



New England Grassroots Environment Fund

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2011 Annual Report



NEGEF's MISSION:

"to energize and nurture long-term civic engagement in local initiatives that create and maintain healthy, just, safe and environmentally sustainable communities."

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Celebrating 15 Years

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The New England Grassroots Environment Fund is often asked: “What is new? What trends are you seeing at the Roots? What is happening at the cutting edge?”

Rarely does one, new idea bubble up from nowhere to center stage, galvanizing a culture and altering the course of history. But when hundreds, thousands and perhaps millions of voices in communities around the world are finding local ways to address the failings of “globalization” – the provision of basic food, shelter, health care, and education to huge numbers of people – grassroots action is at its best.

2011 marked a major milestone for NEGEF. In fifteen years, the Fund has helped over 1,500 grassroots groups build and maintain healthy, just, safe and environmentally sustainable communities. These groups are the “feet on the ground” in more than 50% of the region’s cities and towns. You will see in the coming pages how they have put local back in energy, food, land use, economic and social systems, making their communities more resilient and secure.

Throughout this report, we will share a decade and a half of lessons learned. In 2011 NEGEF stepped up its work to keep NEGEF on the cutting edge of grassroots grant-making. Centered on its sCMS (smart Content Management System), NEGEF has one of the most versatile grassroots services support systems around. Meeting groups where they are in their growth and evolution, NEGEF’s system is anchored in social change and volunteer group development theory. Its website is a multi-functional tool that is an online grant application, review and reporting system, social networking tool, resource center and home to root\$hare and NEGEF’s forthcoming crowdfunding tool which all grantees will be able to use to raise even more funds for their work.

Our Story, a quick look at NEGEF’s theory of change, was posted to the web last fall: <http://www.grassrootsfund.org/docs/NEGEFstory.pdf> and is worth a read. All the way around, 2011 was a major transition year. From grant getting to grant giving, from its online presence to its old fashion one-to-one individual group coaching, NEGEF is one of the most unique philanthropic models in the sector. NEGEF is proud to be part of the ground swell of change embracing new social, economic and environmental paradigms. Join us!

Thank you,



Dea Brickner-Wood
Board President



Cheryl King Fischer
Executive Director



“... fueled by energy, creativity and commitment, grassroots activists form the basis for an environmentally responsible democracy.”

NEGEF Founders Vision Document, December 1995

Inspire. Connect. Support.

15
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people... the grassroots



Community work is all about people. People making change, building relationships with neighbors, and inspiring others to get involved. NEGEF brings the grassroots together at events, online via <http://grassrootsfund.org>, and through weaving and strengthening grassroots networks.

dollars... the grants



NEGEF supports ad hoc groups directly, no fiscal sponsors required. This eliminates barriers to completing the work at hand, fosters more community leadership, and frequently propels groups to take on other community challenges and needs. Starting in 2012, funding is available for community groups at any stage of development: **SEED** grants for start-up groups and basic project needs; **GROW** grants for capacity building and project expansion; **HARVEST*** grants for leadership development and group transformation.

**planned for 2013*

tools... the resources



Grassroots activists find a wealth of information and support beyond the grant check. NEGEF's **website** will serve as the first-stop shop for anybody seeking grassroots support. Designed around peer-to-peer learning, users can connect to other groups, learn skills from online tutorials and webinars, and access technical and issue resources just by visiting our site.

NEGEF's **rootSkills** workshops are designed to help grassroots groups develop skills in community building, group development, and individual leadership. NEGEF partners with many other skills providers and conference events to offer a myriad of options for grassroots activists to sharpen their skills.

A new model for philanthropy

Instead of relying on *transactions* (grant dollars in exchange for information and completed projects) NEGEF embodies a philanthropic model focused on building relationships, sharing information, and employing collective knowledge to catalyze actual change where it matters most – in community.

grassrootsfund.org

Online Application

NEGEF has taken online applying to a new place.

From applicant to reviewer all the work is done electronically, saving trees and dollars.

Online Group Profiles

There are now 200 searchable grantee *Group Profiles* available online.

Visitors to the NEGEF website can search by state and issue to find out what is going on in their area and get inspired by other groups working on similar issues. Each profile provides basic details about the group and links to resources that the group uses in implementing projects.

All group profiles will be available by the end of 2012.



Our Virtual Vision: The First Stop for Grassroots Organizers

- * **1,500+ Searchable Group Profiles online** - filter and find out what is happening in communities across the region.
- * **Crowdfunding** - fundraise from community members & friends through the Group Profile. NEGEF provides tax-deductible fiscal sponsorship to all grantees.
- * **Grassroots Resource Database** - explore tools, tips, how to's and webinars from the roots, for the roots.



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ImageMason Design is a boutique firm based in Addison County (VT) providing custom web design and development solutions with a focus on small to mid-sized businesses and organizations. NEGEF is very happy to work with Brian & Amy Mason to deliver the innovative platform for our Virtual Vision.

Learn more about ImageMason Design: <http://imagemason.com>

rootSkills

Smithfield, RI
Bryant University
June 11, 2011

NEGEF's daylong **rootSkills** event brings together grassroots organizers from across the region to share stories, acknowledge our collective impact and learn together. Workshop tracks designed around community organizing, group development and personal leadership form the framework to connect and advance the work happening in New England communities.

The 2011 RootSkills event took place on June 11, 2011 at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. Over 100 participants attended workshops led by Katherine Brown, Gayle Gifford, Amelia Rose, Amanda Silver and Liza Sutton.



2011 rootSkills participants

New Bedford, MA
October 20-22,
2011

Connecting for Change

In 2011, as a Connecting for Change conference partner, NEGEF offered 150 free 3-day passes to NEGEF grantee groups, hosted 3 RootSkills workshops and celebrated 15 years of grantmaking.

Connecting for Change is an annual 3-day, solutions based gathering that brings together a diverse audience to create deep and positive change in community.

A mix of morning keynotes and performances and afternoon workshops and activities, the event summons environmental, industry and social justice innovators to bring focus on food and farming, health and healing, green business, indigenous knowledge, environmental and social justice, women and youth empowerment, spirituality and sustainability, all working to catalyze a movement to heal our world.

To learn more about rootSkills & other events in the region, please visit:

<http://www.grassrootsfund.org/events>

To learn more about *Connecting for Change* & the *Marion Institute*, please visit:

<http://www.marioninstitute.org/connecting-for-change>

2011 Grantmaking

NEGEF's 2011 Grant Program included:

1. Small Grants:

Available to volunteer-driven community groups working on environmental sustainability projects across New England.

