

TLC Project, Vermont Arts Exchange, North Bennington: The Vermont Arts Exchange (VAE) is dedicated to expanding access to the arts to all members of the community. The TLC Project enables young women from the Vermont School for Girls, a residential treatment facility, to work with textile artists to design and create handmade dolls for children in need. Through this program, students are introduced to professional artists, stretch their skills and creativity, and experience the power of the arts to change lives. The Council's grant will enable the VAE to expand this successful program to include additional artists and to leverage the funding necessary to make the program sustainable.