

The Division for Historic Preservation administers state-funded matching grants for the repair of Vermont's historic agricultural buildings. These grants are awarded by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. To qualify, buildings must be at least 50 years old and/or listed, or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The maximum amount for each grant is \$15,000, with many recipients spending more than the required match.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/barn-grants>

Awarded Project Summaries



Addison (Addison County), Clark Barn - \$10,645

Owned by the Clark family since its construction in 1901, this barn was previously used as part of a sheep farm that later was converted into a large dairy operation. The barn continues to shelter horses and chickens. A matching grant from the Division will be used to support framing repairs to the barn's lower level posts and sills, damaged by drainage issues as Route 22A has been built up over the years.



Barnet (Caledonia County), Old Somers Farm - \$15,000

Old Somers Farm once encompassed 500 acres, and consists of a c. 1785 farmhouse and a connected c. 1800 barn. The property was used as an inn and tannery before converting to dairying. The barn will now be used to keep goats and chickens with the upper level available as a public venue. Grant funds will help the owners complete the repairs to the barn's frame, including replacement of failed tie beams and addition of missing bracing.



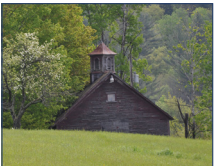
North Bennington (Bennington County), Sidney Colvin Farm - \$15,000

This farm, previously 340 acres, was settled c. 1835 and was actively farmed by the Colvin family through 1967. It was purchased by the Southshire Community School in 1987. The farmhouse is currently used as an Independent School and the c. 1855 barn is used for storage. Expanded use of the barn for classes and public events is planned once repaired. Supported by a Division grant, work will include repairs to the barn's foundation and frame, followed by and repair/replacement of failing siding.



Brattleboro, (Windham County), Brattleboro Retreat Farm - \$15,000

Established in 1837, the Retreat Farm is the original working farm for the Brattleboro Retreat mental hospital. It was established to provide food, fuel, and meaningful work for patients. In 2001, 500 acres were acquired and conserved by the Windham Foundation which then granted the property to the Retreat Farm, Ltd. In 2016, a new non-profit was formed to restore and repurpose the historic site. Preservation grant funds will help offset the costs of repairing slate roofs at eight barns at the farm.



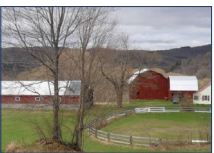
Burke (Caledonia County), Firefly Farm - \$15,000

Barn preservation grant funds will support rehabilitation of this former farm's remaining agricultural building, a historic bank barn constructed c. 1890 that has an unusual off-set cupola. The owners plan to re-establish a farm on the property and use the barn for seed preparation, crop processing, and storage of equipment. Rehabilitation work includes repairs to the stone foundation, framing repairs and replacement of the asphalt-shingle roof.



Charlotte (Chittenden County), Clemmons Family Farm - \$15,000

This 148-acre farm was purchased by the Clemmons family in 1962 and the farm is now one of 22 landmarks on Vermont's African American Heritage Trail. The family is transitioning the property to create a multi-cultural center that will be open to the public. They plan to reintroduce livestock to the farm, using the barn to house animals and store hay as part of a farmer-in-residence program. State funding will leverage a prestigious foundation grant to allow major rehabilitation work at the c. 1840 main barn.



Chelsea (Orange County), Big Barn Farm - \$15,000

This hill farm, originally a dairy, includes 162 acres with multiple outbuildings. The current owner's parents purchased the property in 1959 and raised Morgan horses. Grant funding will now support work to replace the barn's leaking metal roof.

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Fayston (Washington County), Bragg Farm - \$14,534

This 48-acre farm was conserved by the Vermont Land Trust in 2012. The current owner uses the property as part of an artisanal butter-making operation – Ploughgate Creamery. The property is also used to board heifers and pigs, while providing pasture and hay for a neighboring farm. Matching grant funds will be used to complete drainage and foundation work at the 1909 barn's west elevation.