2. Partner Grants:

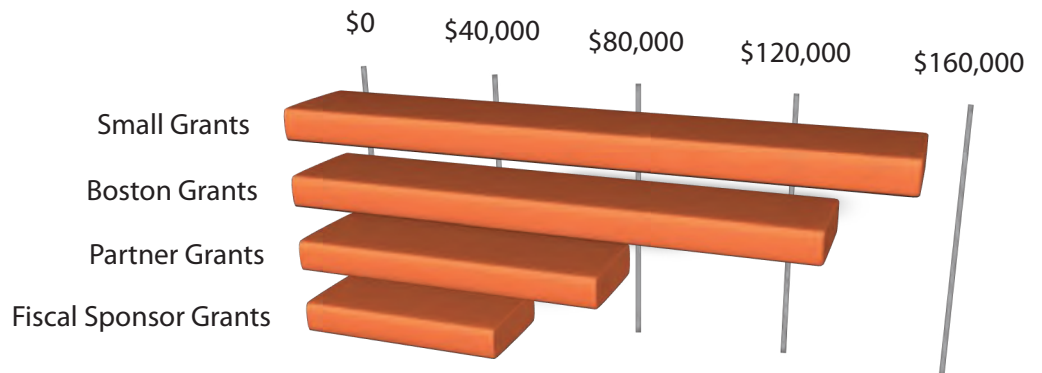
Working with partner to address specific philanthropic and organizational priorities. In 2011, NEGEF offered the following partner grant programs:

- Boston Grants Initiative
- VECAN Grant Program

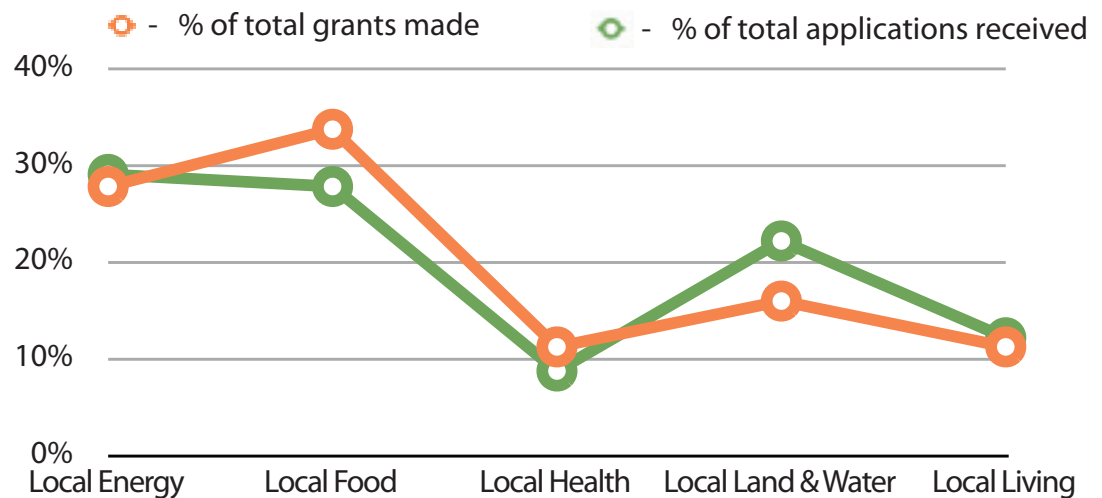
3. Fiscal Sponsor Grants:

NEGEF can serve as fiscal sponsor for any grantee group needing a 501(c)(3) status to offer tax exemption to donors.

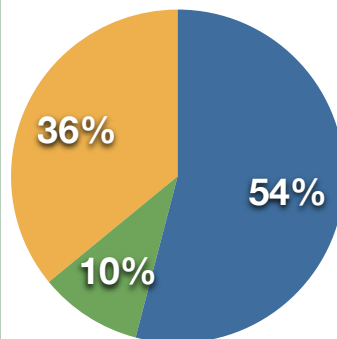
Grant Dollars Distributed by Program



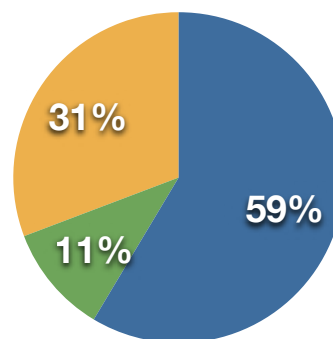
Applications & Grants by Issue



Applicant Tax Status



Grantee Tax Status



- Ad hoc
- Incorporated
- 501(c)(3)

320

Applications

169

Grants Made

\$420k

Granted

\$2,485

Average Grant

Partner Grants

NEGEF works with funding and nonprofit partners to meet targeted philanthropic and organizational priorities. In 2011, we were proud to deliver 2 Partner Grant Programs:

Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network

The Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network (VECAN) *"Building the Power of Vermont Communities to Increase Energy Efficiency and Reduce Climate Change Impacts"* program awarded grants to Vermont groups working on energy efficiency, weatherization, transportation, education and outreach and renewable energy projects. Goals of the initiative were: to build Vermont's leadership fostering and supporting energy and climate change strategies at the community level; to decrease community carbon footprints; and to increase carbon-free energy independence by supporting the implementation of community-based energy projects.

\$67,789 distributed
\$2,607 average grant
26 grants made

VECAN is a collaborative effort of five nonprofit organizations: Community Climate Action, New England Grassroots Environment Fund, Sustainable Energy Resource Group, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation and the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

Please learn more about VECAN at: <http://vecan.net>

** indicates a VECAN grant award in the grant descriptions on the pages that follow*

Boston Grants Initiative

2004-2011 BGI Overview

2011 marked the final year of the Boston Grants Initiative, a separately funded NEGEF program that supported community groups working on environmental health, environmental justice and greenspace initiatives in Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea and Somerville. Going forward, NEGEF will continue to be there for Boston groups and increasing its offerings in all the urban corners of New England.

\$914,256 distributed
\$5,410 average grant
169 grants made
96 groups funded

The program was fueled by partnerships with Alternatives for Community and Environment, the Boston Natural Areas Network, and Urban Ecology Institute to increase the program's presence on-the-ground. Boston activists and funders worked together to make funding choices and to extend additional support resources by serving on the BGI Steering Committee.

** indicates a BGI grant award in the grant descriptions on the pages that follow*

THANKS to all who helped to make BGI such a success!

Sherri Brokopp, Lisa Brukilacchio, Valerie Burns, Dawn Chavez, Andrew Ference, Rosanne Foley, Jesús Gerena, Warren Goldstein-Gelb, Penn Loh, Charlie Lord, Melissa Luna, Daisy Ortega, Gioia Perugini, Frank Reece, Staci Rubin, Marina Spitkovskaya, Quita Sullivan, Mariella Tan Puerto, Vidya Tikku, Aaron Toffler, Amy Zell Ellsworth, Prentice Zinn

BGI Funding Partners:

Barr Foundation
the Boston Foundation
Anna B. Stearns Charitable Trust
Herman & Freida Miller Foundation

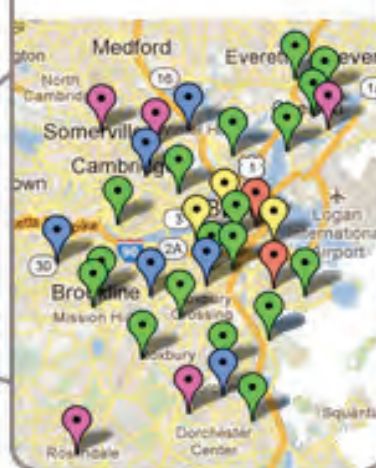
2011 Grantees Map

Legend:

-  - local energy
-  - local food
-  - local health
-  - local land & water
-  - local living



Boston Grantees



For a live version of this map, please visit:
http://grassrootsfund.org/about_us/2011_grantee_map

Local Energy



**Examples of
Local Energy
projects
include:**

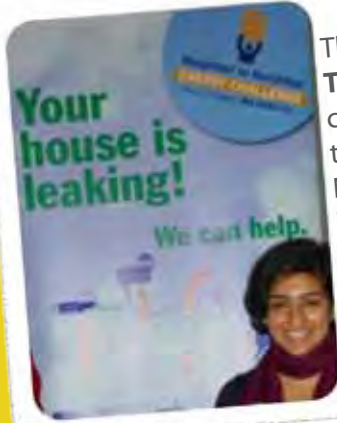
ENERGY CONSERVATION

Carbon Challenges
Energy Barnraisers
GHG Inventories
No Idling
Transportation
Weatherization

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Distributed Generation
District Heating
Renewable Energy
Solar Challenges

Westport (CT)



The **Westport Green Task Force** is working collaboratively with the town through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Challenge to improve home energy efficiency by 20% or more in at least 1,000 homes by 2013.

