

Town of East Montpelier FY2026 Funding Requests

Each year the Town of East Montpelier receives requests for funds from many different organizations. The Selectboard appoints a committee to review the requests and to recommend which should appear on the Town Meeting Warning for action. The committee requires certain information to make sound decisions for each request. In order for your organization to be considered for funding, it is mandatory that you complete this information form. Submit the form and supplementary information to:

Funding Request Study Committee
Town of East Montpelier
P.O. Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651-0157 (submit by mail)
manager@eastmontpeliervt.org (submit by email)

on or before **Friday, October 11, 2024**. Incomplete forms and/or requests received after this date will be disqualified for funding. The Committee reserves the right to require any requesting organization to defend its request in person at the Committee's annual meeting normally held in early November. An organization applying for the first time or requesting a substantial increase in funding should expect an invitation to attend the annual meeting.

If your organization operates two or more programs with separate budgets or funding sources, please fill out one form for each program. All information should be given for your latest complete fiscal year (12 months). Approved requests will be acknowledged in the fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024) budget for the Town of East Montpelier. Please feel free to submit any other information you feel would be helpful to the committee in making their decision.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Devine, Town Administrator, at (802) 223-3313 x 204 or manager@eastmontpeliervt.org.

STANDARD INFORMATION

Organization Name: Vermont Center for Independent Living

Address: 11 E. State Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

Fiscal Year Reported: FY22(10/1/23-9/30/24)

Program Description: Please see attached "Summary Report"

Name of Person filling out this form: Linda Meleady (resident of E. Montpelier)

Name of Person to contact with questions: Linda Meleady

Phone Number: 224-1819 E-mail: lindas@vcil.org

Amount of Funding Request: \$400.00

SERVICE INFORMATION

What is your organization's service area? State? Washington County? or Other? Statewide

What is the total number of individuals served by your organization in your prior Fiscal Year? ~1,800 individuals

How many people in East Montpelier were served by your organization in the same period? 2

What type of service(s) does your organization provide to East Montpelier residents? In FY'24 residents utilized our Information, Referral and Assistance Service Specialist.

Approximately how many staff hours are dedicated to provide the services your organization offered East Montpelier residents during this time period? ~5.00 hours

What services does your organization provide that are not available elsewhere? The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a private non-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability (which means we work with anyone who has a disability, regardless of type) Center for Independent Living and the first in state organization directed and staffed (over 90% of our staff and board) by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

What makes VCIL's services unique is the care the organization takes in finding out the goals and aspirations of the individuals we work with and supporting those individuals through teaching self-advocacy skills. All of our peer advocate counselors (PACs) have disabilities so the peer to peer work is very unique. When a peer meets with our PAC's they see someone who has been through many of the same things they are facing and have come out the other side successfully. Some of the services we provide are only provided by our organization.

What (if any) organizations provide similar services? In some situations there are similar services provided by other organizations, so we take great care in relationship building and connecting to other community programs to ensure that services are not duplicated and work in partnership so that dollars given to support the work are used efficiently and effectively.

If applicable, how does your organization collaborate with organizations providing similar services? VCIL works hard to develop partnerships and collaboration opportunities to ensure that people with disabilities are served in the best possible way and in the most financially effective way. We work in partnership with many service organizations and offer technical assistance to local businesses. We look to seek out organizations that are doing similar work to make sure we are not duplicating services, but rather supporting and ensuring these services are enhanced through partnership. Our unique contributions are the specific programs we offer and the fact that almost all of our staff have disabilities and can offer services based on their lived experience

In what way are the services your organization provides, preventative in nature? Most of our direct services assist people with disabilities to maintain Independent Living therefore reducing the need for hospitalization, institutionalization and reduction of admission to nursing homes. VCIL provides home access modifications to those who have physical disabilities and need a ramp or bathroom access (allowing them to stay in

their homes), Meals on Wheels to people with disabilities under the age of 60 who cannot prepare their own meal (the Council on Aging provides meals over the age of 60), assistive technology grants and farm assessments. VCIL also provides Deaf, Deaf-Blind or hard of hearing residents with telecommunications equipment to enable them to communicate by telephone through our VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP).

These programs and services all make a difference in individual lives and allow individuals with disabilities to achieve personal goals of living in their own home, raising children, going to community outings, employment and volunteerism.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How did your organization determine the amount of the funding request? Please explain in detail your reasoning for any increase or decrease (use attached sheet if necessary). We look at how much time and or money are spent in each town, the number of peers served and the size of the town to make a determination. Most of the appropriations VCIL receives from cities and towns have been level funded for as many as 30 years due to the petition requirements when requesting an increase.

