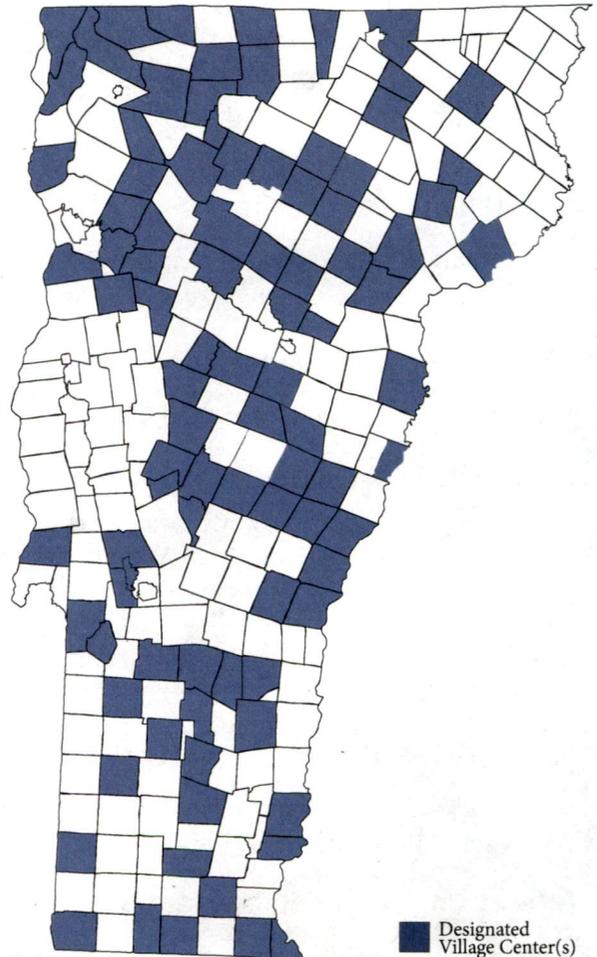


Overview

This community revitalization program helps maintain or evolve small to medium-sized historic centers with existing civic and commercial buildings. The designation supports the historic center and targets training and financial incentives to bring additional public and private investment to spark village revitalization. Multiple village centers may be designated in a community and the designation must be renewed every five years to maintain the benefits. Once designated, the community can apply for additional benefits to encourage new housing within walking distance to the center with the Neighborhood Development Area designation.

Expanded outreach efforts have led to an increase in designated village centers by 30% (93 to 121) in three years and a 200% increase in historic tax credit applications from village centers over the past two years. A record number of tax credits (12 grantees) were awarded to village centers this year. This includes the revival of general stores that are the crucial economic and social foundations of Pawlett, Greensboro and Hancock. The iconic Craftsbury Inn, long a centerpiece in this small community will be rehabilitated and re-opened as the Craftsbury Public House, while in Jamaica, tax credits will support rehabilitation of a building that has long housed the local Post Office and in Putney, the Next Stage Performing Arts center is in the midst of a multi-year rehabilitation.



By the Numbers

Designated Village Centers

121 designated village centers

Village Center Tax Credits [2010-2015]

