



**enVision Montpelier: Mazer Grant Program
Concept Paper Submission
February, 2009**

Summary

The Grant that the City has received from the Mazer Foundation provides funding for activities in five key areas of sustainable community development: social well-being, participatory governance, economic security, efficient services and infrastructure, and environmental integrity. Successful projects will speak to at least one these issue areas. Will your project create a new way of doing things, rather than just patching up the old way so that it works better? Are you building on one of the city's assets, or spending a lot of time and energy fixing a "problem?"

Concept Paper Questions

Individuals and organizations interested in applying for funding from the Mazer grant program are required to contact the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to completing a final application by submitting a concept paper that answers the questions below. This will help us guide you to the committee that will be the best suited to understanding how your proposal could meet the enVision Montpelier goals, and that can help you refine your thinking in preparation for submitting the full application. Contact with at least one committee is a requirement of the application process. Concept papers are due March 20, 2009, and will be reviewed by staff and the committees, who will provide applicants with feedback that will assist them in preparing the final applications. Full applications will be due April 24, 2009.

1. What do you want to accomplish with the grant? Describe the need for your project, and the way some part of the community's life will change if your project succeeds.
2. What will you do with the grant funding? Describe how the activities you undertake will relate to the changes you're trying to achieve in question #1.
3. What is the timeline and estimated total budget for the project?
4. How will you measure the results, and how will you sustain the activities over time?