek Wildlife Management Area. The Department will expend \$113,650 of state duck stamp funds and \$113,650 of donated funds from The Nature Conservancy. The total project costs include \$175,000 for the property, \$10,000 in legal fees, and \$52,300 to restore the property.





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February 19, 2016

Dear Ms. Lazorchak,

Thank you for your presentation at the Colchester Selectboard meeting on January 12, 2016 regarding the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's interest in purchasing the 84 acre Goad property located in the Town of Colchester.

The Selectboard has considered the information we received from you. After engaging in further discussion of the project at our January 12, 2016 meeting we are writing to offer our support of the purchase of the Goad property by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department with the understanding that it is to be added to the Malletts Creek Wildlife Management Area for the conservation of the natural resources thereon and public access for all wildlife-based recreation. The Selectboard also requested consideration of the inclusion of a 30 foot easement on the west side of the property along Route 7 for creation of a recreation path.

Sincerely,

Dawn H. Francis
Town Manager

On behalf of the Colchester Selectboard