

Town of Greensboro, Vermont

Appropriation Request Application — Fiscal Year 2027

(for submission to the Greensboro Selectboard / Budget Committee)

Submission deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2025

Authority under Vermont State statute:

The authority for making appropriations for social service agencies is in 24 VSA § 2691 as follows:

At a meeting duly warned for that purpose, a town or incorporated village may appropriate such sums of money as it deems necessary for the support of social service programs and facilities within that town for its residents. Social service programs, for which a town or incorporated village may appropriate sums of money, include, but are not limited to: transportation, nutrition, medical, childcare, and other rehabilitative services for persons with low incomes, senior citizens, children, disabled persons, drug and alcohol abusers, and persons requiring employment to eliminate their need for public assistance. The authority herein granted is not in derogation of other local powers to allocate funds.

Section A: Organization / Applicant Information

1. Name of Organization/Agency: Greensboro Historical Society
2. Mailing Address: PO Box 151
3. Physical Address (if different): 29 Breezy Ave
4. Contact Person / Authorized Representative: ~~BJ~~ BJ Gray
5. Title / Role: President
6. Telephone: 802-533-2019 GHS-802-533-2457
7. Email: _____
8. Website (if any): greensborohistoricalsociety.org

Section B: Request Summary

9. Amount of Appropriation Requested: \$6,000

10. Purpose / Program(s) for which funds will be used:

See Attached Letter

11. Is this a new request or a renewal / continuation? New Renewal / Continuation

NOTE: New requests must be accompanied by a petition signed by 5% of Greensboro registered voters. Contact the Town Clerk for more details.

12. If renewal / continuation, amount received in FY 2026 (or most recent year):

\$ 6,000

13. If requesting an increase, please explain reason(s) for the increase. Note that only in unusual circumstances will requests for increases be granted.:

Section C: Service Area & Beneficiaries

14. Geographic area served (town, region, etc.): Greensboro

15. Approximate number of individuals served in the last full year: ~1,000 - 1,100

16. Of those, how many were Greensboro residents? ~400

17. Types of services provided (check all that apply):

Social services (food, counseling, transportation, etc.)

Youth / children's programs

Senior / elder services

Cultural / arts / historic

Environmental / conservation

Other: _____

18. Describe how Greensboro residents benefit from your services:

Please see attached letter

Section E: Financial Information & Budget

19. Total operating budget of your organization (last full fiscal year): \$ *see Attached*

26. Do any funding sources require a municipal match or other local commitment?

Yes No

If Yes, explain:

Section F: Reporting, Oversight & Accountability

28. If your organization has received municipal appropriations from Greensboro before, provide a report or summary of how those funds were used (attach as appendix).

29. Person(s) responsible for oversight and compliance within your organization:

Name: *BJ Gray* / Title: *President*

Contact: _____

Section G: Certification & Signature

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. If funds are granted, I agree to use them for the stated purpose(s) and to provide the required reports and oversight to the Town of Greensboro.

Signature: Betty Wood Gray
Name (printed): Betty Wood Gray
Title / Role: GHS President
Date: 11/25/25

Section H: Attachments (please indicate those included)

(Only for requests of \$500 or more)

- Audited financial statements (most recent year) or if no audit was conducted, financial statements prepared by the organization
- Organizational annual report or summary
- Letters of support or endorsements, if helpful



To: The Selectboard of the Town of Greensboro
From: B.J. Gray, President, Greensboro Historical Society
Date: October 15, 2025
re: Request for Town Appropriation

The Greensboro Historical Society (GHS) requests an appropriation of \$6,000 for its ongoing work to preserve and document Greensboro's history. We appreciate the use of the town building to house our exhibits and growing archives, and we welcome the opportunity to serve as a place for the community to gather and learn about our shared history. For the past several years, the appropriation has helped to cover our utilities, supplies, professional archival and tech support services, and other operating costs, and for that we remain grateful.