Boston (MA)



Boston Cyclists Union promotes the everyday use of bicycles by advocating for safe, convenient, and enjoyable facilities in all of Boston's neighborhoods.

Rockland (ME)



Green Sneakers Project recruited and trained over 125 volunteers in 14 communities who reached more than 1500 homeowners with weatherization and energy efficiency information.

Bethlehem (NH)



Solar Up North Renewable Energy Initiative brings neighbors together to install solar hot water systems in homes. Each solar water heating system installed saves a family 60 to 80% of the fossil fuels used to heat water.

Friend organizations supporting Local Energy work:

- Center for Ecological Technology
- Clean Air Cool Planet
- CT Clean Energy Fund
- CT Clean Water Action
- CT Interreligious Ecojustice Network
- Interfaith Power & Light (MA, RI & VT)
- MA Climate Action Network
- ME Partners for Cool Communities
- NH Local Energy Committee Working Group
- SmartPower
- Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance
- VT Energy & Climate Action Network

Local Energy Program Goal:

Minimize community carbon footprints

2011 Local Energy Grantees

* = **BGI** - see page 7
* = **VECAN** - see page 7

Barre Energy Action Resource (Barre, VT)

\$1,000 - to support community outreach events and workshops to build the group and create greater awareness of energy issues at the local level.

Benson Energy Committee (Benson, VT)*

\$3,000 - to implement a municipal lighting project in the Town Office and Museum 2009.

Boston Climate Action Network (Boston, MA)*

\$5,600 - to hire a bi-cultural, bi-lingual staff member for 40 hours a month for 6 months and to increase their role as a network hub in Greater Bostont.

Boston Cyclists Union (Roxbury, MA)*

\$6,000 - for general program support including supplies, project coordination and transportation to expand capacity and grow the organization's efforts.

Brattleboro Climate Protection (Brattleboro, VT)*

\$3,000 - to implement a Way to Go Commuter Challenge in collaboration with Community Climate Action and Go VT.

Chelsea Energy Committee (Chelsea, VT)*

\$2,200 - to hire an energy auditor to review the school for energy efficiency and savings.

Church of the Mediator (Providence, RI)

\$2,000 - to serve and engage the local low-income community in energy conservation and renewable energy projects, community gardens, and alternative energy building improvements of at least 3 faith-based properties.

Coos Community Benefits Alliance (Bethlehem, NH)

\$1,500 - to fund staff time and travel to attend and present at transmission line meetings & hearings to ensure that energy projects benefit the community and natural resources.

East Montpelier Energy Committee (East Montpelier, VT)*

\$3,000 - to weatherize the Town Hall including: improved insulation, replacement of two leaky windows and tape-sealing the heating system ducts.

Energy Committee of the Bradford Conservation Commission (Bradford, VT)*

\$2,800 - to install an energy efficient roof in the Town Hall Garage.

Fairlee Energy Committee (Fairlee, VT)*

\$2,218 - to replace 16 old lighting fixtures with energy efficient fixtures in the Town Hall.

First Baptist Church (Burlington, VT)*

\$2,658 - to purchase and install a Dark Bronze commercial entrance door recommended to be replaced following an energy audit with VT Interfaith Power & Light.

Food Shelf for Grande Isle County, Champlain Islands Methodist Parish (North Hero, VT)*

\$1,050 - to replace an inefficient refrigerator and two freezers.

Franklin County Senior Center - Meals on Wheels (St Albans, VT)*

\$2,800 - to install energy saving devices in up to 60 homes of low-income seniors in the St Albans area.

Green Sneakers Midcoast Maine (Rockland, ME)

\$1,500- to support the Green Sneakers Project -Midcoast Maine youth engagement project in local weatherization and energy efficiency efforts.

Hartford Energy Commission (White River Junction, VT)*

\$3,000 - to install a solar hot water system and PV panels at the Hartford Town Emergency Services Building.

Celebrate 15!

NEGEF: 1996 - 2011

On October 22nd, grantees, friends, funders and family gathered to celebrate NEGEF's 15 years of rooting for the grassroots.

Under a big tent at the Connecting for Change Conference, the night held space for transformative stories, great conversation and inspiring ideas to ensure that community groups keep getting the support they need to keep changing the world.



Delicious ROOT (carrot) cake was enjoyed by all



Cheryl King Fischer, NEGEF's fearless leader from day 1!

New England Grassroots Environment Fund



...Thanks to everybody who came out to party!

2011 Local Energy Grantees

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Lebanon Energy Task Force Advisory Committee (Lebanon, CT)

\$1,000 - to subsidize the cost of home energy audits for residents.

Lenox Environmental Committee (Lenox, MA)

\$1,500 - to help fund a stipend for a coordinator to organize three wind forums and for speakers, film rentals, refreshments and materials.

LIFT Bike Project (Cambridge, MA)*

\$4,187 - To implement a Somerville and Boston community inspired program to provide low-income community members with free bikes, helmets, and locks.

Mad River Valley Planning District (Waitsfield, VT)*

\$2,938 - to implement the Valley Energy Series.

Old South Church and Meetinghouse (Windsor, VT)*

\$3,000 - to address air sealing issues to reduce heat loss and improve energy efficiency in the building.

Plainfield Energy Team (Plainfield, VT)*

\$3,000 - to weatherize the Town Hall/Opera.

Putney Energy Committee (Putney, VT)*

\$3,000 - to hold bike repair workshops and bike awareness presentations semiweekly for the summer of 2011, and to build bike shelters near bus stops.

Rutland Town Energy Committee (Rutland, VT)*

\$2,475 - to replace 11 old outdoor lights with new efficient LED lighting.

Worcester, MA

Worcester-Earn-A-Bike is reducing energy use by developing a bicycle-and-solar-powered projector to run all the equipment necessary to show their documentary *Ciclovida - LifeCycle*. Through the Go Local Sustainable Agriculture trips, the group takes local youth on bike tours to 12 local agiculture sites to raise awareness about energy and food issues.



Magic Wheel Community Bike Center (Barre, VT)

\$1,500 - to offer the "ReBike" program providing educational opportunities to Central Vermont middle school and high school students with high quality instruction and a unique personalized approach to teaching the concepts of reuse.

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee* (Plainfield, VT)

\$2,800 - to support student learning through a school energy challenge pilot program in collaboration with the Twinfield school.

Middlebury Energy Committee (Middlebury, VT)*

\$1,800 - to implement a Night Bike Ride event to kick off the Way to Go Commuter Challenge week in mid-May.

Middletown Springs Energy Committee (Middletown Springs, VT)*

\$2,450 - to perform weatherization improvements in the town library.

Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative (Portsmouth, NH)

\$1,500 - to support a part-time program director to increase outreach and participation in the renewable energy barnraising programs.

Sharon Energy Committee (Sharon, VT)*

\$1,000 - to implement a day of community education around energy efficiency and home weatherization in October, 2011.