45 projects awarded tax credits

32 unique communities served

\$2.6 million in tax credits awarded

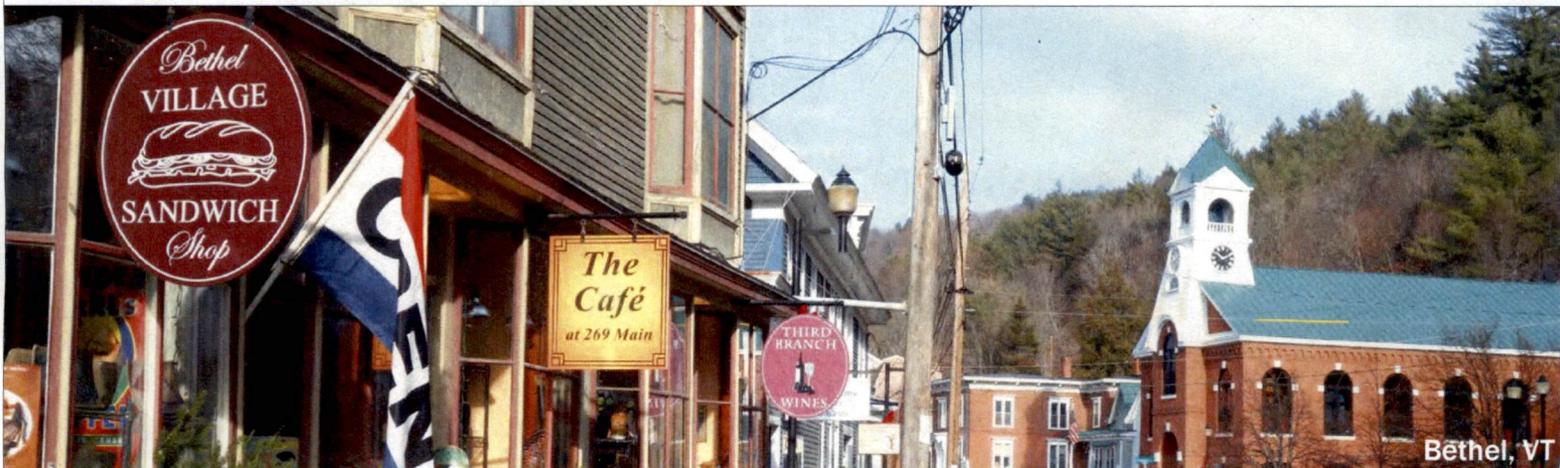
\$26.7 in private investment

Municipal Planning Grants [2010-2015]

117 grants awarded

76 communities served

\$1,222,119 awarded



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Village Center Designation Benefits

The Vermont village center designation program supports local revitalization efforts across the state by providing technical assistance and state funding to help designated municipalities build strong communities. Once designated, the community will be eligible for the following benefits:

10% Historic Tax Credits

- Available as an add-on to approved Federal Historic Tax Credit projects.
- Eligible costs include interior and exterior improvements, code compliance, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

25% Facade Improvement Tax Credits

- Eligible facade work up to \$25,000.

50% Code Improvement Tax Credits

- Available for up to \$50,000 each for elevators and sprinkler systems and \$12,000 for lifts.
- Eligible code work includes ADA modifications, electrical or plumbing up to \$25,000.

50% Technology Tax Credits

- Available for up to \$30,000 for installation or improvements made to data and network installations, and HVAC (heating, cooling or ventilation systems) reasonably related to data or network improvements.

Priority Consideration for State Grants

- Priority consideration for Municipal Planning Grants, Vermont Agency of Transportation grants, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources grants and funding from Vermont's Community Development Program (VCDP).

Priority Consideration by State Building And General Services (BGS)

- Priority site consideration by the State Building and General Services (BGS) when leasing or constructing buildings.

Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) Eligibility

- Communities may also designate Neighborhood Development Areas within 1/4 mile from the designated village center. Qualified projects are:
 - Exempt from Act 250 regulations and the land gains tax.
 - Eligible for, once designated, reduced Agency of Natural Resources review fees.



