

Peacham Farm Support Fund

2026 Grant Application Guidelines

Background: An anonymous donor established a permanent fund to support farming in Peacham. The Fund is private and is administered by the Vermont Community Foundation. The Town of Peacham is not directly involved with this Fund. A three-person committee (the Fund Committee) was established by the Vermont Community Foundation to make recommendations on how the Fund will be used. Ideas on how to use the Fund to support farming in Peacham are always welcome. Contact any member of the Fund Committee listed below or include ideas with your application. This year, income from the Fund is made available for small grants to farms of any kind (see definition below).

Application Procedure: To apply for a Peacham Farm Support Fund Grant, fill out the application below and sign where indicated. All farmers who reside in Peacham, who apply before the deadline, and who qualify as a farmer at the time of the distribution will be eligible. Applications must be returned to the town clerk, or mailed to the **Peacham Farm Support Fund, P.O. Box 244, Peacham, VT 05862**, by April 30, 2026. Grant awards will be made about a month later.

Available funding will be distributed to one or more qualifying farms. The money will be distributed to the qualifying farmers upon completion of the project.

The objective of the Fund is to **assist** with capital projects on farms in Peacham to make it more economically feasible to farm here. Projects could include energy efficiency, restoration of an active barn, permanent fencing, or any other project that you can demonstrate will make your operation more viable.

Project Applied For: (examples: “repairs to barn sills”, or “new greenhouse”)

Need: Give a brief explanation of the Project you are applying for, and how the Project will help keep your farm viable for the next 5 years. If necessary, you may attach one additional sheet.

Budget: Please attach a simple budget for the project, with a timeline for completion by December 31, 2026.

Project Viability: The objective of the Fund is to **assist** with projects. If the Fund should award only a portion of your requested amount, would you be able to go ahead with your project and complete it by Dec 31, 2026? Yes / No (please circle one)

Certification:

I, the undersigned, meet the following definition of farmer:

“Farmer” is defined as a person who has income from the “business of farming” including income from the sale of dairy, poultry, livestock, maple syrup and sap, Christmas trees, vegetables, fruit, etc. Income from the rental of farmland, forestry, timber, sales, machinery, social security, etc. is not considered income from farming.

I intend to continue to farm in Peacham for the next 5 years.

Signature of Farmer

Date

Print Name Here

Mailing Address

Phone number

Email address

**Peacham Farm Support Fund
Committee**

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Frank Miller
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