**Grant Resources**

* + [**VAAFM - VT COVID-19 Agricultural Assistance Program (VCAAP) Grants:**](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program)
    - [**VCAAP Agriculture & Working Lands Grants**](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/agriculture-and-working-lands)
      * ***Deadline: Oct. 1, 2020 @ 8AM***
      * [*Eligibility Flowchart*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/document/agriculture-working-lands-eligibility-flowchart)
      * [*Application Guide*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/documents/VCAAP%20AGWL%20Application%20Guide.pdf)
      * [*Webinar*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/agriculture-and-working-lands#Webinar%20Information)
      * [*Frequently Asked Questions*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program-faq)
      * *Application PDF (attached for service provider reference)*
      * *Grants are first come, first served*
    - [**VCAAP Dairy Assistance Grants**](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/vermont-covid-19-agriculture)**for producers & processors**
      * ***Deadline: Oct. 1, 2020 @ 8AM***
      * [*Application Guide*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/documents/VCAAP%20Dairy%20Application%20Guide.pdf)
      * [*Application Tip Session Recordings*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information/vermont-covid-19-agriculture-assistance-program/vermont-covid-19-agriculture)
      * [*Webinar for applicants*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=h_tnHpef8wE&feature=emb_title)
      * [*Frequently Asked Questions*](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/document/faq-covid-19-dairy-application-summary-sheet)
    - [*Sign up for the Agency's weekly newsletter*](https://tinyurl.com/s8t3qu2)*to receive updates*
  + [**USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Direct Payments**](https://www.farmers.gov/cfap)
    - **Deadline: Sept. 11, 2020**
    - [New commodities eligible](https://vhcb.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f48b242c48fd4d02d8a50aaa4&id=0b8803428b&e=46fc2f2175) for payment, including maple (sap & syrup)
    - Producers must work with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to apply
  + [**Vermont Family Farmer of the Month Award**](https://www.vermontfamilyfarmeraward.org/)
    - **Deadline: Sept 11** for Nov through April awards
    - Each month, this fund makes a financial award of $10-12k to a Vermont family farmer for a project that will improve the viability of the farm.
    - Awards recognize farmers whose businesses are contributing to a resilient Vermont agricultural landscape and demonstrate environmental stewardship and innovation.
  + [**Vermont Land Trust Eric Rozendaal Memorial Award**](https://vlt.org/award-application-info)
    - **Deadline extended to Sept 18**
    - The 2020 award is focused on farmers, including farm workers, who exemplify Eric Rozendaal’s values of giving back and entrepreneurism, specifically related to the pandemic and issues of racial injustice in Vermont.
  + [**Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) Micro-Grants for Market Development & Sales Innovation**](https://hardwickagriculture.org/about/news/cae-announces-covid-19-response-micro-grants-farmers-market-development-sales-innovation)
    - Applications accepted on a rolling basis from farms **statewide**!
  + [**Vermont Land Trust COVID-19 Farm Relief & Recovery Grants**](https://vlt.org/grants)
    - Applications for dairy and non-dairy farms on VLT conserved land; accepted on a rolling basis.
  + [**VHCB Water Quality Grants**](https://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/vermont-farm-forest-viability-program/grants/water-quality-grants)
    - Save the dates for upcoming grant rounds: **Applications due** **Dec. 4, 2020 & March 12, 2021**. Application will be available in the coming weeks.

**Other Resources:**

* [**Vermont Everyone Eats Program**](https://www.sevca.org/vt-everyone-eats)
  + A new program launched to feed Vermonters experiencing food insecurity by supporting restaurants to provide nutritious meals using ingredients from local producers.
  + Participating restaurants will be paid $10/meal and at least 10% of the ingredients for each meal must be sourced from local farms and value-added food producers.
  + Map of participating food provision hubs [here](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a1bec4367ea24df5a080d60a01be7da8). More info about participating [here](https://www.sevca.org/vt-everyone-eats).
* [**Vermont Wood Products COVID-Recovery Project**](https://vermontwood.com/vermont-wood-products-covid-recovery-project)
  + Assistance for VT woodworking companies navigating COVID-19 and associated business disruptions. For a limited time *(September - December 2020)*, business and technical assistance will be offered free of charge to a limited number of Vermont wood products businesses.
* [**Vermont State Assistance Resources**](https://vhcb.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f48b242c48fd4d02d8a50aaa4&id=1b2bdb3bcf&e=46fc2f2175)
* A variety of resources such as rental and mortgage assistance, utility bill payment assistance, broadband access, food assistance, and health & well-being resources available to Vermonters.
* [**Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC)**](https://www.vtsbdc.org/)
  + [Latest updates on disaster relief assistance](https://www.vtsbdc.org/covid-19-lending/) available to small businesses
  + Highlights from VtSBDC:
    - *Things that are still open for you to consider:*
      * *The EIDL from the SBA.*
      * *The State Relief Grants are still open…so if you have at least a 50% loss for one month in the designated period this is still a viable option for you.*
    - *The Enhanced grants from the ACCD and VT Tax Dept. if you had previously received $50,000.*
    - *The $30 gift card program #BuyLocalVermont is now open for business owners to register their businesses.*
    - *We have not changed our advice on holding off on The PPP Forgiveness Application process.*
    - *Governor Scott has sent a second proposal for funding for small businesses to the Legislature. As with his past proposal the Legislature will now hold hearings and make their determination of what the final offerings to businesses will be. We will be in communication as programs are finalized.*
    - *There are additional things to note…so please read all of the yellow highlighted sections in the 1301 Guidance that apply to your circumstance.*
* [**National Farm Safety & Health Week (Sept  20-26, 2020)**](https://www.necasag.org/nationalfarmsafetyandhealthweek/#:~:text=The%20theme%20for%20National%20Farm,and%20fuel%20that%20we%20need.)
  + Tuesday, 9/22 Webinar on [Mental Health Innovations in Ag Communities](https://www.agrisafe.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=166&Itemid=1&year=2020&month=09&day=22&title=webinar-mental-health-innovations-in-agricultural-communities&uid=48c9e51e220bba0065d84f6e2d90514b)