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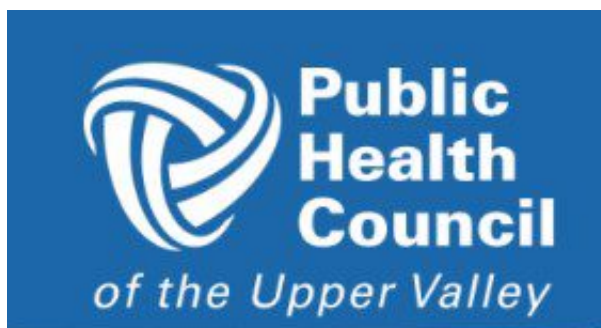
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VT CHEP DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

**Burlington District
Community Project:
Winooski Partnership for Prevention**



Since being awarded the VT CHEP grant, the Winooski Partnership for Prevention has held five community dinners, all of which have been filled to capacity. We've been able to work with new chefs, provide free meals for our community, and engage with dinner attendees, chefs, and other stakeholders in conversations about substance use disorders and how to prevent them. Our community visibility has significantly increased over the last few months and having consistent funding to enhance and expand the Community Dinners has been a key way to continue to invest in community trust. At a recent dinner, we were able to partner with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and their consultants to gather input from dinner attendees about potential improvements to make Winooski more walkable and bikeable.



White River Junction District

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted that in the White River Junction (WRJ) VT Department of Health District, there was a lack of existing partnerships between state and public health officials and organizations representing historically marginalized groups. This lack of partnerships limited the ability of public health officials to provide resources and information about COVID-19 vaccines and beyond to historically marginalized groups. Additionally, it hindered the understanding and access to information on how the pandemic was impacting these groups in WRJ. The combination of these things sparked the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley's collaboration with the Vermont Community Health Partnership (VT CHEP).

In collaboration with the VT CHEP grant, WRJ is focusing efforts on addressing the issues faced by BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community members. These communities, in particular, have expressed the need for mental health resources, a feeling of belonging, and overall community support. In addition to the expressed need, health equity projects for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities have come in the form of celebrations and community connections. Alice Ely, the Executive Director for the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley, and Zoraya Hightower, the Upper Valley Equity Facilitator, and the VT CHEP Integrator, have seen that work with the VT CHEP grant encourages a cultural shift in WRJ. In continuing health equity efforts within the community, the group(s) hope there is a lot more space for people to take up, organize and build community, leading to a shift in power for historically marginalized groups.

Alice and Zoraya hope that the work of this partnership continues by having an organized group of people that are a source of leadership and champion health equity moving forward for the WRJ District. They are also aiming to establish a broader and deeper networks of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people that is strongly connected to the public health community.



Morrisville District
Lamoille County

Lamoille County has a population of 26,126, of which approximately 96% or 25,080 are white and 8%, or 2,090, are living below the poverty line.(1) The poverty line being an income less than \$12,880 for one-person households, \$17,420 for two-person households, and an additional \$4,540 per added family member.(2) Due to the homogenous make-up of the county and its rural location, health inequities, and disparities persist among the county's most historically marginalized residents, such as the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities.

According to Greg Stefanski, Director of Lamoille Health Collaborative and Integrator Staff for the Vermont Community Health Equity Partnership (VT CHEP) grant, and Aaron French the Morrisville District Director, being in a rural community, inequities can be overlooked given the lack of advocacy groups. The VT CHEP collaborative approach is enabling the county to simultaneously discover and address these inequities. Greg and Aaron work with their local community partners and collaborate with BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, First Nation populations, socio-economically disadvantaged individuals, and youth in schools. This work takes shape in a variety of ways, from funding Abenaki education provided by Abenaki community members, and LGBTQIA+ community education by the Lamoille Restorative Center, to increasing public shower access by the Lamoille County United Way.

In the next few months, the goal of this community partnership, with the VT CHEP grant, is to support and successfully launch all ten community projects. Greg, Aaron, and the local collaborative are working hard to ensure the impacts of their community partnership projects are sustainable after the grant cycle and that equity remains the focus and foundation of the work in their community.

1. U.S. Census Bureau quickfacts: Lamoille County, Vermont.

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/lamoillecountyvermont>. Published July 2021. Accessed March 30, 2023.

2. Federal Poverty Level (FPL) - glossary. Federal Poverty Level (FPL) - Glossary | HealthCare.gov.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/federal-poverty-level-fpl/>. Published 2021. Accessed February 17, 2023.

The White River Junction and Morrisville Highlights were written by VtPHI intern, Zyakkiriah, currently enrolled in the Masters of Public Health program at UVM, in collaboration with our District partners.

**Learn More About ALL of the VT CHEP Funded
Community Projects**

VT CHEP ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Virtual Workshops!

