

2. The sum of \$1,200,000 is requested to be appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for grant programs:

A. Recreational Facilities Grants Program..... \$400,000

The Recreational Facilities Grants Program provides competitive grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to stimulate the creation and development of recreational opportunities in Vermont communities.

B. Regional Economic Development Grant Program..... \$400,000

The Regional Economic Development Grant program provides competitive grants for capital costs associated with major maintenance, renovation, or planning related to the development of facilities reasonably expected to create job opportunities in Vermont communities. Projects must promote financial engagement in either an individual community or recognized community service area.

C. Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants: Human Services.....\$200,000

The Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants Program provides competitive grants to municipalities and to non-profit organizations for capital costs associated with the major maintenance, renovation or development of facilities for the delivery of human services and health care needs in Vermont communities.

D. Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants: Education.....\$200,000

The Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Program provides competitive grants to municipalities and to non-profit organizations for capital costs associated with the major maintenance, and renovation or development of facilities for the delivery of educational needs in Vermont communities.

3. The sum of \$400,000 is requested to be appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for grant programs:

A. Competitive Grants Program: Agricultural Fair Capital Projects.....\$400,000

Competitive grants are awarded to fairs to make improvements to physical plant and infrastructure. Favored activities are bringing fairs up to code, especially for electricity, sewer and water, ADA, safety, and land purchased. Emphasis is placed on leveraging other funds and generating community support for the fairs through improvements to the infrastructure, which can be utilized by the whole community throughout the year, not just during fair days.