Solar Up North Renewable Energy Initiative (Bethlehem, NH)

\$1,650 - to support start up costs including the purchase of tools for the 2011 barnraising effort.

Starksboro Town Energy Committee (Starksboro, VT)*

\$1,600 - to establish an Energy Info Center at the lobby of the Robinson Elementary School, to create a town webpage and to develop a community energy challenge.

2011 Local Energy Grantees by State:

CT: 3 groups - \$3,300
 ME: 1 group - \$1,500
 MA: 6 groups - \$20,287
 (MA numbers include 3 BGI grantees)

NH: 3 groups - \$4,650
 RI: 1 group - \$2,000
 VT: 33 groups - \$83,812
 (VT numbers include 31 VECAN grantees)

2011 Local Energy Grantees

* = **VECAN** - see page 7

Strafford Energy Committee (Strafford, VT)*

\$3,000 - to implement weatherization of the Barrett Memorial Hall.

Sustainable Energy Resource Group

(Thetford Center, VT)*

\$3,000 - to organize an Upper Valley Weatherization Challenge Fair.

Sustainable Woodstock (Woodstock, VT)*

\$3,000 - to encourage all local businesses to join the VT Business Environmental Partnership by offering a \$100 incentive for lighting needs to businesses that sign up.

Thetford Energy Committee (Thetford Center, VT)*

\$3,000 - to promote residential weatherization through a door-to-door campaign to every home in Thetford.

Town of Hyde Park (Hyde Park, VT)*

\$3,000 - to change existing lighting in the town garage including five motion sensors.

Town of Wardsboro (Wardsboro, VT)*

\$3,000 - to insulate the Town Hall with cellulose and foam to reduce fuel consumption and increase comfort, based on a previous energy audit.

Transition Town Charlotte & Charlotte Energy Committee (Charlotte, VT)*

\$1,522 - to survey town residents about their interest in energy conservation and renewable energy, using workshops and video to share information and ideas.

Transition Town Hartland (Hartland, VT)*

\$3,000 - to implement the Hartland Energy & Solar Energy Connection, which will inform the public about solar energy alternatives, encourage energy conservation and provide a feasibility study of community bulk purchasing of alternative energy equipment and installation.

Wallingford Energy Committee (Wallingford, VT)*

\$3,000 - to complete an energy efficiency upgrade to the Town Hall to include new lighting, replacing thermostats, installing an outside reset boiler controller and implement air sealing and insulating measures.

Waterbury LEAP (Waterbury Center, VT)*

\$3,000 - to purchase energy efficient lighting for Crossett Brook Middle School and the town Ice Rink.

Weathersfield Energy Committee (Ascutney, VT)*

\$3,000 - to insulate the roof of the town garage.

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

(West Hartford, CT)

\$800 - to promote and encourage clean energy sign-ups.

Westport Green Task Force (Westport, CT)

\$1,500 - to promote the Westport Home Energy Challenge to improve home energy efficiency by 20% or more in at least 1,000 homes by 2013 and to hire a youth intern.

Worcester Earn-a-bike (Worcester, MA)

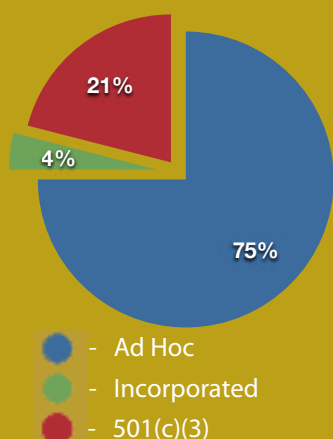
\$1,000 - to offer Go Local bike tours and connect the effort to group member Matt Feinstein's documentary about the impact of global agribusiness of small local farmers in South America.

Worcester Energy Barn Raisers (Worcester, MA)

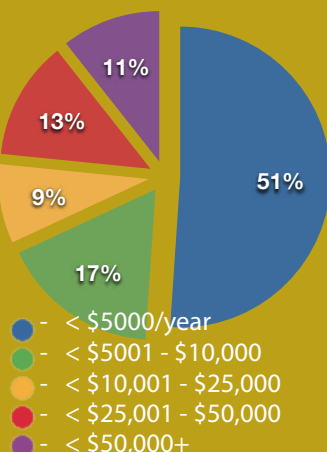
\$2,000 - to purchase equipment and outreach materials on energy efficiency and weatherization efforts.

2011 Local Energy - Reaching the Grassroots:

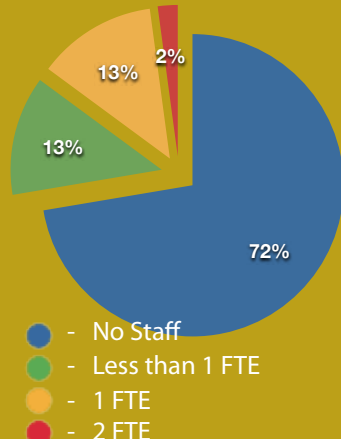
Energy Grantees by Tax Status



Energy Grantees by Budget Size



Energy Grantees by # of Paid Staff



Local Food



Examples of Local Food projects include:

PRODUCTION

Community Farms
Community Gardens
Composting
School Gardens
Permaculture

CONSUMPTION

Eat Local Guides
Farmers Markets
Food Coops
Localvore Challenges

FOOD SECURITY

Gleaning
Grow-a-Row
Food Shelves

Cumberland (ME)



Cumberland Community Garden grows food for the local food shelf and now provides space for the community to grow local food.

St. Johnsbury (VT)



St J. Alfa launched an online Farmers Market to increase consumption of local food for consumers who can't attend the physical market.

Boston (MA)



Boston Area Gleaners gleaned over 40,000 pounds of produce in the Greater Boston Area. All food is donated to local social service organizations.

Cambridge (MA)



theMOVE organizes reflective farm-volunteer workdays for diverse urban groups across Metro Boston, to connect folks hands-on with fresh food, and with the labor and land.

Pawtucket (RI)



New Urban Farmers added a aquaponic system to their Garden of Life urban farm, empowering low-income individuals, families, and at-risk-youth with education and collaboration.

Friend organizations supporting Local Food work:

- Boston Natural Areas Network
- Eat Local Foods Coalition of Maine
- Farm Fresh Rhode Island
- the Food Project
- Friends of Burlington Gardens & VT Community Garden Network
- Highfields Institute for Composting
- Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) CT, MA, NH, RI, VT & Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association (MOFGA)
- SouthSide Community Land Trust
- UNH Cooperative Extension

Local Food Program Goal:

Create a healthy and safe regional food system through local food efforts



Jamaica Plain, MA

Community members living in Egleston Square are converting a vacant city-owned lot into a community fruit orchard called the **Egleston Community Orchard**. Collaboration between neighbors, local non-profits and businesses turned the formerly trash-ridden lot into a home for apple trees, fruiting shrubs, raised beds full of vegetables and ornamental perennials.

2011 Local Food Grantees

* = BGI - see page 7

African Alliance of Rhode Island (Providence, RI)

\$1,230 - for materials to establish the new garden site in the West End of Providence.

Barre Community Garden at Metro Way (Barre, VT)

\$1,000 - for building materials to finish the cob shed project.

Bountiful Brookline (Brookline, MA)

\$1,500 - for stipends to facilitate day-to-day operations and program development.