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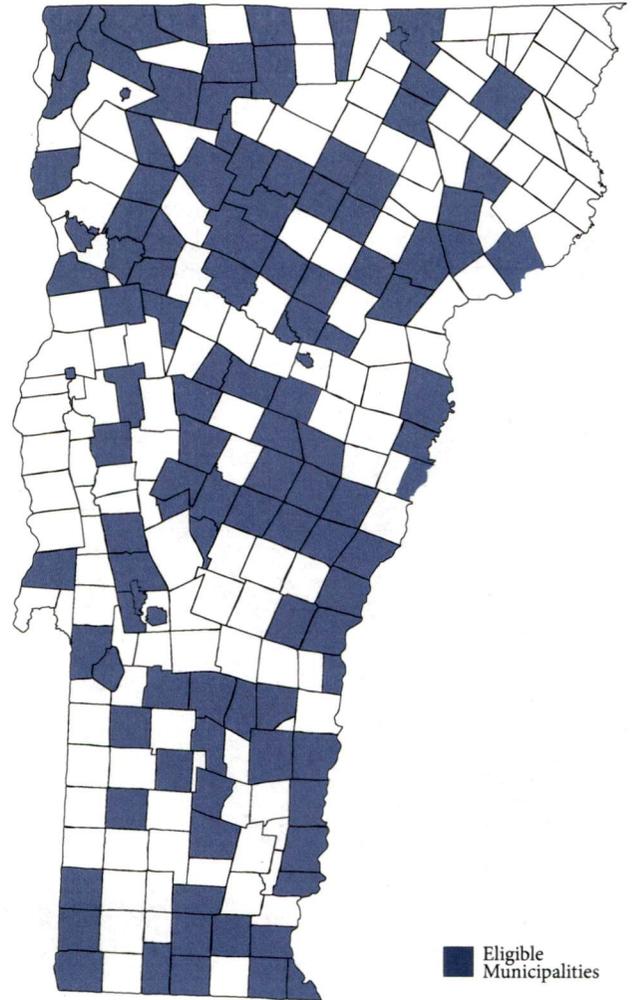
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Overview

The State's historic tax credit program supports building and code improvements and is one of the primary benefits of Downtown and Village Center designation, and sparks revitalization seen in community centers across the state. To date there are 24 designated Downtowns and 121 Village Centers. Annually, applicants in these communities submit well over 30 rehabilitation and renovation project applications to help support investments that exceed \$20 million. In July 2015, the Downtown Board allocated \$2.37 million in tax incentives for 27 projects, supporting nearly \$40 million in downtown and village center construction and rehabilitation projects. This means for every dollar in credits awarded by the State in FY 2015, nearly \$17 will be leveraged.

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Other project highlights include rehabilitation of the former Catholic high school in downtown Bennington to expand a popular community sports and recreation facility serving hundreds of residents of southern Vermont; hazard abatement and critical building repairs at the Marble Museum, which will bring 40,000 square feet of space in the heart of Proctor back into productive use; and affordable housing projects involving historic buildings in Winooski, Rochester and Lyndonville.



By the Numbers

Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits [2010-2015]

157 projects awarded

55 communities served

\$12 million awarded credits

\$202 million in private investment



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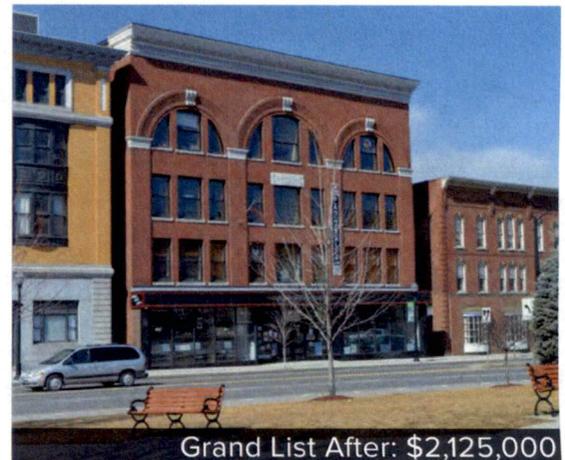
Documenting Results

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Blanchard Block, Barre

Total Project Cost: \$5,500,000 Tax Credits Awarded: \$287,500

Standing on a prominent downtown lot across from Barre's city hall park, the Blanchard Block (1904) was designed by prominent Vermont architect Lambert Packard. Largely vacant in 2012, tax credits provided incentive for new owners to install an elevator, sprinkler the building and complete major interior and exterior rehabilitation work. Now the five-story building provides 48,000 square feet of safe, accessible and modern commercial and office space. It is also one of several recent tax credit projects that have transformed downtown Barre.

