# **Cultural Facilities Grant Program**







### Mission

Cultivate and advance the arts and creativity throughout Vermont.

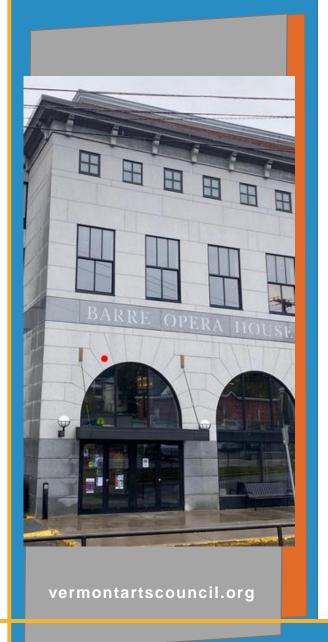




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New England Youth Theatre, Brattleboro

The Current, Stowe



### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

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

9.3% Vermont's jobs = creative sector



Barre Opera House



Cultural Facilities provide spaces and places for activities such as performances, festivals, fairs, exhibits, and classes that foster social inclusion and community empowerment, creating an

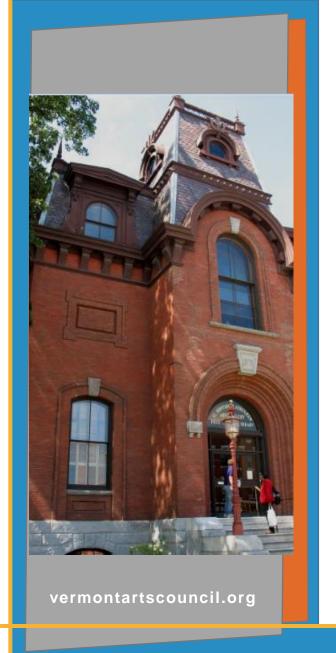
important sense of civic pride.



Vermont Vaudeville



Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh



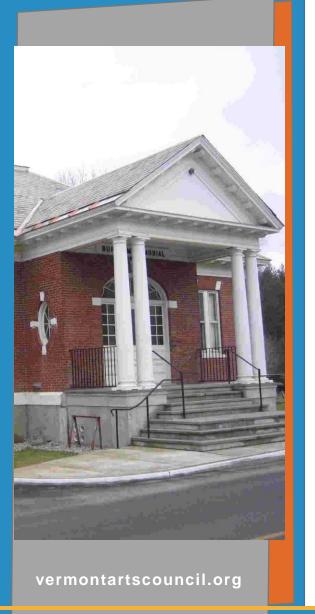
**Cultural Facilities Grants** provide critical funds to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to expand their reach, improve safety, and ensure that the arts are accessible to all Vermonters.

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

1:1 match required



St. Johnsbury Atheneum



### **Grants support:**

- Upgrades to electrical wiring and fire alarm systems
- HVAC renovations to improve air quality
- ADA compliance (accessible restrooms, elevators and walkways)
- Hazard mitigation measures (rain gutters, flood gates, sprinkler systems)
- Theatrical lighting and audio equipment



Burnham Hall, Lincoln



Since 2001, thanks to this program, we have made 326 grants totaling \$3.6 M to support theaters, museums, town halls, community arts centers and municipalities across Vermont.

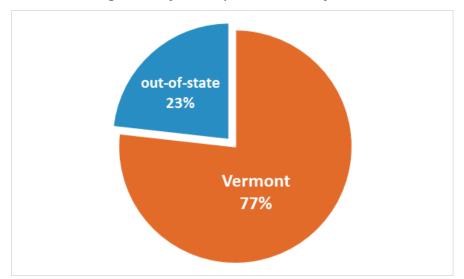






#### Amount invested in VT economy for facilities improvements

\* Data source grantee final reports to date from 2014 – 2021



total grants awarded \$1,655,769

total paid to Vermont businesses \$3,934,774

\$5.6 million



Clemmons Family Farm, Charlotte

### Franklin Town Hall

\$10,822 to support the installation of a sound system with assistive listening devices and acoustic curtains for the windows.

