

October 2018



# Points of Interest

*An E-Newsletter from the  
Vermont Community Loan Fund*

**\$100,000 Hunger Mtn Co-op Investment to Support VCLF's Food, Farms & Forests Fund**



[Hunger Mountain Co-op](#), Montpelier's community-owned natural food cooperative, has announced it will invest \$100,000 in the [Vermont Community Loan Fund](#) in support of the Loan Fund's [Food, Farms & Forests Fund](#). [Read more.](#)

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Fund borrower?**

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**We've Been Busy This Year!**



VERMONT COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

# Social Impact Report 2018

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



2018 is shaping up to be another banner year for the Vermont Community Loan Fund. Thanks to our investors, borrowers, supporters and collaborators, we're helping to transform hundreds of thousands of Vermonters' lives through access to opportunities, advancement and increased financial stability.

[Check out our latest Social Impact Report.](#)

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## Loan Fund Lends \$1.5 million in Q2 2018



### Borrower Profile: SPROUTing Opportunities with [Vermont Chevon](#)

It's a culinary treat and mainstay known to Caribbean, African, Asian cultures for centuries... and one that Vermonters are about to discover. It's a sumptuous meat, rich in flavor, a great source of protein, lower in fat, sodium and cholesterol than most beef, pork, and poultry.

"It's chevon," says Shirley Richardson, founder and CEO of Danville-based goat meat purveyor Vermont Chevon. "Goats are the animal. Chevon is the meat," she explains. [Read more.](#)

## US Treasury Grant to Loan Fund Fuels Local Growth



### Award Will Leverage \$19 Million in Local Impact Investing

The U.S. Department of Treasury has announced a \$700,000 award granted to the Vermont Community Loan Fund (VCLF), through the federal Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. [Read more.](#)

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### Gwen Pokalo Joins VCLF Board of Directors

Having collaborated with and supported the Loan Fund in a number of ways in recent years, Gwen Pokalo, Executive Director of the [Center for Women and Enterprise](#) (CWE) Vermont, has strengthened her bond with our organization even further as she joins VCLF's Board of Directors. [Read more.](#)



### Come Find Us This Fall!



We'll be out and about a lot this fall. Here's where you'll find us (Come say 'Hi!'):

November 1-2: We're sponsoring the [Farm to Plate Network Gathering](#) at Killington Grand Resort, Killington. VCLF's [Becca Schrader](#) and [Elena Gustavson](#) present panel discussion "Integrated Capital: Using Business Resources, Financing, and Funding to Successfully Support Vermont Farm and Food Businesses;" VCLF's Director of Business Programs [Raymond Lanza-Weil](#) will be one of the panelists.

November 8: [Growing the Working Landscape Conference](#) at St. Albans City

Hall, St. Albans. VCLF Loan Officer [Dan Winslow](#) participates in panel discussion on funding models, how to scale your business, and more.

November 8: We're sponsoring the [National Coalition for Community Capital \(NC3\) National Roundtable](#) at Burlington, bringing together supporters of community capital including VCLF's Director of Investment & Philanthropy [Jake Ide](#) to plan for its growth and development.

November 13 - 14: We're sponsoring the [2018 Vermont Statewide Housing Conference](#) at the Hilton, Burlington. VCLF's Director of Housing & Community Facilities [Paul Hill, Jr.](#) and Loan Coordinator [Barbara Petrie](#) will attend.

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## VCLF's Jake Ide Talks Impacts & Opportunities on 93.9 The River

Upper Valley radio station The River 93.9 recently invited our own Director of Investment & Philanthropy [Jake Ide](#) to talk about what's new at the Loan Fund.

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and Financial Stability for ALL Vermonters

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