



Vermont Arts Council

WORKING FOR A CREATIVE STATE



Cultivate and advance
the arts and creativity
throughout Vermont.



MISSION

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Revitalize our downtowns
- Spark economic growth
- Build more sustainable communities

9.3% Vermont's jobs = creative sector



Cultural Facilities Grants provide critical funds to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to expand their reach, improve safety, and ensure that the arts are accessible to all Vermonters.

Grant amount: \$1,000 to \$30,000
1:1 match required

Since 2001, 311 grants awarded totaling \$3.4 million to 197 theaters, museums, town halls, community art centers and municipalities across Vermont.



“This grant allows us to increase the viability of the building, increase accessibility of current programming, as well as expand our cultural programming to the community.”

- Grant Recipient

Upgrades to electrical wiring, HVAC, lighting

ADA compliance (accessible restrooms, elevators and walkways)

Hazard mitigation measures (rain gutters, flood gates, sprinkler systems)

Theatrical lighting and audio equipment



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Investments in Vermont's Cultural Institutions

\$3,102 to support electrical upgrades and the purchase of a projector system

Addresses safety and accessibility

"This project was long overdue and the lighting makes our building safe, because you can see your way to your car... and it makes our building more noticeable and welcoming."

"Our patronage, volunteer leadership, and programs will increase as a result of these facility improvements."



Westminster West Library
Putney, VT

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\$5,233 to support the installation of an upgraded fire alarm system

Replaces system in Old Firehouse due to mechanical failure

Upgrades sprinkler system to meet safety standards

"With these upgrades we will be able to offer numerous GRACE workshops, instructional art classes, children's educational programming, as well as maintain our exhibition space, office space, and keep 45 years of artwork safe and secure for decades to come."



Grass Roots and Community Effort (G.R.A.C.E.) Hardwick, VT

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**\$20,450 to install floor insulation
and pour a new cement floor on the
lower level of the Big Barn**

**Expands seating capacity from
60 to 120**

"The town of Charlotte has few public meeting spaces of this size and no community arts facilities. There are few Black-owned visual arts community spaces in the entire state. VAC's support...will be very meaningful to the community and to Vermont."



**Clemmons Family Farm
Charlotte, VT**

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\$11,307 to replace the heating system in a re-purposed 1956 elementary school building

Provides reliable heat and hot water for kitchen facility and handicapped accessible bathrooms

"This repair project will not only lower the FCCA heating bills and repair bills, it will also make it possible for us to more safely and reliably offer cultural and community activities year round."



**Fairfield Community Center
Fairfield, VT**

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\$7,000 to support the installation of ethernet ports and audio and video equipment at the Elley-Long Music Center

Enables live-streaming during COVID19 pandemic and expands VYO's audience reach

"Live streaming allows families, both near and far, the opportunity to see and hear VYOA musicians perform in real time. This installation also benefits the many arts organizations that utilize ELMC already. Live streaming allows them to reach their audience and greater community as well."

