

The GOVERNOR'S INSTITUTES of VERMONT

Helping Vermont create productive, empowered, and engaged young adults by reaching out to diverse learners with high-impact, world-class learning opportunities that stimulate their personal growth and expand their aspirations, perspectives, and career horizons.

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Changing Lives
for Over 35 Years

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Dear Rep. Lanpher and Committee Members,

Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) is a nonprofit formed in partnership with the state 40 years ago. **GIV is requesting a base increase of \$198,434.** GIV is recommended for level-funding at \$186,874 in the Governor's budget, and our increase request would bring us to a total of \$385,308.

GIV's funding has not increased in 17 years. If there had been a 3% yearly increase from 2006-2023, the appropriation would now be \$333,875. ([How we calculated this.](#)) If we jumped from Jan 2006 to Dec 2022 following CPI inflation, the appropriation would now be \$302,334. ([How we calculated this.](#)) Please note that **GIV matches state funding 4:1**, bringing in \$4 in private dollars (primarily from foundations, individuals, and businesses) for every \$1 in state investment.

This funding increase will help to:

- **Serve 117 additional students** while continuing to meet student financial need through our sliding scale tuition (84% of students need support). Demand outstrips supply by nearly 300 students.
- **Stabilize for long-term growth**, e.g. adding a second session of our popular Health & Medicine Institute, which leads to VEFR credentials allowing alumni to work on a local ambulance crew.
- **Inspire more motivated teenagers to consider Vermont colleges, post-secondary training, and careers right here in the state.** We will spend ~\$350k this year on room and board to Vermont State University, UVM, and other local colleges, and students get to try out living on these campuses.
- **Bolster mental health by connecting young people with each other.** 86% of alumni said GIV increased their confidence.

Ask any of GIV's 12,000 alumni, or our school partners, and they can attest to the quality of the experience. *"In my 30 years as a guidance counselor, GIV is the one program where students come back and say it was **life-changing.**"*

Thanks for all you do for Vermont's young people!



Elizabeth Frascoia
Executive Director (and alum!)

P.S. We expect our full request to be in the budget memo from House Education. You can find us on p.1057 as budget object 550804 under Flexible Pathways within the Agency of Education budget. GIV's appropriation comes from the general fund, and is passed through the AOE as a grant.