

## NEW ENGLAND GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENT FUND

### FUNDRAISING RESOURCES ON THE WEB

#### FOR VERMONT ENERGY GROUPS

**New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF)** – [www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org): A unique funder/activist collaboration, NEGEF offers small grants (up to \$2,500) to New England activists working on a variety of environmental initiatives in their communities. Applicants can be all-volunteer ad hoc groups who are not eligible for funds from larger foundations, as well as incorporated organizations with less than two full-time staff. NEGEF also provides training and technical assistance to its grantees. The website has links to other funding opportunities and training resources in New England.

**Ben and Jerry's Foundation** – [www.benandjerrys.com/foundation](http://www.benandjerrys.com/foundation): Grants to no-for-profit grassroots organizations throughout the United States which facilitate social change by addressing the underlying conditions of social and environmental problems.

**Chronicle for Philanthropy** – [www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com): The “newspaper of the nonprofit world” provides news and information related to fundraising, including grants information, job listings, and more. Much of the site is restricted to subscribers, but many articles are free of charge.

#### **(Vermont) Clean Energy Development Fund**

[http://publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/ee\\_cleanenergyfund.html](http://publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/ee_cleanenergyfund.html) Offers funds for committees can tap into to study and/or advance renewable energy projects (i.e. Not efficiency efforts).

**Environmental Support Center (ESC)** – [www.envsc.org](http://www.envsc.org): Provides training and organizational assistance grants for capacity building. Also has a Leadership and Enhanced Assistance Program (LEAP) that provides larger funds for long-term assistance with organizational development.

**The Foundation Center** – [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org): An independent organization that provides information on foundation and corporate giving. Publishes a comprehensive Foundation Directory, available at many public libraries and/or state government libraries.

**Guidestar** – [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org): The self-proclaimed “donor’s guide to the charitable universe”, this site provides a searchable database of more than 700,000 U. S. nonprofit organizations, including foundations, and serves as a gateway to online fundraising resources. While there is a membership fee for some services you can look at

foundations 990 Form that lists recipients and amounts of grants in the latest tax year for no charge.

**Haymarket People's Fund** – [www.haymarket.org](http://www.haymarket.org): An activist-controlled foundation committed to radical social change, Haymarket supports incorporated and unincorporated organizations throughout New England that organize or provide resources for organizing around a wide spectrum of issues, and who reflect in their action as well as their vision the principles Haymarket upholds. Groups must engage in grassroots organizing or provide resources for grassroots organizing efforts.

**Vermont Municipal Planning Grants** <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/MPG.htm>  
Administered by the VT Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Municipalities with an approved Municipal Plan (approved by the regional Planning Commission in accordance with Act 200) are eligible to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) of up to \$15,000 to fund a variety of planning initiatives including a community survey, research and data collection associated with preparing the energy plan (e.g., energy audits of public buildings), or for public outreach.

**Non-Profit Online News** – [www.news.gilbert.org](http://www.news.gilbert.org): Provides comprehensive news about fundraising and more issues affecting the non-profit community. Part of the Gilbert Center, a non-profit resource center in Seattle, that also operates an on-line fundraising mailing list.

**Norcross Wildlife Foundation** – [www.norcross.org](http://www.norcross.org): Focusing on small grants organizations with limited staff and ability to raise funds. Technology focused grant support.

**Patagonia** - [www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro\\_grants](http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants): Funding action oriented work that focuses on root causes including radical and strategic steps to protect habit, wilderness and biodiversity.

**Resist, Inc.** – [www.resistinc.org](http://www.resistinc.org): Funds activist organizing and education work within movements for social change. Also provides grassroots organizations with technical assistance and information about other funding sources.

**TechSoup** – [www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org): Sells hardware and software to nonprofit organizations at no cost and/or very low prices. Software includes fundraising programs, as well as website development, database management, desktop publishing, etc.

**Vermont Community Foundation** – [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org) Community foundations have a number of grant programs, some unrestricted and many of them donor-advised, for groups within the state.