

# FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER EDUCATION

*A summary of McClure Foundation grants made in the 2018-19 school year*

## **70x2025vt**

Funding for 2018-19

Funding to help 70x2025vt execute a communications campaign to broaden the understanding of the importance of postsecondary education and college and career readiness, particularly among decision makers, prospective students, and parents.

## **Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation Pipelines & Pathways Project**

Funding for 2018-19

Funding to support a five-year pilot of a new model for regional career education and awareness wherein BDCC will hire a career education professional who will work in all four Windham County high schools to offer integrated career advising.

## **Community College of Vermont (CCV) Secondary Outreach, including Introduction to College Studies Program Expansion**

Funding for School Years 2008-9 through 2018-19

Funding to build CCV's capacity to support Vermont middle and high school students in their planning for postsecondary education and training. An expanded 2018-19 grant follows nearly a decade of support for CCV's **Introduction to College and Careers** (ICC) program, formerly Introduction to College Studies (ICS), which is designed to motivate high-school students to pursue a college education and to clarify the processes involved. This annual program expansion promotes ICC in high schools with high proportions of potential first-generation college students and is designed to introduce students to college campuses and culture and to help students hone their time management and study skills. Participants who successfully complete the course earn a voucher for a free college course at any Vermont State College. CCV says that the opportunity to imagine going to college is why 71% of ICC grads enroll in college within 16 months after graduating from high school, an 18% increase over the direct enrollment rate for the state.

The ICS Program, funded at Fair Haven High School in 2012-13 and through the following five school years, consisted of an intensified effort to enroll and support high school students in CCV's Introduction to College Studies courses who participated in the College for Every Student (see Section IV) program co-funded by the McClure Foundation in 2008 and 2009. This five-year "kickstart" ICS program enhanced student, faculty, and counselor development training and featured meal vouchers, free textbooks and course materials, and scholarship funds that made the course more accessible and appealing to students.

**Community College of Vermont (CCV)  
Occupational Credentialing Program Development**  
Funding for 2018-19

Funding to support the development of occupational credentialing programs serving Vermonters who need targeted skills and credentials to move ahead in their careers.

**Community College of Vermont  
Veteran Student Services**

Funding for 2010-11 through 2018-19

This initiative enhances individual education and career counseling services and support for veterans and their families at all 12 Community College of Vermont locations. In the three years after this initiative began in spring semester 2011, CCV saw meaningful successes in the enrollment, persistence, and graduation of military-connected students. Enrollment of military-connected students was 250% higher between 2011 and 2014 than it was in the three years prior to the funding. And veteran students persist from semester to semester and graduate at higher rates than the overall population -- notable, considering that 50% of the student veterans are first-in-family to go to college.

**Community College of Vermont  
Prison to College Pathway**

Funding for 2017-18 and 2018-19

McClure Foundation funds support a pilot project bringing two college courses and individual advising to inmates at the Vermont Department of Corrections facility in Newport.

**DREAM  
Southern Vermont Program Capacity**

Funding for 2018-19

McClure Foundation funds support a multi-year expansion effort to reach more children in Bennington with DREAM's mentoring program.

**Governor's Institutes of Vermont  
Scholarships**

Funding for 2018-19

Funding to support scholarships that improve the access of young Vermonters in low-income families to the Institutes' in-depth, hands-on programming that offers students pathways from curiosity into careers.

**Johnson State College  
Summer Bridge Program**

Funding for 2016-17 through 2018-19

With funding from the McClure Foundation, Johnson State College and Lyndon State College are piloting a week-long Summer Bridge program that enhances the academic preparation, motivation, and retention of over 50 first-time, low-income, first-generation, and/or disabled students.

