

APPLICATION FOR THE EDITH AND EMMETT SMITH MEMORIAL FUND

About the Fund

In 1985, the family of Edith and Emmett Smith established a memorial fund “to be used by the residents of Arlington to further the enrichment of the town. Specifically, the intent is for a worthwhile project related to the enrichment of Arlington’s history, government, community recognition or similar project by any Arlington citizen or community group. Special events which might occur as part of a town celebration or memorial may be considered. And preferably, but not necessarily, it should be used by a youth or youth group who would provide enrichment to the community by involvement in those types of projects identified above.”

For this year 2023, the application period will be open until March 1, 2024. and awards will be granted up to \$2000 depending on the number of applications and the innovation of the project.

Please submit your application to:

The Edith and Emmett Smith Memorial Fund
c/o Robin Wilcox, Town Clerk
Town of Arlington
PO Box 304
3828 VT Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250.

If you have questions, Robin can be reached at 802-375-2332 or robin.wilcox@arlingtonvermont.org

Application Deadline

March 1, 2024

Applications may be submitted electronically or by mail. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for this fund:

- The applicant, if an individual, must be a resident of the town of Arlington, VT. The applicant, if an organization, must have a mission to serve the residents of Arlington.
- The project must be located in the town of Arlington, VT.
- The project demonstrates benefit(s) to the residents of the town of Arlington.
- The applicant demonstrates skills and the ability and/or have support from an organization to complete the project as described in the application.
- The applicant is willing to report progress and document the completion of the project within the project timeline.

Applicant(s) who are awarded funds will receive:

Up to \$2,000 for materials and/or labor upon the completion of the project with the required documentation and/or inspection. Funds can be distributed in increments throughout the project as progress or milestones are completed.

Materials to include in the application:

- The following form filled out to the best of your ability. Answers may be as long as you wish. Use extra sheets if needed.
- A project plan that includes a completion date, a tasks list, materials list with costs, hours of labor with costs and other expenses. In addition, any in-kind labor and/or donated materials should be listed and will be given special consideration in determining the benefits of the project.
- A description of how the progress and completion of the project will be reported. This may include regular reports, receipts, invoices, photos, etc.
- Financial information, such as labor and materials, cost estimates, quotes from contractors, project related services, etc.

What to expect after your application submission:

A committee, consisting of the Arlington town clerk and two select board members, will review all applications received by the application deadline. You will receive a letter from the committee confirming the receipt of your application and a date that the decision will be made.

The committee will determine the merit of each project based on the criteria previously listed. If more than one project deserves funding, the total amount of available funds will be divided among the selected applicants. You may be contacted if additional information is needed or the committee members have questions about your project. (Be sure to include your contact information in the application.)

If your project is chosen to receive funding, you will be notified of the decision and the amount of money awarded as well as the process for disbursing the funds. **Note:** You may not receive all the funds you requested in the application. All others will be notified that the project was not selected.

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Today's Date _____ Applicant's Name _____

Contact Information

I am requesting funds as an individual _____
Phone _____ Best time to call, if needed _____
Address _____
Email _____

I am requesting funds as a representative of an organization _____
Organization Name _____
Contact Information _____
Organization's Mission _____

Project Information

Amount Requested _____
Project Start Date _____ Project Completion Date _____
Project Description (a brief summary)

Purpose of the Project (a brief statement of the need of Arlington residents and how the project will meet the need)

Location of the Project _____

Benefit(s) to the residents of Arlington

Project Plan (list tasks, expected timelines for completion for each major task)

Describe how the project's progress will be monitored and its completion documented.

Financial Information

Total Cost of the Project _____

Budget Details (attach an additional page, if necessary) Include cost of materials, labor, other expenses

List any In-kind contributions and the source(s) (e.g. free labor and/or materials, other project related services)

Do you expect to receive financial support from another source to complete the project (e.g. an organization, a grant or personal funds) ? _____ If yes, describe the source and expected amount.

If you are receiving financial support from another source. What portion of the project will be completed with the money requested from the Fund?

Include Attachments

Letter(s) of support, photos, diagrams, charts and/or additional information that support your project

Thank you for submitting your application.