The Vermont Community Loan Fund creates opportunities leading to healthy communities and financial stability for all Vermonters. An expert in financing opportunities that don’t yet qualify for credit from traditional lenders, we put capital in the hands of small businesses, entrepreneurs and community organizations who can’t access it anywhere else, to benefit the Vermonters who need it most. We finance the development of safe, affordable homes, quality early care & education, essential community services and small businesses including farms, food producers and natural resources-based enterprises. We combine our lending with financial consulting and business development services to make sure our borrowers have access to everything they need to succeed. Since 1987, we’ve loaned over $88 million, creating or preserving 4,800 jobs; building or rehabilitating 3,600 affordable homes; guaranteeing quality early care & education for 3,600 children & families; and preserving essential services for hundreds of thousands of Vermonters.

Success Story: Vermont Smoke and Cure, Hinesburg, VT

Growing steadily since 1962, fine meats purveyor Vermont Smoke and Cure was poised for big things by 2007. They’d long had a top quality product, and the locavore movement was catching fire…VSC needed capital to reach the next level. CEO Chris Bailey remembers “VCLF’s understanding of and appreciation for what we were doing was certainly different than a traditional bank’s.” VCLF provided the growth capital that soon necessitated an expansion and move to a new facility. Since then, VSC staffing has increased six-fold, product lines have extended, and sales have spiked nearly 3,000%, with continued growth on the horizon.

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