## **Most Promising Jobs Campaign and the Pathways to Promising Careers Resource**

Funding for 2010-11 through 2018-19

The Most Promising Jobs Campaign is a statewide effort to promote the digital and print **Pathways to Promising Careers Resource**, which identifies the highest-paying, highest-demand jobs projected for Vermont and the educational requirements needed to obtain them. Created in partnership with the Vermont Department of Labor, the McClure Foundation's "Pathways" resource identifies fifty-four careers expected to have at least 100 job openings over the next decade and pay above an hourly wage of \$20. Over 85,000 brochures featuring the jobs are now being used by high schools, colleges, career counseling organizations, nonprofits, and libraries across the state. The website was beta tested with Vermont National Guard members prior to their return from Afghanistan in late 2010.

## **Patricia A. Hannaford Career & Technical Education Center Vermont Youthworks Program**

Funding for 2018-19

Funding to develop and implement an integrated employment training model incorporating academic, career, transferable, and technical skills learning opportunities for disengaged youth in Addison County.

## **Spectrum Youth and Family Services Youth Development Program**

Funding for 2013-14 through 2018-19

**Spectrum's Youth Development Program** (YDP) helps approximately 200 youth (ages 15-22) from Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties who are currently living in or aging out of foster care to obtain the life skills they need to transition to a successful adulthood. The work focuses on helping young people plan for the future, identify obstacles, explore interests, and break down barriers to independence. YDP staff help teens research schools and visit campuses, schedule and fund SAT tests or other college entrance exams, apply to colleges or identify other education opportunities, apply for financial aid, register for classes, and cover the cost of text books, supplies, and computers. Once youth are enrolled, YDP staff provides ongoing emotional support, life skills instruction, and help with transportation. Funding partners: Vermont Department of Children and Families, TD Charitable Trust, Champlain Investment Partners, Angell Foundation, People's United, and numerous individual donors.

## **Upper Valley Business & Education Partnership Work-Based Learning for Students and Employers**

Funding for 2017-18 and 2018-19

McClure Foundation funds support UVBEP (rebranding as Career CLiC) building a statewide work-based learning system that connects schools with employers to ensure Vermont youth are career-ready and achieve postsecondary success.

## **Vermont Afterschool STEM pilot to bring Work-Based Learning to rural schools**

Funding for 2017-18 and 2018-19

Funding to address gaps in access to meaningful expanded learning and work-based learning opportunities in rural Vermont by training high school students to teach STEM content to younger students in afterschool and summer learning programs.

### **Vermont Journalism Trust**

Funding for 2011-12 through 2018-19

McClure Foundation funding to **Vermont Journalism Trust** enhances VT Digger's capacity to report on college readiness, workforce development, and education issues.

### **Vermont Student Assistance Corporation**

#### **Dual Enrollment and Early College for Low-Income Students in Franklin County**

Funding for 2016-17 through 2018-19

With funding from the McClure Foundation, VSAC is piloting a program in which low-income high school students in Franklin County whose parents do not have college degrees receive personalized encouragement to pursue dual enrollment, early college, and adult technical programs which don't qualify for tuition reimbursement under the Flexible Pathways bill.

### **Vermont Technical College**

#### **Scholarships**

Funding for 2018-19

Funding to provide scholarships for programs that engage and mentor middle and high school boys and girls in STEM disciplines and encourage them to continue with math and science into high school and college.

### **Vermont Works for Women/Vermont Technical College**

#### **Engaging Girls in STEM and Trades Career Exploration**

Funding for 2015-16 through 2018-19

Vermont Works for Women and Vermont Technical College (VTC) have a longstanding partnership to host the annual **Women Can Do Conference** at VTC that reaches over 450 13-19 year-old girls. In addition to supporting the conference in 2015-2017, the McClure Foundation supported the two organizations to pilot a one-week **Rosie's Girls Leadership camp** for high school girls that matches them with a year-round female STEM mentor. The impetus for gendered STEM programs include: the enrollment of girls in STEM/trades program at Vermont CTE centers (15%); the gender gap at VTC within mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering technology (75% male/25% female); and last year's job offer rate for VTC's 89 engineering technology graduates (100%, mostly men).

### **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps**

#### **Carpentry & Leadership Pathway**

Funding for 2017-18 and 2018-19

Funding to support enhanced carpentry and natural resources management training for low-income Vermont teens and young adults as well as enhanced post-experience support for program completers.