

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

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, Elmhaven Farm – \$15,000

Elmhaven Farm, purchased by George and Ella Spencer in 1901, was a multi-faceted commercial operation that included cattle, apples and honey. The farm's main bank barn was constructed in 1908 along Route 22A, a major north/south travel corridor. Matching grant funds will support work to repair the foundation and sills at the barn's north elevation and rehabilitate the iconic cupola.



Albany, Old Kenneson Homestead – \$13,565

One of two remaining agricultural structures on this 100-acre property, the c. 1840s barn was last used for housing beef cattle and poultry in the 1990s. A Barn grant will allow the new owner to complete framing, siding, window, and door repairs. Once this work is completed, the owner plans will use the barn to board dairy cattle for Sweet Rowan Farmstead, a local dairy farm and creamery..



Andover, Red Top Farm – \$15,000

This property has been in the Marsh family since the 1790s. Today, the farm retains two connected agricultural buildings, the upper (horse) barn and the lower (hay) barn. Work to repair the foundation and sills of the lower barn, along with removal of a c. 1950s concrete floor and drainage work around the barn's perimeter, will be completed with help from this matching grant.



Barnet, Lyman Crown Farm – \$15,000

Previously a dairy farm and sugarbush of 110 acres owned by Lyman and Annie Crown, the current applicant's parents purchased this 37-acre property in 1967. The c. 1860, three-level barn was modified in the 20th century by the addition of a gambrel roof. It is currently used for hay storage supporting a neighboring beef cattle farm. This matching grant will support work to repair/replace the barn's failing roof.



Burke, Mountain View Farm – \$14,650

Elmer Darling established Mountain View Farm in 1883. This gentleman's farm included a breeding barn for Morgan horses. Today the horse barn is used for public events. A Barn grant previously funded work to address portions of the barn's failing brick foundation. This second grant will allow the owner to complete foundation repairs.



Craftsbury, Murphy Barn – \$15,000

Located near Craftsbury Common and the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, this barn was built in 1870, with a rare stacked-wood silo added in 1890. Originally used for dairy farming and sugaring, in 1954, the property was purchased by Misses Willard and Loewel, who turned it into a summer riding camp for girls called Holiday Hill Farm. Grant funding will support repairs to both the significant silo and main barn.



East Montpelier, Center Farm – \$5,200

Long known as Center Farm, this property was originally called the Clough Tavern. The gambrel barn was built c. 1930 and currently supports a pastured livestock operation for raising and selling grass-fed sheep, pastured poultry, and pigs. This matching grant will support work to repair the barn's original metal roof.

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Ferrisburgh, Miller Farmstead – \$15,000

Miller Farmstead was built c. 1830 by Simeon Miller, an early Ferrisburgh settler. The property includes multiple agricultural buildings, including a c. 1820 main barn. Two years ago, the owners received a grant to complete major work to rehabilitate the barn's foundation and structural frame. This second Barn grant will tackle replacement of the barn's leaking metal roof and allow window restoration.



Franklin, Hammond Homestead – \$ 15,000

The Hammond Bank Barn, built c. 1898, is located one mile north of Lake Carmi State Park. The main barn is now used for a small family farming operation with the upper level used for public functions. This Barn grant will help replace the rotted sill at the barn's east elevation, address drainage issues, and repair of the roof.



Georgia, Bedrock Farm – \$14,611

The parents of the current owner purchased this farm in 1982. Part of an active dairy operation, the farm's tie-stall barn was built in 1956. The side walls are deteriorated due to poor drainage that has been addressed. This matching grant will now allow the owner to repair the walls and replace the original asbestos siding with cement siding to more closely match its historic appearance.



Kirby – Echo Ledge Farm – \$15,000

Part of a very early settlement dating from 1793, the main barn on this property dates to c. 1898 and sits on 17 acres. Matching grant funds will help the owners address foundation and flashing repairs around the barn's cupola. Once rehabilitated, the owners plan to use the barn for small-scale animal farming.



New Haven, Old Nash Farm – \$15,000

This 170-acre property on the New Haven River was originally settled by Ariel Thompson in 1814. It was named for General Nash, a prominent local figure involved in politics and banking. The main gambrel barn on the property was originally used for dairy farming but is now used to house chickens and a small farm stand. Funds to support roof replacement and floor repairs will allow the owners to expand its use for additional livestock, honey and kombucha production, and public and education events.



Rutland, Idle Hour Farm – \$15,000

Previously owned by the Vermont Marble Company, this property was sold to Thomas Gerdon, Sr. in 1938 and supported a dairy operation. It includes three barns constructed between 1820 and 1870. This matching grant will support work to repair the hay barn's slate roof and complete framing repairs.



Weathersfield, Hoisington Farm (Putnam Farm) – \$5,100

This farmstead dates to the earliest settlement of Weathersfield and includes multiple buildings, including a large bank barn. Originally part of a dairy, the farm was later converted to raising beef cattle; it is now used to support a forest products/mushroom and vineyard operation. Foundation repairs on the north, west and east elevations of the main barn will be completed with the aid of this matching grant.



Williston, Johnson Farm – \$15,000

Johnson Farm was founded in 1787 by Dan Johnson, one of the original settlers of the Town of Williston. The 210-acre conserved farmstead serves as the highly visible eastern gateway to Williston, bordering on north and south sides of Route 2 and Interstate 89. Owners Denny and Kathy Lewis continue to operate the organic dairy and will use this second Barn grant to complete framing repairs on the c. 1840 heifer barn.

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