Vermont State Investment (\$255,026) will help United Way's Working Bridges program expand resource coordination for employee stability statewide.

Supporting rural revitalization

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Green Mountain United Way



United Way of Lamoille County

An innovative and collaborative workforce program that partners with Vermont employers to help employees keep good jobs and support retention, productivity, safety, and advancement





Founded 16 years ago



27 Employers



1,500 Employees Served in FY21/22 alone



5 Industries
(Manufacturing,
healthcare, higher
education, childcare,
non-profit)

*2021 service data

Working Bridges Key Program Components

Growing and Sustaining Vermont's Workforce

Resource Coordination

Resource Coordinators connect employees to community resources to address life issues and minimize work disruptions

Human Resources Consultation

Our Network supports an employer collaborative for advancing workplace innovations and open hiring strategies

Financial Coaching

Resource Coordinators are trained financial coaches available to support employees' financial instability and provide opportunity for personal and career advancement

Supervisor/Manager Trainings

Workshops address impacts of resource scarcity and demonstrate how to support employees in an economically and culturally diverse workplace

Employee Workshops

Educational opportunities for employees include English language Learning, financial topics, community resources

Working Bridges merges human services and economic stability with a proven track record of employer investment.

Employee benefits:

Access to resources
Overcome challenges
Supports financial stability
Career advancement pathways

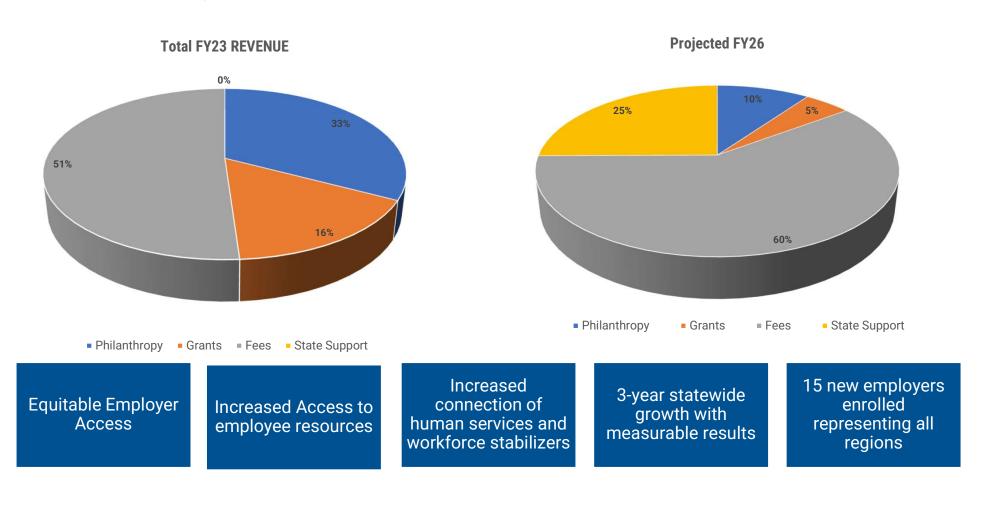
Community benefits:

Engages local employers
Creates innovative solutions
Identifies workforce issues
Addresses social systems gaps
Leverages community partners

Employer benefits:

Prevents turnover
Reduces absenteeism
Improves employee productivity
Increases HR capacity

A 25% state investment (\$255,026) will expand equitable statewide employer access to Working Bridges program



Current employer
partners served
represent Chittenden,
Franklin/Grand Isle,
Washington, Essex,
Caledonia, Orleans and
Orange Counties





















































