

THE J. WARREN & LOIS MCCLURE FOUNDATION

Promoting access to postsecondary and career education for Vermonters

McClure Foundation Awards \$474,000 in 2018-19 Grants

The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation has announced \$474,000 in grants for the 2018-19 school year to programs that improve equitable access to the postsecondary and career education that lead to Vermont's most promising jobs. A supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation, the McClure Foundation envisions a Vermont where no promising job goes unfilled for lack of a qualified applicant.

The McClure Foundation's primary interest is in funding projects with statewide impact that are aligned with multi-sector postsecondary attainment or workforce development efforts. For the 2018-19 school year, McClure Foundation funding prioritized projects that accomplish one or more of the following: identify and/or eliminate barriers to postsecondary access and success for low-income and first-generation youth and adults; strengthen the pathways between education and employment; and change the narrative to ensure public recognition of postsecondary education and college and career readiness as a shared value.

The letter of interest for the next round of McClure Foundation funding will be available in January 2019. To be notified of its release, follow @mcclurevtfdn on Twitter.

GRANTS AWARDED FOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

70x2025VT received **\$50,000** to execute a communications and public affairs campaign to broaden the understanding of the importance of postsecondary education and college and career readiness, particularly among decision makers, prospective students, and parents.

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) received **\$30,000** to support a five-year pilot of a new model for regional career education and awareness wherein BDCC will hire a career education professional who will work in all four Windham County high schools to offer integrated career advising.

Careers CLiC received **\$25,000** to support a high-quality statewide work-based learning system that connects schools with employers to ensure Vermont youth are career-ready and have meaningful opportunities to explore career pathways.

Community College of Vermont received four separate grants including **\$25,000** to continue support for ReSET VT: a prison-to-career pathway program at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport; **\$45,000** in continued support for academic and career services for veterans, military-connected students, and their dependent children; **\$60,000** to support the development of occupational credentialing programs serving Vermonters who need targeted skills and credentials to move ahead in their careers; and **\$90,000** to build CCV's capacity to support Vermont middle and high school students in their planning for postsecondary education and training.

The DREAM Program received **\$15,000** to support a multi-year expansion effort to reach more children in Bennington with their mentoring program.

Governor's Institutes of Vermont received **\$6,000** to support scholarships that improve the access of young Vermonters in low-income families to the Institutes' in-depth, hands-on programming that offers students pathways from curiosity into careers.

Johnson State College received **\$15,000** in continued support for the Northern Vermont University Summer Bridge Programs which ease the transition to college life and enhance the academic preparation, motivation, and retention of Johnson and Lyndon low-income, first-generation, and disabled students.

Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District received **\$10,000** to develop and implement an integrated employment training model incorporating academic, career, transferable, and technical skills learning opportunities for disengaged youth in Addison County.

Spectrum Youth & Family Services received **\$25,000** to support their Youth Development Program which helps youth ages 14-22 who are in and aging out of foster care to set goals, build life skills, and maintain stability through case management, referrals, and financial assistance for housing, education, employment, and other critical concerns.

Vermont Afterschool received **\$30,000** to continue to address gaps in access to meaningful expanded learning and work-based learning opportunities in rural Vermont by training high school students to teach STEM content to younger students in afterschool and summer learning programs.

VTDigger.org received **\$10,000** to continue to support in-depth reporting on public education in Vermont.

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation received **\$20,000** to provide information and counseling to low-income, first-generation Franklin County students and their families with the goal of increasing participation in dual enrollment, early college, and adult technical programs.

Vermont Technical College received **\$5,500** to provide scholarships for programs that engage and mentor middle and high school boys and girls in STEM disciplines and encourage them to continue with math and science into high school and college.

Vermont Works for Women received **\$12,500** to continue support for the Women Can Do Conference at Vermont Technical College which ignites high school girls' curiosity about STEM and trades careers through hands-on activities and learning.

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The McClure Foundation promotes equitable access to college and career education for all Vermonters and has granted out more than \$3 million since 2008 in support of that goal. Through grants and convenings, the foundation continues the family tradition of project-oriented, collaborative philanthropy practiced by its founders, J. Warren and Lois McClure. To learn more about the foundation, which is a supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation, visit mcclurevt.org.