

BEAM Program update from Vermont Works for Women

BEAM: Building Employment and Meaning

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- This is a 3-year pilot program funded by the department of corrections allocated through Act 183 of the last legislative session. The grant amount is \$300,000.
- Goal to offer justice-involved women employment readiness both in facility and in the community. Participants are offered stable housing, immediate employment, and support from VWW re-entry services.
- Middlebury College is the programs first community partner.
 - Middlebury College also made an initial investment of \$50,000.
 - The program can support four individuals at a time and will accept new participants on a rolling basis.
 - Upon release from the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF), individuals are moved into housing provided by VWW in Middlebury and work at the Middlebury College dining facilities.
- Goal to establish more community partners in near future.