

Homeland Security Nonprofit Security Grant Opportunity

The State of Vermont, Vermont Department of Public Safety - Homeland Security Unit is pleased to announce the application period for grant funding is now open for the following grant program: • **FY2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

INFORMATION

For all funding announcements, application materials, instructions, and resources, please visit the Homeland Security Unit website. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the funding announcement, what must be submitted, and what requests are allowable.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

All applications and supporting documentation must be RECEIVED by the [Homeland Security Unit](#) by Friday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. EST. Proposals received after this date and time may NOT be eligible for consideration. To facilitate processing, completed grant applications and supporting documentation must be sent via email to DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov. Your application and supporting documentation must be received no later than the due date and time listed above.

Please note that there will not be a secondary submission period for missing or incomplete supporting documents as there have been in some previous years. This is due to the shorter application window for submission to FEMA. Using the provided checklist on the required Signature Page as a guide, we urge you to ensure that your application is fully complete before submission.

QUESTIONS?

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If you have additional questions about the grant opportunities, please contact DPS.HSUGrants@vermont.gov.

WHAT NEXT?

For a general program overview, please view our [training video](#) (also available on our website). Additionally, The Homeland Security Unit will hold four technical assistance sessions to assist with the development of applications. We also welcome questions provided in writing to the email address listed above.

To register for a technical assistance session, please [email Vermont Homeland Security](#). Registration for sessions will close 24 hours prior to the sessions at which point meeting invites will be distributed to those registered. The dial-in information will be distributed at that time. If no attendees join within 15 minutes of the meeting start time, the session will end.

Technical Assistance Sessions

- May 8th, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- May 15th, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- May 22nd, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- May 29th, 2024, 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Weather Assistance for Large Outdoor Events

Outdoor events in Vermont are weather-dependent, and at times the weather can become hazardous for attendees. The National Weather Service (NWS) works closely with emergency managers and public safety officials to provide critical weather information when hazardous weather approaches an event for overall public safety.

Organizers and/or emergency managers for communities hosting these events should work together and establish an Emergency Action Plan prior to the event. During the event, closely monitor and act when an impending weather hazard threatens your event.

The National Weather Service can assist with weather information before and during outdoor activities. Contact NWS to report your large outdoor event, and forecasters can help with monitoring hazardous weather and general forecasts.

This requires local emergency managers to provide NWS Burlington with the following information at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Name of Venue

Date(s)

Times

Location (Street Address, latitude/longitude if possible)

Approximate Attendance

Emergency Point of Contact and Phone #s (Local EM, First Responder Representative, or 911 Center)

You can find an online fillable Google form at <https://www.weather.gov/btv/dssrequest>. In the end, the ultimate responsibility of keeping abreast of any weather hazards is with the venue organizers and/or local emergency management personnel.

The main weather hazards that will likely impact an outdoor venue with very little advance notice (minutes) would be thunderstorms and lightning. Other potential weather hazards include strong winds, potential flooding, and extreme heat.

The NWS has established several partnerships to increase public safety at various venues: the Franklin County Fair and Franklin County Emergency Management, the Champlain Valley Exposition and Essex Junction Emergency Services, and numerous venues along Burlington's waterfront working with Burlington Emergency Services.

NOAA Weather All Hazard Radio is also a direct link to NWS offices, broadcasting life-saving weather warnings within seconds. Venue organizers, local first responders, and/or emergency management directors are also encouraged to have one of these radios on hand during events.

The NWS Burlington office can be reached at 1-802-863-4279.

2024 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference

The 2024 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference will be held September 10th-11th, 2024, at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. Vermont Emergency Management is now seeking proposals for conference speakers and exhibitors.

The Call for Speakers is open until June 3rd: [2024 Speaker Proposal](#). Each session will be 45 minutes.

The Call for Exhibitors is also open until June 3rd: [2024 Call for Exhibitors](#). Exhibitors will need to remain set up on both days of the conference.

If you plan to stay at Lake More Resort during the conference, please call 1-800-423-1211 and let them know you will be attending the Vermont Emergency Management Conference and would like the special room rate and specify the type of room you'd like listed below. The special rates are available until Sunday, August 12th.

For updates and more information, visit the [VEM Emergency Preparedness Conference page](#)

Nominations Wanted for Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year

[Nominations for 2024 Emergency Management Director of the Year](#) are now being accepted. Nominations must be received by noon on August 1st to be considered. The recipient will be recognized at the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference for demonstrating excellence in the local Emergency Management Director role. To be eligible, a nominee must:

- [Have been a duly appointed Emergency Management Director](#) for their town/city at some point between August 1, 2023, and August 1, 2024.
- Be from a town/city with a [current Local Emergency Management Plan](#) on file with Vermont Emergency Management.
- Be enrolled in or completed training within the [Vermont EMD Certification Program](#).