Greensboro (Orleans County), Greensboro Barn - \$15,000

This large distinctive barn sits on 15.9 acres and was constructed between 1880 and 1900. The upper level is used as a gallery and studio space that is widely visited by the public between May and October. The barn also houses a seasonal farm stand. The south side of the roof was replaced with standing seam metal in 2016 with the help of a matching grant. This second grant will support re-roofing of the north side of the barn.



Moretown (Washington County), Turner Hill Farm - \$14,500

Turner Hill Farm was purchased by its current owners in 1987. It is still an active farming operation with 25 head of beef cattle, 2 horses, and 75 turkeys raised for Thanksgivings each year. The barn is an integral part of farming operations, used to store hay and to house animals, including the turkeys. A matching grant will allow the owners to replace the barn's failing metal roof, which is leaking.



Newfane (Windham County), Clark Farm - \$15,000

This 70-acre property was an active dairy farm until the late 1950s. The Liebeler family has owned the property since 1961 and leases the farm fields to a neighboring farm. Grant funds will support work to address the c. 1840 barn's failing roof; repair framing members that have deteriorated due to roof leaks; complete door and window repairs; and repair a section of foundation under the barn's main entry door.



Plymouth (Windsor County), Moses Townsend Barn - \$13,300

This classic c. 1830 English Barn is the last remaining structure of a former 1,000-acre farm owned by Moses Townsend. The Ninevah Foundation, a local conservation and education organization, acquired the barn in 2015 to prevent its demolition and will use the barn for education programs and exhibits. This is their second grant, which will complete the barn's rehabilitation, including framing repairs, securing of the metal roof, and repairs to siding, windows and doors.



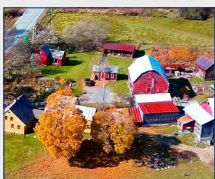
South Hero (Grand Isle County), Fletcher House Barn - \$15,000

Part of a small homestead originally raising sheep, this property and its barn were later used as part of the Allenholm Orchard operation into the 1960s. Today, the 1.5-acre parcel is surrounded by conserved land. Grant funds will be used to address the barn's most pressing needs, including repairs to the stone foundation, slate roof, framing and siding.



St. Johnsbury (Caledonia County), Old Silo Farm - \$15,000

This roughly 35-acre parcel was once part of a larger farm, the City Dairy of St. Johnsbury, a milk bottling and delivery operation active until the late 1960s. The complex features a well-preserved and unusual horizontal board wood silo. The owners plan to restore the buildings on the property for weddings and public events. Grant funds will support drainage work and repairs to the barn's high drive.



Sudbury (Rutland County), Miller Hill Farm - \$4,020

Owned by an original settler of Sudbury, this farm remained in the Miller family for 150 years. The current owners purchased the property, including ten barns and outbuildings and 185 acres in 1998. They operate a wholesale nursery and garden business. Grant funds will support structural repairs to the c. 1810 English Barn, likely the oldest on the farm, which is currently used for livestock, storing hay, and storing equipment that supports the nursery operation.

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Waterford (Caledonia County), West View Farm - \$15,000

Previously a sheep farm, this 400-acre property converted to dairying at roughly the time of the 1903 round barn's construction. The barn was commissioned by noted Vermont architect Lambert Packard and is the only round barn in Vermont with a truss-system of support and an enclosed cattle ramp. Grant funds will support replacement of the barn's failing roof.



Woodstock (Windsor County), Top Acres Farm - \$14,865

A working maple and hay operation of 30 acres, this farm complex includes five barns and a sugarhouse. The owner's great grandparents purchased the farm in 1901. Dairy operations ended in 1989. Grant funds will support work at the farm's large bank barn, comprised of two smaller barns that were moved to their current location by the Fullerton family during the early 20th century.



Brattleboro Retreat Farm