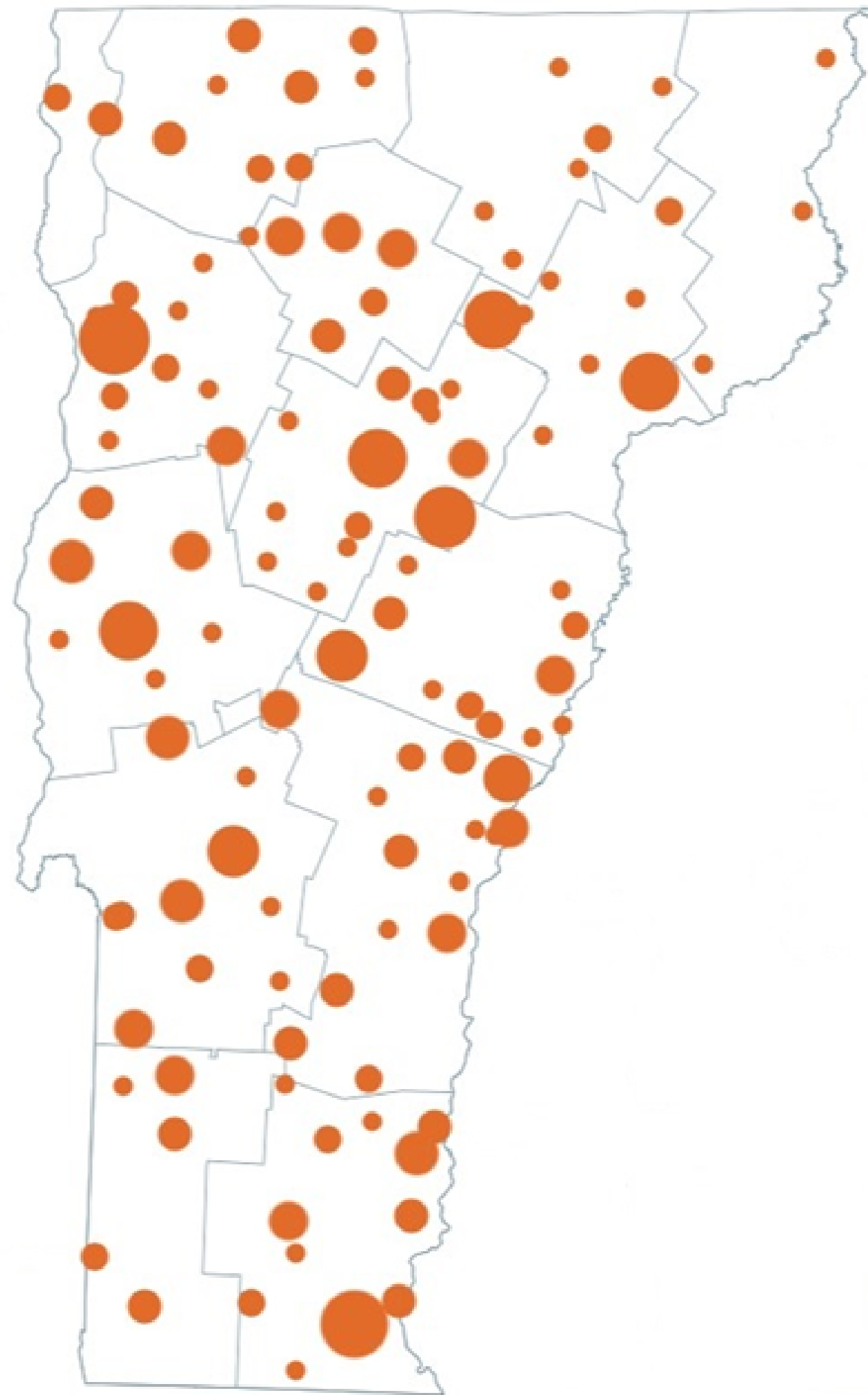
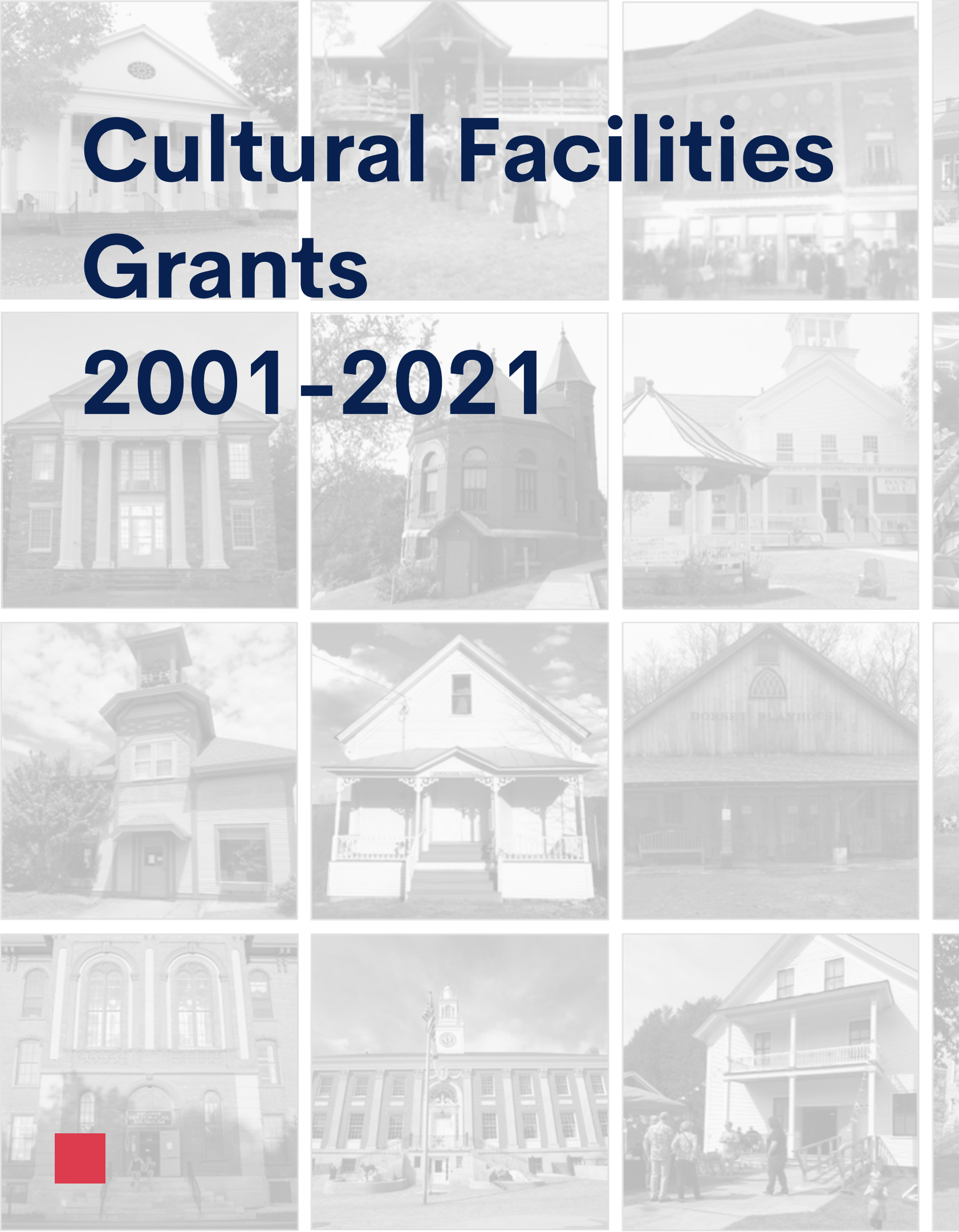
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Vermont Youth Orchestra Colchester, VT

Cultural Facilities Grants

2001-2021



2021 Cultural Facilities Applications

Total requests: 33 applications for funds totaling \$586,072

Funds budgeted: \$200,000