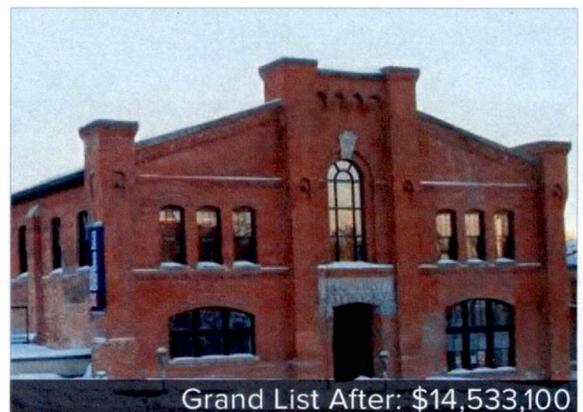
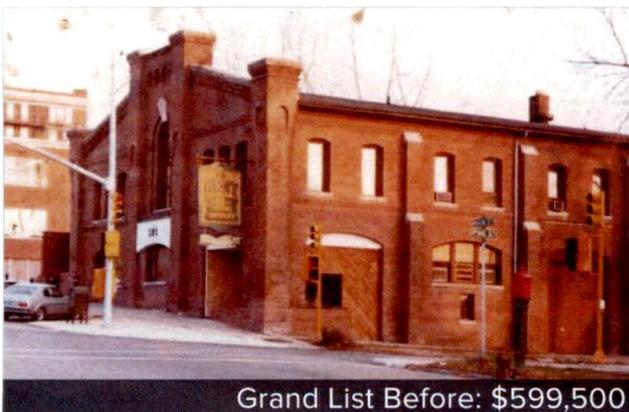


101 Main Street, Burlington (Armory/Hilton Garden Hotel)

Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000* Tax Credits Awarded: \$150,000

The rehabilitation of the historic Woodbury Armory (1904) was part of a large multi-phased redevelopment project in the distressed King Street neighborhood of downtown Burlington. Nearly lost to a fire in 2003, the former armory was adaptively re-used as the lobby and restaurant of a new Hilton Garden Hotel, as well as a newly opened comedy club, transforming this city block. Coupled with public infrastructure investments, this project resulted in a significant increase in tax receipts and will continue to generate meals and rooms revenue for the City.

**Investment reflects costs associated with rehabilitation of the Armory only, and not new construction*



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Landry Block, St. Johnsbury

Total Project Cost: \$1,122,395 Tax Credits Awarded: \$168,279

Built in 1879, the Italianate Revival Landry Block suffered a devastating fire in December 2012 and was in danger of being demolished. This would have left a major hole along Railroad Street, the town's major commercial street. With the help of tax credits, the building was saved and rehabilitated. It now includes two ground floor commercial spaces and four market rate apartments, filling a need for quality housing in downtown St. Johnsbury. The project also included a new elevator tower at the rear and a new sprinkler system for the entire building.



Vermont House, Wilmington

Total Project Cost: \$950,000 Tax Credits Awarded: \$78,235

The Vermont House (1831), an icon of downtown Wilmington served as a tavern and inn as far back as 1864. Following major flooding as a result of Tropical Storm Irene, the building sat vacant for three years. Tax credits supported code-mandated upgrades to the building as well as façade repairs. The building now includes 13 quality guest rooms associated with the nearby Hermitage, filling a need for tourist accommodations within walking distance to Wilmington's shops and restaurants. This project, along with several others in Wilmington have not only increased property values, they have spurred economic recovery with local sales receipts jumping 22% between 2012 and 2013.



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Designated Downtowns and Village Centers