Bridgeport Community Land Trust (Bridgeport, CT)

\$2,000 - for a hoop house and a rainwater collection site to help create 2 gardens in vacant lots that lack sufficient arable land and have expensive access to water.

Brookwood Community Farm & Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition (Mattapan, MA)*

\$8,000 - to support a new produce distribution model, the "Good Food Market", at the Gallivant Public Housing complex.

Burrillville Farmers' Market Association (Pascoag, RI)

\$1,000 - to assist in the move to a new market location in 2012.

Cape Ann Farmers' Market (Gloucester, MA)

\$1,500 - to contribute to a coordinator stipend for the Back Yard Grower program.

Caring Community Gardens (Gardiner, ME)

\$1,400 - to continue the educational program at River View Community School in South Gardiner, Maine.

Charlestown Sprouts (Charlestown, MA)

\$1,900 - to fund a garden compost bin, message board and welcome sign materials and for translation and interpretation services and expenses.

Chelsea Community Gardeners Association* (Chelsea, MA)

\$7,000 - to support garden expansion adding 5 new member beds and one large elderly/handicapped accessible bed built to wheelchair height with the assistance of a YouthBuild crew.

Chelsea Farmer's Market (Chelsea, MA)*

\$8,000 - to support the market's reopening at a new location and to hire a market coordinator and a bi-lingual market manager.

Community Action Brattleboro Area (Brattleboro, VT)

\$1,000 - to fund supplies & materials for the Community Farm.

Community Garden at Enfield Shaker Museum (Enfield, NH)

\$1,000 - to fund construction materials for a garden shed.

Community Garden Collective (South Portland, ME)

\$1,500 - for materials to start the new garden.

Cumberland Community Garden (Cumberland Foreside, ME)

\$1,300 - to evolve the Cumberland Garden from a food pantry garden to a community garden.

Davey Lopez Community Recreation Center (Providence, RI)

\$1,500 - for materials to expand the garden on-site at the Recreation Center.

Dudley Conservation Land Trust (Dudley, MA)

\$1,000 - for canopies and tables to be used during the plant sale and at the farmers market in an effort to provide community-gathering opportunities.

Egleston Community Orchard (Jamaica Plain, MA)

\$2,000 - for lead removal and remediation, increased food production space and increased production of new soil for the Community Orchard.

Environmental Partnerships (Cambridge, MA)

\$1,000 - to support the Environmental Partnerships youth program "Setting the Table from Field to Plate".

Eritrean Community Center (Roxbury, MA)*

\$5,400 - to support the Eritrean Gardening Project with materials, organizing and a garden coordinator.

2011 Local Food Grantees by State:

CT: 6 groups - \$8,000

ME: 5 groups - \$7,200

MA: 20 groups - \$86,450

(MA numbers include 13 BGI grantees)

NH: 2 groups - \$2,000

RI: 7 groups - \$8,980

VT: 10 groups - \$10,190

2011 Local Food Grantees

* = BGI - see page 7

First Congregational Church - In My Backyard Gardening (Williamstown, MA)

\$1,500 - for a coordinator/educator stipend and tools/materials to launch the program.

Forbes Street Community Garden (Jamaica Plain, MA)*

\$5,000 - to support removing old plot dividers (made of pressure treated wood) and installing new ones, improving garden paths, fence and gate.

Ganei Beantown: Beantown Jewish Gardens (Bedford, MA)

\$1,000 - to support programming for an educational garden at two synagogues.

Gardening the Community (Springfield, MA)

\$2,000 - for coordinator and/or youth stipends to network and support champions for the local urban ag ordinance.

Gro.South Hadley Community Garden (South Hadley, MA)

\$1,500 - for fencing and to expand water lines to the new site.

GROW Windham (Storrs Mansfield, CT)

\$1,500 - for materials to create community gardens at Terry Court and Windham Youth Services property.

Growing Together Community Garden (Hinesburg, VT)

\$690 - for compost and soil tests to replace immature compost from previous gardening season.

Hands in the Fields (Cambridgeport, VT)

\$1,000 - to purchase materials for a garden-based program designed to empower 'opportunity challenged' individuals.

High Street Veteran's Community Garden (Brookline, MA)

\$500 - for building materials to build trellises on a large bare wall and other garden-related expenses.

Kennedy Garden and Playground (Mattapan, MA)*

\$3,000 - to build a garden shed and arbor for the 24 plot community garden.

Lincoln Street Community Garden (St Johnsbury, VT)

\$500 - for an electric lawnmower and/or an electric string trimmer for the areas along the garden's fence.

Little City Growers Coop (Providence, RI)

\$1,500 - for classes, bike trailers for the mobile food market, and supplies to expand the coop.

Loudon Agricultural Commisison (Loudon, NH)

\$1,000 - for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources.

Marshfield Recreation Committee (Marshfield, VT)

\$1,000 - for materials and tools to start the garden.

Massachusetts Outdoor Volunteer Experience (Cambridge, MA)*

\$5,000 - to support farm-volunteer work days for diverse groups in the Boston area with the goal of igniting a systems-based approach to sustainable living.

Minton Stable Garden (Jamaica Plain, MA)*

\$1,500 - to purchase a small scale solar system to power the garden with rechargeable, battery powered mowers and trimmers and provide light inside the equipment shed.

State Food Initiatives



The **Vermont Farm-to-Plate initiative** has developed a 10 year strategic plan to strenghten Vermont's food system:

<http://vsjf.org/project-details/5/farm-to-plate-initiative>



Rhode Island's newly established Food Policy Council conducted a **Rhode Island Food Assessment** to help shape the formation of several Working Groups:

<http://rifoodcouncil.org/blog>



The Eat Local Foods Coalition of Maine is **mapping food initiatives** across the state to "put more Maine foods on more Maine tables more often":

<http://eatmainefoods.org/>

Gayhead Green Block (Boston, MA)*

\$4,000 - for asphalt removal, garden construction and community organizing to make the community more ecologically sustainable and socially connected.

Grand Aspirations- Summer of Solutions Hartford (Avon, CT)

\$1,250 - for Summer of Solutions Hartford program support to start 2 new gardens.

Green and Gold Community Garden (Worcester, MA)

\$1,000 - for garden tools and lumber to build a shed.

For more details on any of the groups listed here, visit <http://grassrootsfund.org> and click on the Groups tab

2011 Local Food Grantees

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New Urban Farmers (Pawtucket, RI)

\$1,500 - for building materials for an on-site, urban aquaponics system on garden property.

New Village Farm Community Garden Steering Committee (Shelburne, VT)

\$1,000 - for a solar power pump to get water to the (new) site.

North Amherst Community Farm (Amherst, MA)

\$1,000 - for a coordinator stipend to manage both the Farm's education series (gleaning, farm tours) as well as support the creation of a new garden.

Nubian United Benevolent International Association (Brighton, MA)*

\$8,000 - for coordinator stipends to support a youth-based garden & education program, for overhead of the NUBIA Center, tools, materials and a grow light system for starting seedlings.

Re-New London Council (New London, CT)

\$1,000 - to rent SNAP/EBT processing equipment for the local Farmers' Market.

Richford Community Garden (Richford, VT)

\$1,000 - for fencing materials and a water storage tank for the community-school garden.

Sandywoods Farm (Tiverton, RI)

\$1,000 - for tools, building materials and/or soil additives.

