

VERMONT FARM & FOREST VIABILITY PROGRAM

2025 IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

OVERVIEW

VHCB has approximately \$100,000 available for the 2025 round of Implementation Grants. Awards of up to \$8,000 will be available to 2024-2025 participants of the VHCB Farm & Forest Viability Program to implement goals outlined in the business or transfer plan.

TIMELINE

- Application Open March 7, 2025
- Informational Sessions:
 - [Friday, March 21 12:30pm-2:00pm](#)
 - [Friday, April 11 10:00am-11:30am](#)
- Application Due: May 2, 2025
- Awards Announced: June 2025
- Project Compliance Date: November 2026

ELIGIBILITY & AWARD CONDITIONS

- Current year 1 and year 2 business and transfer planning clients with completed plans are eligible to apply
 - Year 2 clients who received 2024 awards are not eligible
- Funds are only available on a reimbursement basis upon submission of project invoices/receipts

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Online application form & project budget
 - Applicants are encouraged to copy information from business/transfer plan directly into application narrative
- Completed business/transfer plan
- Financials: full year balance sheet, income statement, & cash flow projections
- Encouraged, but not required: project quotes, letters of support (not from Viability Program advisors), photos

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Projects that are linked to the submitted business/transfer plan
- Projects that will improve economic viability and quality of life
- Projects that impact on at least one VHCB focus area:
 - Increased or improved production of Vermont products; OR
 - Extreme weather resilience & climate adaptation
- Applications that demonstrate thorough project planning

QUESTIONS?

Be in touch with Betsy McGavisk, Betsy@VHCB.org or 802-828-5562. More information can be found on our website: <https://vhcb.org/ImplementationGrant>