



## Grantmaker Profiles – February 2021

### [The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation](#)

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**Geographic Scope:**

California

**Geographic Focus:**

Los Angeles County

**Type of Organization:** Foundation, Fund, or Trust

**Total Annual Giving:** \$18,123,000

**Grant Range:** \$2,500 - \$300,000

**Average Grant Range:** \$50,000 - \$0

**Grant Details:**

Occasionally, larger grants are made.

**Bridge Number:**

1954529804

**EIN:** 95-6085895

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Nonprofit organizations

**Application Deadlines:**

Letters of inquiry: required, submit online

## Areas of Interest:

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation strives to support and facilitate the work of southern California's best nonprofit organizations, recognizing that communities thrive when all individuals are able to access the resources they need to feel safe, stable, and engaged.

The Foundation limits its grantmaking to nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles County, CA.

The Foundation's focus areas include the following:

- **Education**  
The Foundation supports programs focused on access to quality learning opportunities for all, from "cradle to career," with a special focus on underserved populations.
- **Human Services**  
The Foundation supports programs focused on providing services to traditionally underserved and disadvantaged populations. The primary focus is programs serving children, families, foster youth, the working poor, seniors, and homeless populations.
- **Civic and Cultural**  
Grants in this area are broad-based, ranging from support for public gardens, performing arts organizations, museums, and more. The Foundation has a special interest in arts education for children and youth.
- **Health**  
The Foundation supports programs focused on promoting health and well-being among vulnerable populations, with emphasis on community clinics, mental health providers, prevention services, emergency and trauma centers, and improvements to healthcare facilities.

The majority of the Foundation's grants are for general operating support, though funds for programs and capital needs are also provided. The Foundation prioritizes organizations that deliver direct services.

The Foundation generally does not provide funding for the following types of requests:

- loans;
- fundraising events, dinners, or mass mailings;
- endowments;
- direct aid to individuals;
- conferences, seminars, or workshops;
- sectarian, religious, or fraternal purposes;
- federated fundraising appeals;
- support of candidates for political office or to influence legislation;
- for-profit organizations or businesses;
- scholarship support for individuals;
- organizations outside of Los Angeles County (with occasional exceptions in the area of higher education);
- animal welfare;
- environmental issues or causes;
- documentary filmmaking or television programming;

- scientific or medical research;
- organizations focused on specific diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease);
- grassroots advocacy;
- summer camps; or,
- services for the developmentally disabled.

**Application Procedures:**

Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website. Letters of inquiry must be submitted online.

**[Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation](#)**

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**Geographic Scope:**

North Carolina

**Type of Organization:** Foundation, Fund, or Trust

**Total Annual Giving:** \$18,770,000

**Bridge Number:**

5883910943

**EIN:** 58-6038145

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, religious entities, and government agencies

**Application Deadlines:**

Varies by program

**Areas of Interest:**

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all North Carolinians. The Foundation wants everyone in the state to have access to high-quality education, to benefit from a healthy and sustainable environment, to enjoy economic opportunity under just and fair rules, and to be able to engage fully in civic life.

The Foundation offers the following funding opportunities:

### State-Level Systemic Change Strategy

The Foundation seeks to partner with others to help change state-level systems in ways that overcome systemic and structural barriers and thereby help improve the quality of life for all North Carolinians.

The focus is on four priority areas:

- advancing public education;
- fostering a healthy and sustainable environment;
- promoting social and economic justice; and,
- strengthening democracy.

The Foundation gives particular emphasis to work targeted at improving opportunities and outcomes for populations who have been historically marginalized, subjected to systemic discrimination, or excluded from full participation in society, including, but not limited to:

- immigrants;
- LGBTQ persons;
- low-income individuals;
- people of color;
- women; and,
- young people.

The Foundation supports grantees using one or more approaches, including, but not limited to:

- advocacy;
- applied research;
- communications/digital media;
- leadership development;
- legal/litigation;
- organizing/mobilizing; and,
- training/education.

### Collaborative Problem-Solving

The Foundation believes that meaningful change is generated at the local level, where community members use their experiences and connections to people and places to improve the world around them.

Grants are provided for support a limited number of community projects that use inclusive, collaborative, and resourceful processes to authentically engage the full community to tackle challenges and create solutions.

In particular, the Foundation seeks to fund efforts that work across sectors (public, private, nonprofit) and/or geographic lines (municipal, county, etc.), are built on existing community assets, use a racial equity lens, and/or bring people together across identity or ideology. Efforts that actively enhance racial and economic equity are encouraged.

Grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per year for up to four years for projects in the planning stage, implementation stage, or both.

### Community Progress Fund

This fund is designed to provide an infusion of short-term funding at precisely the right moment and is intended to build on existing momentum to help move an issue or an organization forward. The goal is to award a significant portion of grants to organizations that are run by and primarily serve people of color. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year for one or two years.

