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## **Vermont Lottery and Agency of Education Partner for Third Round of Tech Grants**

### ***Educate/Innovate Grant Program offer computer devices for schools***

BARRE – The Vermont Lottery, in a partnership with the Vermont Agency of Education, announces the third Educate / Innovate Grant Program to provide a competitive grant to K-12 public schools in the form of a cart of computing devices. The twice annual program provides one set of 20 devices and a mobile cart to one awardee school. The devices will consist of either Apple iPads or Google Chromebooks (a choice made by the school), and the devices will become the property of the school.

Schools must follow guidelines in the application process and identify how the addition of 20 devices to the school's technology program would create or support an innovative program or project at a local school. The program targets schools that are highly rural and have a significant population of qualified students in the Free and Reduced lunch program.

The goals of the program are twofold, to build public awareness on how the Lottery supports education and to aid schools by providing technology that can support student learning. The Vermont Lottery is allocating marketing funds to support the Educate/Innovate Grant program.

The program began a year ago with the first awardee being Charleston Elementary School. This past Fall, Alburgh Community Education Center joined the ranks, and this Spring another school will be awarded a cartful of devices.

The third round application was released on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, and an awardee will be announced in mid-April. The deadline for schools to apply is Friday, March 25, 2016.

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