South Boston Grows (South Boston, MA)*

\$5,000 - to support efforts to improve greenspace and increase knowledge of growing edible plants and increase access to fruits, vegetables and herbs to under-served populations.

Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization and Congolese Development Center (Lynn, MA)*

\$3,000 - to support efforts to implement an Environmentally Just Food Production and Access to Healthy Food (EJFPAHF) program to provide assistance to Sudanese, Congolese and other African refugee and immigrant ethnic communities.

St Johnsbury Area Local Food Alliance (St. Johnsbury, VT)

\$1,500 - to be used for a pilot of a web-based farmers market.

St. John Valley Soil & Water Conservation District (Fort Kent, ME)

\$1,500 - to conduct a feasibility study for a local food coop.

Sustain Mid Maine Coalition (Waterville, ME)

\$1,500 - for materials to create two community gardens and expand two existing gardens.

Tinmouth Garden and Wellness Project (Tinmouth, VT)

\$1,500 - for a coordinator stipend and for garden materials.

Vietnamese American Civic Association (Dorchester, MA)*

\$5,400 - to implement youth and inter-generational activities in the Vietnamese Refugee Gardening Project by hiring a garden coordinator, while maintaining the current level of service for adult gardeners.

Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety (Watertown, MA)

\$750 - for an intern stipend to work with youth at the local Housing Authority's learning center over the summer as part of a goal to create 5 new community gardens.

Westport Green Village Initiative (Westport, CT)

\$1,000 - for materials to start one school garden in Bridgeport.

Wilson Community Garden (Providence, RI)

\$1,250 - to build a water conservation system and host a workshop on water conservation in gardens.

Wintonbury Land Trust (Bloomfield, CT)

\$1,250 - to help fund a three-person crew for cutting, brush-hogging and chipping to reclaim pieces of the overgrown land that are beyond volunteer efforts in an effort to revitalize a community farm.



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I choose to make a monthly recurring donation to NEGEF's **root\$share** because I care very much about environmental issues and believe in the power - and right - of citizens to improve their communities.

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- Elaine Wang,
Barre Energy Action Resource



Local Health

Examples of Local Health projects include:

Air & Water Pollution
Hazardous Waste
Herbicides/ Pesticides
Industrial Sites
Landfills
Toxics

East Providence (RI)



The **East Providence Coalition** advocates community health and resiliency, addressing threats posed by the massive expansion of a trash processing facility.

Stamford (CT)



Cove Island Park Conservancy educates and inspires community members by creating a chemical-free organic lawn in a local urban park.

Boston (MA)



Highway pollution education helps neighbors understand their health and transportation choices, thanks to the **Chinatown Residents Association**.

Scarborough (ME)



Citizens for a Green Scarborough are working with municipal leaders and community members to pass a no-pesticide ordinance for community green space.

Friend organizations supporting Local Health work:

- Alternatives for Community & Environment
- Collaborative on Health and the Environment
- Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice
- Toxics Action Center

Local Health Program Goal:

Prevent and eliminate toxic pollution

2011 Local Health Grantees

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Arise for Social Justice (Springfield, MA)

\$1,500 - to support efforts to educate, organize and unite low-income people and the community at large in Springfield, MA.

Burundian American Association of VT (Burlington, VT)

\$1,000 - to educate Burundian refugee community members about the risks and hazards of lead poisoning.

Chinatown Resident Association (Boston, MA)*

\$5,400 - to launch a Highway Pollution Education Project to increase resident's awareness of health dangers of highway pollution and promote individual and social change.

Citizens for a Green Scarborough (Scarborough, ME)

\$710 - for outreach materials to inform the general public about the group's efforts and to support the pesticide-free ordinance once it reaches a town council decision.

Framingham Action Coalition for Environmental Safety (Framingham, MA)

\$1,250 - to provide organizational support in efforts to educate and empower the community about a hazardous waste site.

Lead Free Williston (Williston, VT)

\$1,500 - for additional water testing around the local gun club and outreach materials.

Littleton Endangered Resources Group (Littleton, NH)

\$1,500 - to increase community discussion on local land use and to stop the permitting of a proposed commercial aggregate production facility adjacent to the Ammonoosuc aquifer.

No Asphalt Defense Fund (Sheffield, MA)

\$2,000 for legal support to oppose a proposed Hot Mix Asphalt plant in the community.

Our Definition of Local Health:

This issue area captures projects that can also be described as **environmental health** and **environmental justice**. Environmental health projects are those that are designed to eliminate or prevent toxic pollution in a community. Environmental justice overlays environmental health to address disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic, on minority and low-income populations.

Concerned Citizens of Franklin (Franklin, NH)

\$1,500 - to fund attorney and outreach fees in an effort to challenge a 47 megawatt Biomass Plant proposal.

Concerned Citizens of Franklin County (Shelburne Falls, MA)

\$2,000 - to provide organizational support in efforts to oppose a biomass power plant from being built in Greenfield, MA and to assist other communities facing similar challenges.

Cove Island Park Conservancy (Stamford, CT)

\$1,000 - to assist in the purchase of equipment and materials to aid in the creation of an organic grand lawn in a City Park.

East Providence Coalition (Barrington, RI)

\$2,000 - for legal representation and outreach materials in efforts to oppose the expansion of a trash processing facility.

Environmental Neighbors United Fighting Fumes (North Providence, RI)

\$2,000 - for a "Bucket Brigade" training for group members in their work towards the reduction of harmful emissions from a local asphalt plant.

North Stamford Concerned Citizens for the Environment (Stamford, CT)

\$1,500 - to pay for a hydrologist to review a 292 page landfill closure plan.

Somali Bantu Community Association of Vermont (Winooski, VT)

\$2,000 - to support efforts to educate the refugee and immigrant population about the threat of lead poisoning through a series of workshops and health-related activities.

Somali Bantu Community of Springfield, Inc (Springfield, MA)

\$1,500 - to educate the Springfield Somali Bantu housing residents on environmentally safe methods for pest control.

Spruce Corner Interest-Group (Ashfield, MA)

\$1,000 - to support efforts to stop the siting of a proposed biomass gasifier plant to generate electricity that would affect air quality, noise and increased truck traffic.

Westfield Concerned Citizens (Westfield, MA)

\$2,000 - for outreach costs and legal filing fees in an effort to oppose a 431 megawatt gas and oil fired energy plant.

2011 Local Health Grantees by State:

CT: 2 groups - \$2,500

ME: 1 group - \$710

MA: 8 groups - \$16,650

(MA numbers include 1 BGI grantee)

NH: 2 groups - \$3,000

RI: 2 groups - \$4,000

VT: 3 groups - \$4,500



Local Land & Water

Examples of
Local Land &
Water projects
include:

**Appropriate
Development**
Anti Sprawl/Big Box
Smart Growth

Open Space
Community Forests
Green Space
Land Conservation
Trails

Resource Management
Groundwater
Surface Water
Sustainable Forestry
Wildlife

Greenfield (MA)



Organized around preventing a 135,000 square foot big box store, **Greenfield Coalition for a Sustainable Future** is working to get a Community Impact Assessment and enforce a size cap and smart growth ordinance with the town.

Providence (RI)



Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy coordinates activities, restores, and maintains the last urban greenspace in Providence, an 88-acre wilderness area.

Bristol (RI)



Save Bristol Harbor is working with area Universities to create a predictive habitat model to better understand the flow and balance of the harbor and predict how environmental changes impact the harbor, the fish, and surroundings.

