

Questions Regarding Applications for SEEDS Grants
Round 1, due November 15

Q. Can an individual sponsoring agency submit more than one application?

A. Yes, a sponsoring agency can submit multiple applications.

Please note, however, that each application should describe a discrete, independent project. An agency should not submit two applications for one initiative as a means of supporting a project that exceeds the \$15,000 cap for SEEDS Grants.

Q. Will there be other VTDDC requests for proposals? What level of funding do you anticipate and what is the timeline for submission?

A. Based on available funding, the Council is likely to issue one or two larger RFP's later in this first year of our Five-Year Cycle. The requests will be based on goals and objectives in our Five-Year State Plan. An area likely to generate a request for proposals is Goal 1, which describes how VTDDC will provide support around employment and health care to people with developmental disabilities living in an underserved region of Vermont. The range is likely to be \$50,000 to \$60,000. The Council is especially interested in partnerships where other participating organizations also invest in an initiative. It will also look to recipients of SEEDS funding who wish to propose a project based on planning or other successful capacity-building activities, as one – but not the only -- source for thoughtful proposals.

Regarding timeline, we do not anticipate making these larger investments until June 2017 at the earliest. The full Council meets only quarterly, and there are several steps toward making an award: The Council will review and vote on any scope of work that is put out to bid; the earliest that this could happen is the March 2017 meeting. The Program Committee will review applications and make recommendations, but the full Council must vote on any award, making June the earliest opportunity to select a grantee for an opportunity announced in March.