



Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions

2017 Tiny Grant Information

Grant range: \$250 - \$600

Grant application due: April 14, 2017

Grant award announcement: May 5, 2017

Mailing address: AVCC, 89 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier VT 05602

Email address: vtconservation@gmail.com (AVCC Board)

AVCC Goals:

- To assist local committees/groups to become Conservation Commissions
- To increase the functioning capacity of existing Conservation Commissions, and
- To provide seed money and/or matching funds for specific projects in the broad categories of land conservation, education and outreach, stewardship and management, and planning.

Eligibility for funding: To be eligible for an AVCC Tiny Grant, groups *must be:*

- *Vermont Conservation Commissions or local committees/groups that are working towards becoming a Conservation Commission and are paid members of AVCC*

Other Stipulations: Groups must be a municipality or IRS certified 501(c)(3) public charity, or have fiscal sponsorship by a municipality or IRS certified 501(c)(3) public charity. Prior recipients of grants from AVCC must have completed those grants and closed them out. Grants cannot be used for general funds, dues or subscriptions.

Timetable: Applications must be submitted (or postmarked if sent by postal service) on or before **April 14, 2017**. Grantees will be notified of funding approval by **May 5, 2017**. Projects must be completed and a final report submitted **by May 5, 2018**. Extensions may be considered.

Evaluation Criteria for Grant Funding:

- Demonstrated need
- Evidence of matching funds and/or in-kind services
- Closely aligns with grant goals
- Project readiness
- Local support and volunteer involvement

Payment Process: The funds awarded under this grant will be available approximately a month after the awards are announced. Checks will be issued by the Vermont Community Foundation.

Grant Closeout: Grantees will be required to submit online a Conservation Success Story using the AVCC website (<http://vtconservation.com/success/node/add/avcc-story>), presenting evidence of grant completion with photographs, and text detailing outcomes and challenges.

Acknowledgement: If awarded, grantees should credit AVCC in any publicity.



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Applicant

Contact Person:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

Fiscal Sponsor, if any (legal name):

Fiscal Sponsor contact information:

Reminder: Only AVCC members whose membership dues are current are eligible.

To check your status, please email AVCC Treasurer Melissa Gaydos at: GaydosM@nwf.org

On a separate document, please provide the following information:

1. Brief description of the project (300 words max)
2. Total budget for this project
3. Amount of grant money requested (min. \$250 – max. \$600)
4. Other funds, if any, for this project
5. If yes, list the source(s) and amounts of other funds and/or in-kind contributions
6. Explain how these funds will make a difference to the success of your project (600 words max)
7. Explain how you will measure the success of your project (300 words max)

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