Tax Credit Matrix

	20% Historic (Federal)	10% Historic (State)	25% Façade (State)	50% Technology (State)	50% Code (State)
Eligible buildings	Income-producing property listed OR eligible for listing in the National Register.	Approved federal application and located within a Downtown or Village Center District.	Built before 1983 and located within a Downtown or Village Center District.		
Eligible applicants	Individuals and businesses.	Individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations.			
Eligible work	Hard and some soft costs. Exceptions include site work and additions, including elevator towers.	All costs eligible for the 20%. Cost exceeding \$100K for elevator and sprinklers are eligible.	Improvements to the front of the building only as approved by Downtown staff.	Installation and improvements to data or network wiring and heating, ventilating and cooling (HVAC) systems related to technology upgrades (e.g. AC for server rooms).	Elevator, Sprinkler, and Lift and code work as required by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Design Standards	Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.				
Minimum Investment	More than \$5,000 OR the adjusted basis of the property, whichever is greater.		More than \$5,000 AND less than the building's adjusted basis.	More than \$5,000.	
Credit Cap Total credits capped at \$2.2 M per state fiscal year. Community cap of no more than 30% of total credit amount available.	None. May be combined with the state 10% Historic, 50% Technology and 50% Code credits.	10% of the first \$500,000 in project costs and half the costs exceeding \$500,000. May be combined with the 50% Technology and 50% Code credit.	\$25,000. May be combined with the 50% Technology and 50% Code credit.	\$30,000. May be combined with 25% Façade and %50 Code credit.	\$50,000 for a sprinkler system; \$50,000 for an elevator; \$40,000 for a LULA; \$12,000 for a lift; \$50,000 for other code work. May be combined with the Federal 20%. If eligible, the credit may be combined with the 10% historic credit OR 25% Façade and 50% Technology credit but never both.
Time limit	24 months; 60 months for phased project.	Project must be completed within 60 months from date of allocation or the credits are forfeited.			
Carry forward	20 years	9 years.			
Application Process	No deadline. Pre-construction consultation strongly encouraged. Approved Part 1 and 2. Part 1 certifies the building as historic. Part 2 describes the proposed rehabilitation. Part 3 certified by the NPS. File IRS Form 3468.	Applications due July 1 until credits are exhausted. Eligible projects must have approved Part 2 from NPS. Application reviewed by Vermont Downtown Board.	Applications due July 1 until credits are exhausted. Pre-construction consultation recommended. Application reviewed by Vermont Downtown Board.	Applications due July 1 until credits are exhausted. Certification from qualified engineer required. Application reviewed by Vermont Downtown Board.	Applications due July 1 until credits are exhausted. Proof of DPS inspection required to apply. Application reviewed by Vermont Downtown Board.
Credits issued to applicant or as a Bank Credit Certificate or Insurance Credit Certificate. Attach approved Tax Credit Certificate to State Forms. *To determine tax implications for sale of tax credits specific to your circumstances, consult accountant or tax attorney.					

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Downtown Historic Tax Credits

Hardwick's Revival

Overview

Several years ago Hardwick's Main Street was in a state of decline like many communities throughout Vermont. Buildings were run down, underused or even condemned. Adding to these issues, in 2006, a tragic fire gutted the Bemis Block, a prominent building in the heart of downtown. Rather than tearing it down to create a parking lot, the community chose restoration and created new business and housing within the historic building. This key decision not only sparked a new direction for Hardwick, it also showed other small towns how saving one historic building can spur redevelopment of an entire community.

Challenge

The expense to repair and bring historic downtown buildings up to code (especially costly items like sprinklers and elevators) often exceeds the value of the building. Rents in many of Vermont's smaller downtowns and village centers are often low and may not generate significant capital to finance a major rehabilitation. With insufficient funding to fill the gap, banks are reluctant to make loans to upgrade buildings. As a result, buildings are not maintained and Main Street slowly closes down. Over time, property values decline along with the local economy.

Solution

Downtown and Village Center tax credits help close this financial gap, make projects economically viable, spark community revitalization, cement a sense of place, and bring buildings back onto the tax rolls.

"The amount of new activity, life and excitement on Main Street is unprecedented. It's clear to me that strong communities need vital urban cores -- and with the help of the tax credits, we've made a great start in Hardwick."

Michael Gohl
Hardwick Architect

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The Result

In Hardwick, seven buildings have been rehabilitated with the help of tax credit-financing and another five are in progress, or near completion. Approximately \$820,000 in state tax credits have leveraged over \$5 million in outside investments to date, jumpstarting new businesses and creating jobs, developing quality housing, and bringing new vitality to the commercial district. An analysis of Hardwick's downtown property values (Grand List) is evidence that public investment to improve these buildings results in increased property tax revenue. By promoting reinvestment and encouraging projects that put dollars back into the local economy, tax credits are a critical factor in promoting economic vitality for communities that take advantage.