The Foundation also administers these special programs:

- The Nonprofit Internship Program provides paid summer internships for low-income students in the nonprofit sector.
- The All For NC Fellowship Program is a 12-month program designed to provide funding, coaching, and mentoring to young people who have a vision and plan that could contribute to a better life for North Carolina's people and communities. Each fellow receives a stipend of \$75,000 as well as non-financial support. People of color, women, LGBTQ persons, and rural residents are encouraged to apply.
- The ZSR Fellowship is a one two-year, paid fellowship offered to an individual who demonstrates an interest in philanthropy, public policy, community service, and/or the nonprofit sector. Each fellow has the opportunity to assist in furthering projects related to the current priority areas of the Foundation. Eligible candidates must be natives or residents of North Carolina and/or graduates of an accredited North Carolina college or university.
- The Sabbatical Program honors leaders of nonprofit organizations in North Carolina for their dedicated service and commitment to the sector. The three- to six-month sabbaticals offer individuals the opportunity to focus primarily on their personal needs and devote themselves to self-revitalization. The awarded compensation (\$30,000) and \$10,000 to each organization for planning and transition expenses, provides the financial support necessary for sabbatical recipients to temporarily leave their place of employment. This program is offered every other year.

### **Application Procedures:**

Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website. Applications must be submitted online.

### **Annual Report:**

<https://www.zsr.org/about/annual-reports>

## **The Vermont Community Foundation**

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**Geographic Scope:**

Vermont

**Type of Organization:** Community Foundation

**Total Annual Giving:** \$21,868,000

**Bridge Number:**

4528682553

**EIN:** 22-2712160

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions

**Application Deadlines:**

Varies by program

**Areas of Interest:**

The Vermont Community Foundation is committed to inspiring giving and bringing together people and resources to make a difference in Vermont.

The Foundation offers the following competitive grant opportunities:

Nonprofit Capacity Building

This program provides grants statewide to cover the cost of consultants to facilitate discussions related to strategic planning, financial sustainability planning, or facilitating a merger. Grants range up to \$3,000.

Special and Urgent Needs (SUN)

These grants of \$500 to \$5,000 are provided to organizations statewide to support unexpected emergencies.

Spark Connecting Community

This program provides grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to organizations throughout Vermont. This grassroots grantmaking focuses on strengthening community connections that lead to action and impact.

### High Meadows Fund

This fund promotes vibrant communities and a healthy natural environment while encouraging long-term economic vitality in Vermont.

### Samara Fund

This fund supports projects, programs, and organizations that serve the LGBTQ communities in Vermont. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,500.

### Paul Post Fund for Libraries

This fund provides grants statewide to school, municipal, and public nonprofit libraries for literacy projects that will engage young people. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000.

### Vermont Women's Fund

This fund provides grants for organizations and programs that support viable career pathways and career prospects for Vermont women and girls. Grants range up to \$10,000.

### Con Hogan Community Leadership Award

This program provides one \$15,000 cash award annually to reward mid-career leaders who share the vision of a Vermont that places the highest value on the public good, and seize the responsibility for making that vision real by using data and measurement, monitoring a plan of action, and making strategic adjustments along the way.

### Walter Cerf Community Fund

This fund supports organizations in the Addison County/Brandon area or statewide organizations. Priority interests include:

- the arts;
- education;
- historic preservation; and,
- social services.

Most grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

### South Lake Champlain Fund

This fund provides grants for research and education concerning the southern portion of Lake Champlain. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$7,500.

### Concert Artists Fund

This fund provides grants to organizations presenting performances of classical music in Chittenden County. Grants range up to \$20,000 over two years, or up to \$10,000 per year.

### Crosby-Gannett Fund

This fund provides grants for endeavors that contribute to the betterment and vitality of the Brattleboro area. Grants range from \$250 to \$2,500.

### Dunham-Mason Fund

This fund provides grants for endeavors that contribute to the betterment and vitality of the Brattleboro area. Grants range from \$250 to \$500.

### Northeast Kingdom Fund

This fund supports organizations that address the vibrancy and health of the Northeast Kingdom. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

### Hills and Hollows Fund

This fund supports organizations serving Poultney or its nearby communities. Interest areas include:

- education;
- children and family services; and,
- fostering the future sustainability of the community.

Grants range from \$250 to \$7,500.

### J. Warren and Lois McClure Foundation

This foundation focuses on improving equitable access to the post-secondary and career education that leads to Vermont's most promising jobs. Grants typically range from \$15,000 to \$60,000.

### Green Mountain Fund

This fund supports organizations in Lamoille County and the neighboring communities of Craftsbury, Greensboro, and Hardwick. The focus is on education as well as children and families.

Support is provided for projects that:

- increase access to opportunity for low-income youth and families;
- connect people to the environment around them in ways that encourage stewardship and respect;
- increase opportunities for positive social interaction; and,
- increase health and wellness of children and families.

Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

### Kelsey Trust

This fund supports organizations that benefit the people and protect the environment of the Lake Champlain Basin. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

### Opportunity Fund for Southshire Youth

This fund provides grants to organizations for dynamic and innovative youth programs in Bennington, North Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury, and Woodford. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,500.

### Regional and Local Impact (RALI)

This place-based grant program is looking for ideas that are generated with community engagement and that address directly one or more of the four opportunity gap strategic focus areas:

- early care and learning;
- career and college training;
- support for youth and families; and,
- community and economic vitality.

### **Application Procedures:**

Application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website. Applications may be submitted online.

### **Annual Report:**

<https://www.vermontcf.org/AboutUs/InvestmentsampPublications.aspx>