Discussion of
Opportunities for Public Funding of
Lake Projects

Summary of Public Funding Opportunities

Need	Funding Organizations	Comments	Lead
Aquatic Nuisance Control and Greeter Grants	VT DEC, LCBP, municipalities	Applicants must be municipality. Associations often write proposals. Intended to help fund greeter programs and AIS (milfoil) management efforts.	Dave
Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) Creation	LCBP, VT DEC (thru CWSP or WUV)	For creation of LWAPs. DEC typically funds 2-3 per year. Funding decisions based on Lake Scorecards and other factors.	Kent
Project Implementation	VT DEC, LCBP, NRCDs	To complete designs and implement projects identified in LWAP or other means	Dave
Development, Planning and Research	LCBP, NRCDs, WUV	For scoping studies and project identification efforts. For assessments and water quality monitoring outside of other programs.	Dave
Education/ Outreach	LCBP	To pay for creation and printing of materials, outreach to members and local schools	Kent
Organizational Support	WUV(DEC), LCBP	funding to pay staff to support Lake Associations on projects to improve water quality	Kent

VT DEC Aquatic Nuisance Control Grants - Grants and Funding Opportunities | Department of Environmental Conservation
VT DEC Lake Shoreline Projects - Lake Watershed Action Plans | Department of Environmental Conservation
LCBP - Lake Champlain Basin Program - Grants & RFPs - Lake Champlain Basin Program
WUV - Watershed United Vermont - https://watershedsunitedvt.org/resources/block-grants
CWSP - Clean Water Service Providers - Service Provider Network and Contacts | Department of Environmental Conservation
NRCDs - Natural Resources Conservation Council and Districts - https://www.vacd.org/

Milfoil Control & Greeter Programs

- VTDEC Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Grants support these efforts
  a. Applicants must be municipalities generally partnering with lake associations.
  b. Grants are prioritized 1) mitigating new infestations; 2) prevent or control future spread; 3) recurring maintenance

- LCBP Healthy Ecosystem Grants support many greeter programs.

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Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) Creation

Fairfield Pond Watershed Action Plan:

- **Administered by the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain**
- **Contracted with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, Inc.**
- **Funded by the Lake Champlain Basin Program**

Project Implementation

- For projects aimed at nutrient and sediment reduction to improve water quality, this funding supports preliminary and final design along with implementation.
- Lake associations hire the consultants and contractors to do the work and are reimbursed for these expenses.

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Planning and Research

- Aimed at identifying projects prior to the design phase - such as scoping studies, stream assessments, evaluating property owner's concerns, etc.

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Education / Outreach

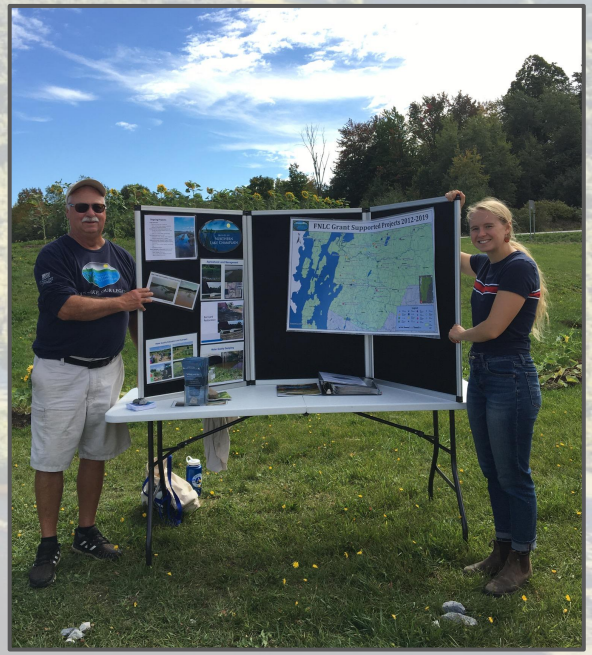
Winds, Waves, and Variables – Lessons about the Lake Champlain Basin:

- **Administered by the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain**
- **Contracted to be taught by Kurt Valenta, Exordium to fifth grade students at local watershed schools**
- **Funded by the Lake Champlain Basin Program**

Organizational Support

Organizational Grant:

- **Administered and Implemented by the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain**
  - to improve and update our communications and outreach materials, tools, and strategy.
  - FNLC also used Story Maps to provide a visual narrative for completed projects, which are posted on our website and shared with newsletter subscribers and partners.
  - Purchase a Constant Contact subscription to reach our supporters through automated email and digital marketing.
- **Funded by the Lake Champlain Basin Program**



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