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GNAT-TV Launches Local Creators Fund to Empower Vermont Media Makers

Sunderland, VT — GNAT-TV is thrilled to announce the launch of the Local Creators Fund, a new initiative that provides three local media makers with \$1,000 each to produce video projects that explore local stories and issues in the Southwestern Vermont region. Through this program, GNAT-TV seeks to celebrate Vermont's unique voices and foster connections within the community by showcasing content on platforms such as Comcast cable, gnat-tv.org, Apple TV, Roku, FireTV, and YouTube.

The Local Creators Fund invites local creators to produce impactful work, whether in documentary form or as an episodic television series, focused on topics relevant to the community. All content must be noncommercial and rooted in Southwestern Vermont, with local stories and voices taking priority. Selected creators will gain access to GNAT-TV's state-of-the-art studio, editing suite, and production equipment throughout the production process.

"Through the Local Creators Fund, GNAT-TV aims to amplify diverse voices, spark meaningful conversations, and empower media makers to create work that inspires positive change," said Tammie Reilly, GNAT-TV's Executive Director. "We are excited to support these talented creators as they bring unique Vermont stories to life."

This initiative, generously supported by the Vermont Arts Council, aims to cultivate empathy, understanding, and action through storytelling. The program encourages local filmmakers to highlight community issues and perspectives that may otherwise go unheard, fostering a more informed, engaged, and connected audience.

Key Program Dates:

Early November 2024: Applications open for filmmakers to submit proposals.

End of December 2024: Application deadline.

January 2025: Selected filmmakers announced in the first weeks of January.

January / February 2025: Project kickoff with GNAT-TV staff to discuss ideas and pre-production plans.

January – May 2025: Monthly check-ins with GNAT-TV staff to support project progress.

June 1, 2025: Final project submissions due.

June / July 2025: Public screenings of completed projects.

Applications are open to media makers of all backgrounds, and GNAT-TV encourages diverse perspectives in storytelling. Applicants are required to submit their project proposal, qualifications, and experience by the end of November 2024. For full details and to apply, visit <https://gnat-tv.org/local-creators-fund/>.

For questions or more information, visit gnat-tv.org or call 802.362.7070.

About GNAT-TV:

GNAT-TV is a nonprofit community media organization dedicated to serving the towns of Southern Vermont. We provide residents with the tools and resources to create and share media content that reflects the diverse voices and stories of our local communities. As a leading voice for community media, GNAT-TV helps foster a stronger sense of connection, engagement, and civic responsibility across the region.

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