Barrington (NH)



By gathering community to build visible rain gardens, the **New Hampshire Coastal Protection Partnership** empowers residents to make a tangible difference in watershed management and water use.

Friend organizations supporting Local Land & Water work:

- Clean Water Action
- Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund
- Community Forest Collaborative
- Corporate Accountability
- Food & Water Watch
- Natural Resources Council of ME
- RI Land Trust Council
- State Smart Growth Networks
- Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- State Land Trust Alliances
- Urban Ecology Institute
- VT Natural Resources Council

Local Land & Water Program Goal:

*Balance built environment,
working landscape and wilderness*

2011 Local Land & Water Grantees

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Allston Brighton North Neighbors Forum (Allston, MA)*

\$6,000 - to rejuvenate the James Collins Square Park, a small and heavily-used pocket park, including the purchase and installation of granite curbing, shrubs and waste receptacles.

Bakersfield Conservation Commission (Bakersfield, VT)

\$1,000 - for outreach efforts including a website, signage and kiosks for the town's trail project.

Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association* (Cambridge, MA)

\$4,000 - to support events about the historical significance and future plans for Magazine Beach and the Powder House.

Citizens for Salem/Beverly Water Resources (Beverly, MA)

\$1,000 - for marketing materials to promote the use of tap water at public events and the proper disposal of cigarette butts at public events and in public spaces.

Cold Hollow to Canada (Montgomery Center, VT)

\$1,000 - to pay for materials and training to engage community members as "citizen scientists" to learn more about places in the region important to wildlife.

Conservation Commission of West Bridgewater (West Bridgewater, MA)

\$1,000 - for trail building materials for the Esther Drive Trail, part of the Nunckatessett Greenway.

Dell Rock Neighborhood Association (Hyde Park, MA)*

\$2,500 - to support for site preparation, plants and outreach efforts to maintain and enhance the Dell Rock Urban Wild.

Esmond Concerned Citizens (Smithfield, RI)

\$1,500 - to conduct a professional traffic study to prove that the 3 traffic entrances/exits to a development are unnecessary and result in negative impacts on the village and its residents.

Fayston Neighborhood Citizens Group (Moretown, VT)

\$1,000 - to pay for legal fees relating to the upcoming case in VT Environmental Court in response to a proposed expansion of a wilderness treatment facility development.

Greenfield Coalition for a Sustainable Future (Greenfield, MA)

\$1,500 - for general operating needs including outreach (web-site, radio, direct mail), attorney fees and a public forum in an effort to put in place a size cap and smart growth ordinance.

South Boston, MA

Southie Trees is a grassroots environmental education initiative devoted to preserving and maintaining tree cover in South Boston, currently only at 9%.

The group used a NEGEF grant to do outreach in the community to: protect existing mature trees from being cut down, care for trees throughout the city and plant new trees wherever possible.



Mad River Path Association (Waitsfield, VT)

\$1,000 - to create interpretive trail materials that will tell the story of place in the Mad River Valley.

Millers River Watershed Council (Athol, MA)

\$1,500 - to fund water sample testing and project coordination related to the creation of water trails on the Millers and Otter Rivers.

Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy (Providence, RI)

\$2,000 - for the replacement of the entryway kiosk to the greenspace and trails, which has been vandalized and worn down by weather.

New Hampshire Coastal Protection Partnership (Portsmouth, NH)

\$1,500 - to pay for materials, equipment and labor in the public workshop installation of a highly visible demonstration rain garden in Barrington, New Hampshire.

2011 Local Land & Water Grantees by State:

ME: 2 groups - \$2,500

MA: 13 groups - \$35,100

NH: 4 groups - \$6,500

(MA numbers include 7 BGI grantees)

RI: 3 groups - \$5,000

VT: 6 groups - \$7,000

2011 Local Land & Water Grantees

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Newfound Pathway Team (Hebron, NH)

\$1,000 - for outreach needs including website maintenance, brochures, maps, and insurance for biking/walking events that will build interest for and awareness of the trail.

North Country Alliance for Balanced Change (Bethlehem, NH)

\$2,000 - to pay for legal fees and expert testimony to oppose the permitting of a Drag Strip in Dalton, NH in an application currently before the Department of Environmental Services.

Shawmut Springs Church (Boston, MA)*

\$600 - to continue to revitalize the small community park that had become neglected. Funds will be used for park maintenance including mulch, grass seed, fertilizer and plant food.

Smart Growth Chester (Chester, VT)

\$2,000 - to pay for legal representation and expert testimony to challenge the proposed development of a new 9,100 sq ft discount chain store based on Chester's Zoning Regulations and the recently updated Chester Town Plan.



Colebrook, NH

Power Line Education Fund is a volunteer ad hoc group working to oppose the Northern Pass power line, a project of Hydro-Quebec, NStar and Northeast Utilities to bring power from Canada and into MA & CT through New Hampshire's north woods. The Fund is a powerful citizen-led effort and is becoming the key convener for this issue, engaging groups of citizens throughout the state.

Partners for Planning (Bolton, MA)

\$1,500 - for outreach materials in an effort to convince voters at fall town meeting to allow the town to purchase the land for community use.

Pasadena, Supple, Columbia Roads Neighborhood Association (Dorchester, MA)*

\$7,500 - to improve a vacant lot and create a green space that will be safe, clean and fun for the community through stipends to involve community members and for outreach events.

Power Line Education Fund (Colebrook, NH)

\$2,000 - for outreach costs to educate the community about the Northern Pass issue.

Route 2 - Coburn Quarry Citizens' Alliance (Plainfield, VT)

\$1,000 - to support a coordinator to generate public energy and funding towards future management and ongoing protection of Coburn Pond.

Save Bristol Harbor (Bristol, RI)

\$1,500 - for a second year of water sampling to be used in a predictive habitat model.

Scarborough CPR: Citizens Protecting Resources (Scarborough, ME)

\$1,500 - to pay the most recent filing costs and legal representation needed in the suit filed in US Court of Appeals to protect the Eastern Trail and the Scarborough Marsh Wildlife Management Area from 12 unlawful easements.

Southie Trees (South Boston, MA)*

\$4,000 - to educate and mobilize constituents from schools, housing developments, and neighborhood community groups about tree coverage in South Boston.

Starr Lane Community Park (Jamaica Plain, MA)*

\$2,000 - to support and maintain a small neighborhood pocket park in downtown Jamaica Plain.

Who Decides? (Gloucester, MA)

\$2,000 - for general operating funds to continue public outreach efforts around the privatization of Gloucester's water supply.

Windham Land Trust (Windham, ME)

\$1,000 - to assist with development of more equitable public access to the Black Brook Preserve property by improving one of the entrances, creating a new trail and installing an information kiosk at this entrance.



Salem, MA

Citizens for Salem/Beverly Water Resources launched in 2010 to explore how the cities of Salem and Beverly, Massachusetts, which share a water utility and coastal resources, can work together to improve water conservation for the benefit of shared resources, citizens and visitors.

"Supplying public tap water at public events is an easy way to lower event carbon footprints and waste streams." - Andrea Fox

Local Living



Examples of Local Living projects include:

Buy Local
Green Jobs
Green Products
Population Growth
Local Economy
Sustainability Study Circles
Time Banks
Zero Waste

Portsmouth (NH)

Zero Waste Portsmouth started the first public recycling program downtown, partnering with local youth and artists to create beautiful zero waste stations. Future plans? Compost!



