



Common Good Vermont (CGVT) is a trusted resource and nonpartisan advocate for the State's nonprofit organizations. We support the success of these organizations through education, training, and advocacy.

CGVT serves as a representative of the nonprofit sector to government and a connection between the two sectors.

More than 6,300 Vermont nonprofits provide services, good jobs, and civic engagement that make our communities stronger. Nonprofits:

- employ 1 in 7 Vermont workers and
- contribute over \$5.7 billion per year to the economy making the nonprofit sector the second largest industry after State Government.

These nonprofits address basic human needs such as food, shelter, childcare, health services, and education. They also provide vibrancy to our villages, towns, and cities through investment in the arts, historic preservation, conservation and environmental concerns, and economic development.

In FY23, the State of Vermont had 13K active grants outstanding using state and federal funds, totaling \$3.4 billion.

Common Good Vermont supports nonprofit grantees with training and education including:

1. Grants management
2. Financial management
3. Workforce development
4. Short and long term program planning and evaluation.

We also provide data on the sector that is used by nonprofits and the State alike such as our biennial Vermont Report on the workforce and Nonprofit Wages & Benefits.

Common Good Vermont provides services for Vermont's nonprofits akin to those provided by the SBA for businesses, yet it is not currently supported by any public funding. Our funding request aims to address this gap.

CGVT seeks general fund support to continue to build our capacity to invest in Vermont's nonprofit sector. We request that the appropriations committee consider a grant of \$200K in FY25 base funding to support this critical work.

Thank you.

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