

**Bhutanese Nepali Artists and Communities Outreach Project, Vermont Folklife Center (VFC), Middlebury:** The Folklife Center has worked for decades to document and sustain the cultural practices of immigrant and refugee artists across Vermont. In 2009-2011, the Council and VFC conducted a needs assessment through interviews with new American artists and representatives of arts and refugee service organizations. Building on previous research, VFC is now conducting intensive fieldwork in the Bhutanese Nepali community, which is the largest refugee population to be resettled in Vermont in the past few years. The grant will support VFC in documenting the arts of Bhutanese Nepali immigrants, and identifying ways to share their rich cultural knowledge and skills with a wider audience. [Vermont Folklife Center](#).