



STATE OF VERMONT

MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
From: Sen. Russ Ingalls, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
Date: March 12, 2026

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Subject: Comments on Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY2027 State Budget

The Senate Committee on Agriculture wants to thank you for the opportunity to offer our thoughts regarding the FY2027 budget. We also want to thank you for your hard work and honor the hard decisions you have to make.

First, we support the money in the Governor's Budget for Farm to School (\$500,000) and Early Childhood Grants Program (\$500,000)

In addition, we support the following requests for funding in the FY2027 budget:

1. \$500,000 for NOFA-VT Local Food Initiative that includes Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share
2. \$1,900,000 for the Vermont Food Bank
3. \$912,000 for Vermont Conservation Districts
4. \$1,500,000 for Working Lands
5. \$460,000 for Vermont Fairs (\$300,000 capital grants, \$160,000 stipend funds)
6. \$1,000,000 to fund S.60

The Committee thanks you for your hard work on the budget, and appreciate consideration of the requested funds.