Brattleboro (VT)

Brattleboro Time Trade creates a network of individuals, non-profit agencies and businesses to facilitate non-cash exchanges of goods and services for the benefit of the community.



Somerville (MA)



Groundwork Somerville fosters youth leadership development by addressing racial and health equity issues through the Green Team.

Wolfeboro (NH)



Global Awareness Local Action works to establish a contagious community building model that translates sustainability education into locally inspired action that is practical, effective, and fun.

Friend organizations supporting Local Living work:

- Business Alliance for Local Living Economies
- Center for a New American Dream
- Marion Institute
- Northwest Earth Institute
- TimeBanks USA
- Transition Town USA

Local Living Program Goal:

Inspire behavior changes towards conscious and ecological living

2011 Local Living Grantees

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BALE: Building A Local Economy (South Royalton, VT)

\$1,500 - to raise awareness and spark dialogue around strengthening the local economy to build a resilient community by hosting films and speakers and sharing resources.

Brattleboro Time Trade (Brattleboro, VT)

\$1,500 - to be used as the local match for a 2011-2012 AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer to coordinate the time bank.

Center for Peace Through Culture – Greenagers (Great Barrington, MA)

\$1,500 - to pay for stipends and materials to conduct 3 draft animal workshops that will interweave the history of draft power, forest ecology, and sustainable lumber harvesting.

Chelsea Neighborhood Developers for the Community Enhancement Team (Chelsea, MA)*

\$4,000 - to support staff time, recycling bins, educational materials, food and childcare to support recycling efforts.

Dorchester Historical Society (Dorchester, MA)*

\$2,000 - to improve and further implement landscape plans at Historical Society properties on Boston St in Dorchester.

Five Corners Farmers' Market (Essex Junction, VT)

\$1,500 - to pay for outreach, fees, materials and stipends to conduct a Winter Sustainability Series consisting of monthly educational, interactive community events.

Grand Aspirations- Summer of Solutions (Amherst, MA)

\$1,000 - for supplies and materials and/or need-based stipends to conduct several community sustainability projects.

Green Artists League (Newburyport, MA)

\$1,500 - for a portion of 2011's work on the Alchemical Garden, a multi-year, community art project that is transforming a contaminated field of weeds into an eco-art park and public permaculture garden

GreeningRozzie (Roslindale, MA)

\$2,000 - to fund bi-lingual intern stipends and outreach materials to expand the group's reach to include wider representation of the diverse neighborhood of Roslindale.

Groundwork Somerville (Somerville, MA)*

\$6,000 - for youth and adult stipends and some materials to build a program that fosters youth leadership development and focuses on a specific project to address racial and health equity issues in Somerville.

Jonah Center for Earth and Art (Middletown, CT)

\$1,000 - to pay for project coordination & website development to assist the group in bringing together local environmental nonprofits, city commissions, and the business and educational communities to form a Collective Impact Network.

Portland Maine Permaculture & The Resilience Hub (Cape Elizabeth, ME)

\$1,200 - to pay for organizing and materials to carry out two one-day "permablitzes" on various residential sites in and around Portland Maine as a catalyst for more in the future.

Responsible Growth Hinesburg (Hinesburg, VT)

\$2,000 - to raise awareness, foster community dialogue, and provide expert witnesses at upcoming hearings and meetings in response to a proposal to build a chain supermarket.

Rye Energy Committee (Rye, NH)

\$1,500 - to cover ongoing group needs including website hosting, newsletter service and outreach, and program materials to assist the group's local food and energy conservation efforts.

Somerville Arts Council (Somerville, MA)*

\$5,000 - for stipends for 7-10 low income Somerville youth to introduce them to the Mystic River and the natural world through the Mystic River Mural Project.

Sustainable Rutland (Rutland, VT)

\$2,000 - to provide a stipend for approximately 10 hours per month for a coordinator.

Transition Putney (Putney, VT)

\$2,000 - to help support the opening of a small store-front office in the Village of Putney and some dollars toward a part time program coordinator.

Waterbury Neighborhood Council (Waterbury, CT)

\$2,000 - to help fund a community organizer and secure some needed office equipment and materials.

Wethersfield Green Summit Committee (Wethersfield, CT)

\$1,000 - to pay for space rental and outreach to coordinate a series of town-wide energy forums designed to narrow down initiatives and to develop a plan to implement priority ideas already identified in previous community forums.

2011 Local Living Grantees by State:

CT: 3 groups - \$4,000

ME: 1 group - \$1,200

MA: 8 groups - \$23,000

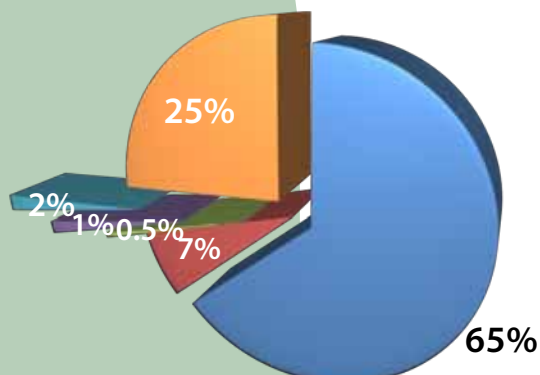
(MA numbers include 4 BGI grantees)

NH: 1 group - \$1,500

VT: 6 groups - \$10,500

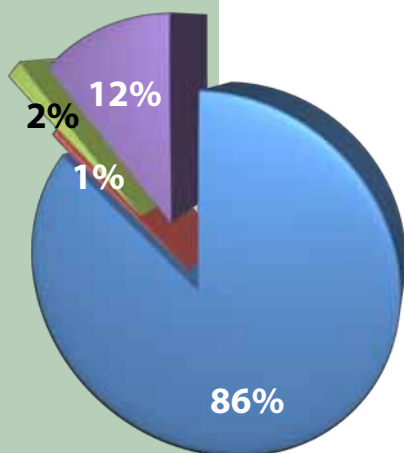
2011 Financials

2011 Sources of Income (%)



- Foundation Grants - ●
- Fiscal Sponsor Contributions - ●
- Program Fees - ●
- RootShare - ●
- Miscellaneous - ●
- Deferred Assets Transfer - ●

2011 Expenses by Category (%)



- Grassroots Services - ●
- Fundraising & Funder Services - ●
- Communications - ●
- Administration - ●

INCOME

Grants	\$562,722.00
Special Grants	\$59,817.97
Program Fees	\$4,179.54
Contributions	\$10,755.44
Miscellaneous	\$14,249.95
Deferred Assets Transfer	\$220,000.00
Cash Reserve Deferred	\$(20,000.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$851,724.90

EXPENSE

Program Delivery	
Program Administration	\$212,089.17
Small Grants	\$156,880.00
Boston Grants	\$133,087.00
Partner Grants	\$83,969.48
Fiscal Sponsor Grants	\$54,242.83
Training Grants	\$127.50
RootSkills & Conferences	\$38,800.69
Board & Grantmaking Meetings	\$2,420.58
Governance Activist Stipends	\$11,700.00
Travel	\$1,473.18
Issue Research	\$1,474.51
Development	
Fundraising/Funder Networking	\$4,635.82
Communications	
Website Upgrade	\$12,200.00
Outreach	\$551.03
Administration	
General Op. Administration	\$70,696.38
Office Expenses	\$17,652.30
Professional Services	\$4,680.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$806,680.47

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\$45,044.43

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