

## Agricultural Fairs & Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grants Program

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, & Markets has been administering the Agricultural Fairs & Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grants program for over ten years. Funding is appropriated yearly to assist our fairs throughout the state with capital improvements, and each grant recipient has 24 months to complete their project. The 2014 Vermont Legislature codified the program and created guidelines for the establishment of an Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital Program Advisory Committee to administer and coordinate grants.

The Fairs and Field Days draw over 400,000 visitors ever year and many of the fairgrounds are utilized for other events throughout the summer. The statewide agricultural fairs offer opportunities for the agricultural community to highlight their practices, products, skills, and livelihood that are part of the success of maintaining Vermont's working landscape.

In FY 2017, the Agency of Agriculture received a request of \$239,937 from 11 fairs and field days. Ten of the 11 requests will be granted and funded out of the \$198,179 FY2017 appropriation.

Below are examples of the investments by the capital grants from FY 2015, 2016, and 2017:

<b>Fair Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Matching Funds</b>	<b>Funds Awarded</b>
<i>Addison County Fair and Field Days</i>	2015	Safety Improvements to Tractor Pad Area	\$38,738.17	\$15,677.24	\$25,138.90
<i>Caledonia County Fair Association Inc</i>	2017	Multipurpose Horse Barn	\$62,932.09	\$37,932.09	\$21,975.93
<i>Champlain Valley Fair</i>	2017	State Building Roof Replacement	\$41,600	\$16,000	\$21,975.93
<i>Franklin County Field Days</i>	2015	Agricultural Education Building Upgrades	\$74,609.62	\$51,548.69	\$25,138.90
<i>Guilford Fair, Inc</i>	2016	Tyler Cattle Barn Interior Floor Replacement	\$3,450.00	\$517,50	\$2,639.25
<i>Lamoille County Field Days</i>	2015	Phase II Bathroom Facility	\$31,696.71	\$9,000.00	\$25,138.90
<i>Orleans County Fair Association</i>	2016	Historical Grandstand Restoration Phase II	\$26,094.00	\$9,665.43	\$23,246.27
<i>Rutland County Agricultural Society / VT State Fair</i>	2017	Machinery Barn / Tractor Museum & First Aid Building Repairs	\$36,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$21,975.93
<i>Tunbridge World's Fair</i>	2016	Barn Removal and Reconstruction	\$42,500	\$17,500.00	\$23,246.27



2017 Champlain Valley Fair: State Building Roof Replacement



2016 Guilford Fair, Inc: Tyler Cattle Barn Interior Floor Replacement



2015 Addison County Fair and Field Days: Safety Improvements to Tractor Pad Area



2016 Tunbridge World's Fair: Barn Removal and Reconstruction