The audience intended for this workshop is all VT CHEP partners statewide.

Workshop

Facilitating Online Meetings: Foundational Tips & Activities

Wichie Artu,
Vital Partnerships

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 4-5:30pm
Thursday, May 18, 2023 | 4-5:30pm

Open to all VT CHEP partners statewide

This workshop aims to teach four themes to use when facilitating online meetings: Connection v Content; Variety; Rituals; and Time.

This workshop is meant to be interactive, with these themes implemented throughout the discussion - instilling "lived experience" through activities and presentations.

[Register for May 16th or May 18th Here!](#)

Workshop

Building Equitable & Sustainable Coalitions

LJ Wallace and Kelly Danckert,
Health Resources in Action (HRIA)

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9-10:30am & 4-5:30pm

Open to all VT CHEP partners statewide

This workshop will provide an overview of what it means to build an equitable and sustainable coalition where community members have an active voice and sustained engagement. A common question many coalitions have is, how can we engage members and give them ownership of tasks without burning them out? This workshop will discuss this challenge and provide possible solutions to engaging community authentically and equitably, but in a sustainable way.

[Register for May 25th Here!](#)

Workshop

Abenaki Cultural Competency

Chief Joanne Crawford

Wednesday, June 7 | 1-2:30pm

Open to all VT CHEP partners statewide

Join Chief Joanne Crawford in this presentation where we will discuss the wellness challenges of the Abenaki people and what steps can be taken to help provide culturally sensitive care, resources and programming.

[Register for June 7th Here!](#)

Workshop

Participatory Grant Making: Centering HE with Grassroots Fund

Sarah Huang and Bart Westdijk,
The Grassroots Fund

Thursday, June 22, 2023
9-10:30am & 4:30-6pm

Open to all VT CHEP partners statewide

Join Sarah Huang and Bart Westdijk from the Grassroots Fund to learn about how to center equity when involved in grant making for our communities.

[Register for June 22nd Here!](#)

Workshop Series

Writing Compelling Grant Proposals:

A peer-to-peer learning cohort

with John Killacky

Tuesday, July 11: 10am - 12pm

Tuesday, July 18: 10am - 12pm

Tuesday, July 25: 10am - 12pm

In addition to the 3-part workshop series for the month of July, John will offer registrants one-on-one support sessions from 10am - 12pm on Thursdays, July 13, 20, 27. The link to register for these sessions will be shared once registration is finalized.

Open to VT CHEP partners statewide.

Registration is limited and closes on Friday, June 16.

[Register for July Series Here!](#)

All Webinar Materials

[Find Instructions Here](#)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Northeast Kingdom Fund

The Northeast Kingdom Fund is a permanent philanthropic resource that makes annual grant awards to support the people and communities of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties.

The Northeast Kingdom Fund is interested in supporting opportunities in which a modest grant can leverage a new idea or other grant dollars, or make possible a project or idea that will benefit the people and communities in the Northeast Kingdom. In general, the fund is not able to support capital campaigns, normal operating expenses, or deficit funding. Applicants must demonstrate that the beneficiaries of a grant from the Northeast Kingdom Fund will be the people and communities of the Northeast Kingdom.

The Northeast Kingdom Fund review committee, made up of residents from the Kingdom, will make funding recommendations to the Foundation.

**Applications will be accepted between June 6 - July 18, 2023.
Applications must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.**

Grants up to \$5,000

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Addison County, Brandon, and Statewide Funding Available through the Walter Cerf Community Fund

The Walter Cerf Community Fund makes grants to address charitable needs in the state of Vermont. Priority interests are the arts, education, historic preservation, and social services. Organizations are invited to request program/project support or general operating support.

Grants are made to organizations that either have a statewide constituency and make a unique contribution to Vermont, or are located in Addison County or Brandon. Approximately 70% of funds available will be awarded to programs and projects in the Addison County/Brandon area; the remaining 30% of available funds will support statewide programs and projects.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Grants \$500 - \$5,000; Large up to \$25,000 (Organizations must be serving Addison County or Brandon to be eligible to apply for the large grant.)

[Learn More and Apply](#)

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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Grant Inspection Checklist: Assessing Your Application Readiness for Federal Funding

Join APHA and [Dale Asis](#), finance director of Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, for a free webinar on how smaller, community-based organizations can assess if they are ready to apply for a federal grant opportunity.

Attendees will receive a 50-point checklist for assessing application readiness and information on best practices for fielding other funding opportunities.