Franklin Town Hall

The acoustics of the large open area of the facility made hearing programs and events very difficult.

The curtains, the sound system and ADA assistive listening receivers will have a great impact on the ability of all community members to enjoy cultural events held here.



### Caledonia Grange Hall

\$4,390 to support electrical upgrades on the ground floor of the Grange



Caledonia Grange Hall, East Hardwick

This grant partially funded the updating and rewiring of the Grange's electrical system, for the sake of safety, as well as to expand the possible uses for the building and to allow for future plans to make the building more accessible. Outlets and emergency exit signs were added.

With the help of this grant, this spring the Grange hosted a week of after school art workshops for kids, the annual plant swap, a "kid-powered street fair", and regular community meals with live music on the porch.



### Clemmons Family Farm

\$20,450 to support installing floor insulation and pouring a new cement floor on the lower level of the Big Barn

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Clemmons Family Farm Big Barn, Charlotte Lydia Clemmons, Director, with Artist Harlan Mack

This area can now be used for visual arts programs including exhibits, artist talks, art classes, artist studio, space meetings and workshops. It also expands the seating capacity from 60 people to *120.* 



### Sheldon Historical Society

\$15,798 to support the installation of an accessible restroom and lift to the second floor

**Sheldon Historical Society** 

Construction of an ADA compliant restroom and adding an accessible lift to the meeting and event space on the second floor more than doubles our capacity for events, discussions, small concerts, and displays, while enabling full participation by visitors living with decreased mobility.



### Broad Brook Community Center

\$30,000 to support insulation throughout the building

The lack of insulation makes the BBCC prohibitively expensive to heat in winter and stiflingly hot in summer, severely reducing its usefulness as a community center. The building functions far below its potential. *Insulating will provide* Guilford with a space that can be comfortably and affordably utilized yearround by the community for cultural activities.

Broad Brook Community Center, Guilford



## Friends of the Union Meeting Hall

\$26,400 to support a new accessible entrance on the north side of the building

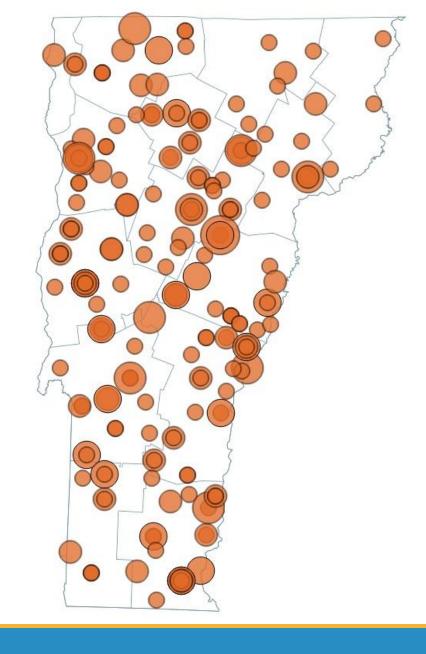
Union Meeting Hall, Ferrisburgh

Modifying the existing doors would compromise historic details of the building. The new second entrance and exit will provide accessibility to all members of our community and increase the capacity of the building from 49 to more than 130 per fire safety codes, allowing FUMH to host larger events. The revitalization of the Union Meeting Hall will foster human connection in a digital era, while also acting as an anchor to stabilize the Town Center.





## Cultural Facilities Grantees 2001-2022





### **2022 Cultural Facilities Applications:**

Total requests: 35 applications for funds totaling \$737,867 in request.

The highest number of applications and grant amounts requested in the history of the program.

Funds available: \$300,000

	# of apps
FY2022	35
FY2021	33
FY2020	30
FY2019	24
FY2018	22
TOTAL	144



**Enosburg Falls Opera House** 



2019 Fairlee Community Arts Concert at the Fairlee Town Hall

### Thank you!

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