



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members  
From: Sorsha Anderson, Senior Staff Associate  
Date: May 21, 2026  
Subject: Grant Request - JFO #3280

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration.

**JFO #3280:** \$20,000.00 to the Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission (VTRC) from Patricia Fontaine, private donor. Funds will hire consultants to fulfill the mission of the VTRC in their pursuit of community-centered justice and holistic healing. *[Received May 11, 2026]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson: sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. Please submit concerns by **June 5, 2026**, or we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of this request.



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Agency of Administration

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

<b>Grant Summary:</b>		These funds are a donation from a private donor.			
<b>Date:</b>		3/25/2026			
<b>Department:</b>		Vermont Truth & Reconciliation Commission			
<b>Legal Title of Grant:</b>		Donation from Patricia Fontaine			
<b>Federal Catalog #:</b>		N/A			
<b>Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>		Patricia Fontaine 291 Ordway Shore Road Shelburne, VT 05482			
<b>Grant Period:</b>		<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>		
		11/10/2025			
<b>Grant/Donation</b>		\$20,000			
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$20,000	\$	\$	\$20,000	
<b>Position Information:</b>		<b># Positions</b>	<b>Explanation/Comments</b>		
<b>Additional Comments:</b>					
<b>Department of Finance &amp; Management</b>		Adam Greshin		Digitally signed by Adam Greshin Date: 2026.03.26 14:07:07	
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>		Nick Kramer		(Initial)	
<b>Sent To Joint Fiscal Office</b>		Anna Reinold		(Initial)	
		E710487A28FB404...		<b>Date</b>	
		REVIEWED By Anna Reinold at 3:32 pm, May 11, 2026			



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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
<b>1. Agency:</b>	AOA			
<b>2. Department:</b>	Vermont Truth & Reconciliation Commission (VTRC)			
<b>3. Program:</b>				
<b>4. Legal Title of Grant:</b>	Donation from Patricia Fontaine			
<b>5. Federal Catalog #:</b>	n/a			
<b>6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>				
Patricia Fontaine 291 Ordway Shore Road, Shelburne, VT 05482				
<b>7. Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>	11/10/2025	<b>To:</b>	n/a
<b>8. Purpose of Grant:</b>				
These funds will be used to hire consultants to finish our in-depth research.				
<b>9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:</b>				
Impact would be the loss of professional services due to limited funds from the State. The VTRC was mandated to fundraise throughout our short commission in order to supplement our State fund source.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>	
Personal Services	\$20,000	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants		\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$20,000	\$	\$	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source Patricia Fontaine)	\$20,000	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$20,000	\$	\$	
<b>Appropriation No:</b>	1100892601	<b>Amount:</b>	\$20,000	
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		<b>Total</b>	\$20,000	

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**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
<b>Total Positions</b>		

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

**13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT**

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>Paith Jacobian</i>	Date: 3/24/2026
	Title: Executive Director	
	Signature:	Date:
	Title:	

**14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) <i>Nick Kramer</i> <small>E710467A20FD404</small>	Date: 3/27/2026   8:06:11
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**15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected	(Governor's signature)	Date: 5/6/26

**16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

Required GRANT Documentation	
<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 checked="" 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)

**End Form AA-1**

(\*) 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).

**From:** Patricia M Fontaine  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 8:18 AM  
**To:** VTRC <[VTRC@vermont.gov](mailto:VTRC@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Donation

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Dear Everyone at *VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission*,

It has been a truly significant experience to be an Honorary Witness, and to be present not only for those Vermonters harmed by the state - past and present - but to also witness the incredible dedication, emotional labor, and deep commitment of staff, volunteers, and commissioners.

I am grateful to be able to share some of my retirement assets to support your ongoing essential and critical work.

This is a one-time donation to use where there is most need for you.

You can expect a check for \$20,000 from Boston Common Assets in the next few weeks.

With immense appreciation for how you are helping Vermonters be in and with their truth,

Patricia

Patricia Fontaine (she, her)