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 2 - 3pm

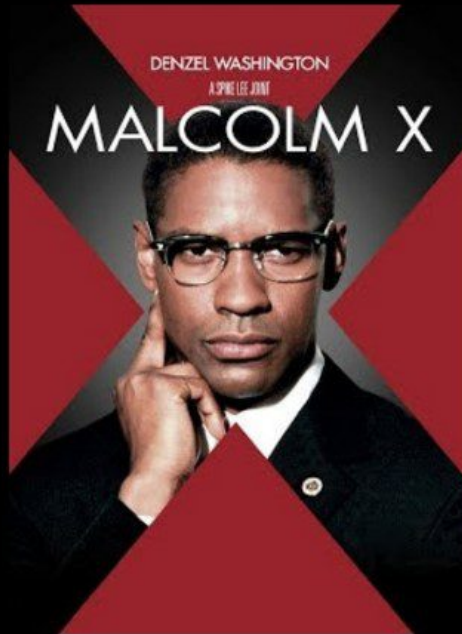
FREE

[Learn More Here](#)

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL FILM SERIES

Take a seat at our film screenings of engaging films by Black directors. Curated by Rajnii Eddins.



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Movies held in the Fletcher Room



Preservation Trust of Vermont

Preservation Trust Workshop Retreats

Churches & Sacred Places, June 13-14, 2023

Churches, synagogues, and sacred places play a critical role in the health and wellness of our communities. They often act as overflow shelters for our most vulnerable citizens or as community gathering places for cultural performances or events. At the same time, these buildings can be challenging to maintain. Partners in Sacred Places, a non-denominational nonprofit organization, will join us to explore potential partnerships for existing churches and new uses for underutilized church buildings.

Registration Deadline is May 29th at 5 pm.

Community Revitalization through Nonprofit Ownership, July 11-12, 2023

Is your community struggling with how to activate vacant or underutilized spaces? Are you exploring how to attract or retain small businesses in your downtown? Is there a building in your community in need of redevelopment? This retreat is for municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and community supported enterprises that are working on or exploring a building rehabilitation project or a project that strengthens community.

Registration Deadline is June 26th at 5 pm.

Fundraising and Project Management, September 13-14, 2023

What techniques do community projects use to successfully fundraise while enhancing the use of their historic buildings? Christine Graham of CPG Fundraising will be on hand to provide training in the areas of capital campaigns and annual giving. We will also explore how to manage a rehabilitation project, work with grantors, contractors, and the community to assure success.

Registration Deadline is August 29th at 5 pm.

[Learn More Here](#)



Taking Up Space: The Roots and Implications of Sizeism

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Live Webinar

[Learn More and Register](#)

Positionality in Public Health Research and Practice

Tuesday, May 23, 12:00pm

Webinar

In partnership with the NE Public Health Training Center.

[Learn More and Register](#)



Re-engaging Volunteers:

Tips for Successful Summer

Transforming Disruption to Impact

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
9:30am - 11:30 am

Live Webinar

Learn More and Register



VT Council on Rural Development Legislative Roundup!

This workshop will share key highlights from the 2023 session and how your community can connect to potential opportunities that may emerge in the year ahead.

Internships

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 1pm - 2:00pm

Learn More and Register



Community Health Workers and the VT Dept of Health - Oral Health: An Important Component of Overall Health and Well Being

Thursday, May 18th 2023
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 10am

In partnership with the NE Public Health Training Center. In order to register you need to create an account first.

Learn More and Register

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**Webinar on Community Led
Multisector Partnerships as
Engines for Equity-Focused Health
System Transformation**

**Storytelling for Radical
Change: Tell Me Why - The
Power of Story**

Friday, May 19th, 2pm

Wednesday, May 31st, 3:00 - 4:30pm

Webinar

Learn More and Register

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**Rewriting the Rules of
Volunteer Engagement:
Rethinking Recruitment,
Retention and Recognition**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 9am -
12:00pm**

Live Webinar

[Learn More and Register](#)



Succession Planning

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 3pm -
4pm**

Live Webinar

[Learn More and Register](#)



**Anti-Fatness and Public
Health**



**Margins and Muster:
Intersectionality, Power, and**

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 12pm

Webinar

*In Partnership with the NE Public
Health Training Center*

[Learn More and Register](#)



The Poetry Experience

**Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1pm -
3pm**

Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, VT

[Download PDF](#)

Radical Solidarity

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 10:30am -
12:30pm**

Webinar

[Learn More and Register](#)



Advancing Equity in Collective Impact

May 31st - June 1st, 2023

Course

[Learn More and Register](#)

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Learning



COLLECTIVE
IMPACT FORUM

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Introduction to Project Budgets

Come learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence.

Wed, May 17th, 2023, 3 - 4pm

[Learn More and Register](#)

Racial Equity Toolkit

The RacialEquity Toolkit is designed to support backbone staff and partners to operationalize racial equity throughout their collective impact work.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

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