

Need funding?

Whether you need \$50 or \$10,000, you still need money! We'd love to fund your project, but our budget doesn't always allow for your proposed budget. But do not fear! Here are some pro tips on how to get funding.

See if OSM might be the right source to fund your project. We fund small, micro-philanthropic endeavors for creative projects. If this doesn't fit your project description or want to see other options, check out the ideas below. If we ask you for a budget, be as detailed as possible and do your research.

Middlebury

The College has some incredible resources for funding, most of which are often underadvertised. We tried to aggregate as many resources as possible to provide you with some funding ideas that are close to home.

MiddSTART

MiddSTART is Middlebury's own crowd-sourced funding platform. It's a fantastic way for anyone, including alumni, to support current students in their endeavors. It's often used for MAlt trips, but it'd be a great place to get funding for a variety of projects.

[go/middstart](https://go.middlebury.edu/middstart)

Commons' Offices

Your commons' office might be the next best place to get some financial support. They love to support students, especially for event that promote social endeavors on campus. They might not be able to help you buy supplies for your coveted OSM painting space, but ask your RA or CRA if your project could be funded!

MCSE Grants

MCSE (Middlebury Center for Social Entrepreneurship) provides multiple grants of \$3,000 for social innovation projects.

Projects can be carried out over the summer or during the school year. [go/mcsegrants](https://go.middlebury.edu/mcsegrants)

Student Orgs

If you have a great idea for a project that you feel is related to student organization on campus, such as MMC or GlobeMed, these groups can often budget for side projects that passionate students need funding to complete.

EIA mini-grants

This mini-grant program is for student initiatives involving community action: EIA helps students fund independent activities and/or projects that are not otherwise fully funded by another department or student organization. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the date of the proposed activity or project. [go/funding](#)

Tree House Fund

Up to \$2,200 total will be awarded every fall for one or several creative student projects that benefit Middlebury students, the environment, or the community. These awards are intended to fund projects that would not qualify for other existing sources of funding. [go/treehousefund](#)

EC Grant

The EC (Environmental Council) funds small projects on campus related to sustainability. Preference is given to projects that address transportation or food/dining issues on campus. [go/ec](#)

Service Cluster Board

Looking to fund a dinner for the homeless shelter? Want to take a service trip over winter break? The Service Cluster Board can provide funding to an array of project types, especially those that are community oriented. Applications can be found online and must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

[go/serviceclusterboard](#)

Funding Database

Lastly, the Student Funding Database is an extensive listing of funding sources—internal (Middlebury) and external—that has been compiled for Middlebury students and young alumni to search. If you are seeking ways to fund your internship, research, independent project, or other projects, this is a great place to start.

[go/sfd](#)

MiddChallenge

Have an idea for a project or business? Is there a problem you want to solve or an artistic piece you wish to create? Middchallenge accepts proposals in which you explain the inspiration and/or viability of your idea or business. [go/middchallenge](#)

non-Middlebury



crowdrise, as the name suggests, is another crowd-sourced funding platform. But unlike Kickstarter, crowdrise is **philanthropic**. Kind people in the world donate to your endeavor, whether it be volunteer, creative, athletic, or anything positive! crowdrise is great for someone who has a project that aims for positive social impact.

KICKSTARTER

Kickstarter is the latest trend in finding funds for a project. Whether you plan to develop the next "smartwatch" or fund your band's recording of a new album, Kickstarter is a great place to find funds. The platform is crowd-sourced and reward-motivated. You explain your project and people give money in exchange for your product or service.



Pitch contest

Believe it or not, there are contests where participants pitch their idea and win thousands of dollars. **LaunchVT** awards \$20K in cash awards to winners every year and pairs participants with entrepreneurial mentors. Applications are due early March, but there are more opportunities through Google