If approved by the town, how will your organization use the funds? VCIL will use the funding for our Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC) and for Information, Referral and Assistance (IR&A). These programs are at the heart of VCIL’s work and allow residents to access information about disability-related laws, services and programs. The PAC program provides residents one-on-one support when overcoming barriers they are experiencing because of disability. We work with residents to develop an Independent Living Plan and set goals. We then work one on one in helping residents achieve those goals. Our peer counselors **all** have disabilities themselves and understand through personal experience and training how to overcome obstacles that people with disabilities often face, especially when seeking housing, employment and transportation services.

Do any of your grant sources require local financial commitment? Explain. No, we no longer require peers in our Home Access Program to obtain local funding to meet the requirements of said grant as requirements have been changed.

Is your organization approved by the IRS as tax-exempt? Yes

If yes, indicate your approval type: 501c3: X other: _____

FY’25

INCOME SOURCES	% OF INCOME	TOTAL INCOME
Federal	54.5	1,737,797
State	42.5	1,356,771
Cities & Towns	1.7	55,000
Fundraising	1.09	35,000
Other Income	.16	5000
TOTAL	100	3,189,568

*FY'24 Budget to Actual – August Preliminary

Vermont Center for Independent Living			11/12=.92	
FY24 budget vs actual				
		FY 24 Budget Rev #3	FY24 Actual August	
Federal Grants				
	704 North Balance prior yr	128,576	128,576	1.000
	704 North	762,927	463,886	0.608
	704 South	332,070	304,993	0.918
	SILC grant	170,000	142,726	0.840
	NIDILRR	16,000	14,663	0.916
	ACL Public Health N	95,895	52,130	0.544
	ACL Public Health S	82,069	73,850	0.900
	US Aging Vaccine grant	867,454	783,057	0.903
State Grants				
	VHCB	745,000	857,402	1.151
	Meals on Wheels	499,521	381,065	0.763
Other Grants				
	MFP	84,747	10,993	0.130
	EDP grant	75,000	17,043	0.227
	VR Youth	100,000	91,663	0.917
	P2P	-	729	0.000
	MOW Assistance	-	150	0.000
Misc Income				
	Cities & Towns	62,000	33,664	0.543
	Donations - Unrestricted	30,000	33,905	1.130
	Program/Rest Donations	-	400	0.000
	Inkind Donation	-	-	0.000
	Independent Sponsorship	-	-	0.000
	Special Event		16,500	0.000
	Other Income	7,748	3,069	0.396
	Total Income	4,059,007	3,410,464	0.840
		FY24 Budget Rev#3	FY24 Actual August	
Specific Assistance				
	VHCB	605,524	702,256	1.160
	Meals on Wheels	389,879	280,559	0.720
	MFP	75,000	8,978	0.000
	SILC Grant	55,000	35,878	0.652
	swff equip pd by donations		6,240	0.000

EDP equipment	36,000	11,230	0.312
Seed Swap		1,580	0.000
MOW Assistance		150	0.000
Total Specific Assistance	1,161,403	1,046,871	0.901
Salaries & Fringe			
Salaries	1,048,311	905,377	0.864
Fringe Benefits	333,491	281,825	0.845
Total Salaries & Fringe	1,381,802	1,187,202	0.859
Operating Expenses			
Professional Services	1,087,150	853,915	0.785
board expenses	3,000	-	0.000
Reasonable Accomodations	31,000	21,146	0.682
Occupancy	89,905	79,735	0.887
Travel - mileage	11,400	9,786	0.858
Printing & Publication	400	1,519	3.798
Telecommunications	25,684	25,242	0.983
Supplies	40,150	30,345	0.756
General Insurance	24,135	23,210	0.962
Postage	10,800	5,664	0.524
Equip Lease, Repair & Maint	18,000	8,738	0.485
Advertising & Outreach	22,500	26,375	1.172
Dues & Subscriptions	8,500	5,782	0.680
Training/conferences/travel	15,000	7,241	0.483
Depreciation Expense	22,500	9,631	0.428
Peer Skills Trainings	1,000	-	0.000
Reserve/Special Projects	104,677	-	0.000
Flooding		6,473	0.000
Miscellaneous	-	-	0.000
Special Event	-	25,763	0.000
Total Operating Expenses	1,515,801	1,140,565	0.752
Total Expenses	4,059,006	3,374,638	0.831
Net Operating Income	-	35,826	
Investment Income		49,316	
Net Income		85,142	
Operating:			
MOW	(10,694)		
Donations & Approp	46,525		
YT	22,610		
Workshops/Lobbying	(173)		

NIDRR	519			
Flood	(9,256)			
Restricted	(12,205)			
MFP	(787)			
Seed Swap	(713)			
	35,826			

Number of full-time paid staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours): 22.60

Number of full-time volunteer staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours): 0