This past year, the GHS continued to offer Greensboro residents and visitors a variety of resources and programs:

- In its second and final year, our summer exhibit, *Rails to Trails*, offered an expanded history of the St. Johnsbury & Lamoille County railroad, its role in creating and sustaining The Bend, and the line's conversion into the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.
- In July, we held our popular book sale and ice cream social in the Village.
- We facilitated the fundraising for and installation of a granite memorial bench on the GHS lawn to acknowledge the legacy of Tom Hurst.
- With the help of a generous grant from the Greensboro Association, we began reorganizing and renovating the historic garage behind the GHS building with the goal of having new space for exhibits and programming next summer.
- We hosted two very well-attended presentations at Fellowship Hall: In March we gathered a panel of 15 Greensboro High School alumni to share their stories. Guests and panelists also explored Greensboro High School artifacts and ephemera from our archives. In August, local historian Timothy Breen entertained the crowd with his history of The Great Maple Sugar Bubble in late 18th-century Vermont, and attendees enjoyed a variety of maple-themed refreshments.
- Thanks in part to funding from the Vermont Arts Council and the Greensboro Association, displays in our permanent exhibit space are now protected by window shades and film designed to mitigate the effects of ultraviolet light and enhance viewing for museum visitors.
- Our team has accepted new collections, such as the Lakeview Union School records, and we have continued processing earlier accessions such as the Alpha Tolman Papers. We have organized and digitized information on our town's heritage, researched and answered questions from the public, and worked to make our resources more searchable and accessible on our website.

We continue to benefit from hundreds of hours of volunteer support, which greatly leverages the impact of the town's support. Our dedicated volunteers enable us to research, set up, and maintain rotating exhibits; guide visitors; clean the museum and maintain the permanent exhibit; write and mail newsletters; manage the accounting and finances; and research and produce the 49th edition of our local history journal, *The Hazen Road Dispatch*. The town appropriation helps ensure that everyone has the equipment and space they need to do their work.

To learn more, I urge you to visit our website at www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org. Please contact me with any questions, and I hope you will grant our request.

Greensboro Historical Society

Profit and Loss

January - December 2024

| | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------|
| Income | |
| Book Sales | 30.00 |
| 40 Years Hazen Road Dispatch | 40.00 |
| Architectural Walk | 8.00 |
| Hazen Road Dispatch sales | 4,765.40 |
| History of Greensboro | 75.00 |
| Lyles Book sales | 231.00 |
| Railroad Book | 3.00 |
| Total Book Sales | 5,152.40 |
| CBNA CD | 20.72 |
| Community Outreach | |
| Toad Bags Sales | 90.00 |
| Total Community Outreach | 90.00 |
| Donations | 16,000.87 |
| Dues | 2,160.00 |
| Total Donations | 18,160.87 |
| Greensboro Assoc | 800.00 |
| Ice Cream Social | 148.00 |
| Postage | 14.73 |
| Sales of other publications & t-shirts | 22.00 |
| Town of Greensboro | 6,000.00 |
| Vanguard Dividend (Reinvested) | 2,672.70 |
| Vermont Community Fund Loan | 125.10 |
| Vermont Council of the Arts | 1,130.00 |
| Total Income | \$34,336.52 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$34,336.52 |
| Expenses | |
| Advertising & Marketing | 148.67 |
| Archiving, computer services, genealogy | 9,553.75 |
| Books | 21.19 |
| Hazen Road Dispatch Printing | 3,064.42 |
| Shipping, Freight & Delivery | 10.60 |
| Total Books | 3,096.21 |
| Community Outreach Expense | |
| Toad Bags Expense | 675.40 |
| Total Community Outreach Expense | 675.40 |
| Countryside Alarms | 220.00 |
| Envelope Insert | 334.40 |
| Ice cream social ice cream | 134.00 |
| Insurance | 400.00 |
| Job Supplies | 415.51 |

| | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mailing of Newsletter | 743.81 |
| Membership | 54.00 |
| Newsletter | 2,071.69 |
| Office Supplies & Software | 201.48 |
| PayPal | 58.40 |
| PO Box Rental | 118.00 |
| Postage Purchase | 381.14 |
| Programs | 241.49 |
| Repair & Maintenance | 2,659.38 |
| Yardwork (lawn mowing and shoveling) | 630.00 |
| Total Repair & Maintenance | 3,289.38 |
| Supplies & Materials | 960.76 |
| 2024 Exhibit | 428.28 |
| Total Supplies & Materials | 1,389.04 |
| Utilities | |
| Electricity | 538.66 |
| Phone/Internet | 1,037.43 |
| Propane/Heat | 1,506.15 |
| Septic | 425.00 |
| Water | 450.00 |
| Total Utilities | 3,957.24 |
| Total Expenses | \$27,483.61 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | \$6,852.91 |
| NET INCOME | \$6,852.91 |