Bemis Block - 73 South Main Street



Grand List Before
\$257,800



Grand List After
\$797,400

Hill Block [1874] - 35 South Main Street

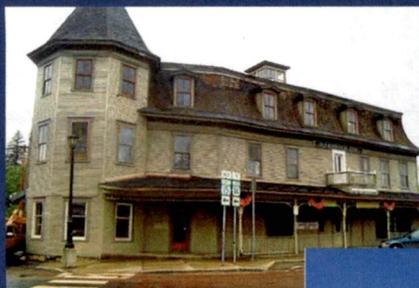


Grand List Before
\$55,400



Grand List After
\$314,500

Hardwick Inn - 1 North Main Street

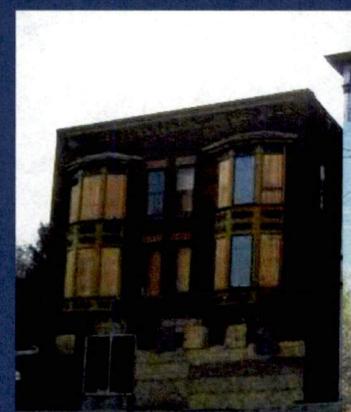


Grand List Before
\$147,800



Grand List After
\$583,300

Marshall Block - 87 South Main Street



Grand List Before
\$145,500



Grand List After
\$297,200

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Overview

The damage in Wilmington resulting from 2011's Tropical Storm Irene was among the worst in the state with over 48 businesses flooded. Tucked in the mountains in southern Vermont, this classic skiing and recreation town is now a poster child for what can happen when people collaborate and unite around a shared goal to rebuild a devastated downtown economy. Thanks to the hard work of municipal leaders, local residents, a strong and dedicated group of second-homeowners, local foundations, businesses, private investors, and state policymakers, Wilmington's revival is now well on its way.

The Challenge

In 2011, the community was struggling economically with declining population and slowing tax revenue. Irene's flood destruction drove retail sales to new lows. Worse still, in the historic downtown, 80% of the buildings were damaged by flood waters, two were completely swept away by the raging waters, and every business was forced to close. Although some businesses began to re-open in the coming months, others closed for good. With so many vacant or severely damaged buildings the cost to rebuild was difficult to comprehend. In addition to structural problems and water damage, state building codes required owners to bring their historic buildings up to current codes. Even for building owners fortunate to have flood insurance, the cost of the flood repairs and code improvements often exceeded the value of the property.

The Solution

In response, an energetic organization, Wilmington Works was founded to champion and lead downtown's revival. Working alongside municipal staff, a major goal of the group was to foster economic development via a new partnership between the public and private sector. The Downtown and Village Center tax credit program, along with the special flood provisions enacted by the legislature, played a critical role bridging the financial gap and attracting investors needed to restore the downtown to its former glory.

The Result

Since Irene, ten projects in Wilmington have received state tax credits. The resulting reconstruction projects gave the community hope at a critical time and created the momentum needed to spark a larger revival. Today, iconic landmarks in Wilmington are back in business, including Dot's Restaurant and the Vermont House, and additional tax credit projects are in progress or nearing completion. Over \$550,000 in state tax credits is anticipated to leverage almost \$6 million in private investment. "Without this program, there are several projects in Wilmington that could not have happened or would have been a lot harder," says Adam Grinold, former Director of Wilmington Works. "We would still be looking at vacant storefronts instead of new businesses and ongoing construction." Now the local economy is on the upswing with receipts returning to their pre-Irene levels, jumping 22% between 2012 and 2013. "This community really came together after Irene," says Grinold "but without the help of the tax credits, we wouldn't have been able to come back this quickly or strongly."



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Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit*

State investment tax credit for qualified historic rehabilitation, façade, code and technology upgrades for properties constructed before 1983 located within a Designated Downtown or Village Center.

Range: 10 – 50% of eligible expenditures

Eligibility: Properties within Designated Downtown or Village Center

Deadline: Annually in July

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Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/downtown_village_tax_credit

Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit*

Federal investment tax credit for 20% of the rehabilitation costs (including labor, materials and architects or other consultant fees) for income-producing buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Range: 20% of eligible expenditures

Eligibility: Owners of income-producing historic buildings

Deadline: Rolling application deadline; file application before construction

Contact: Caitlin Corkins, (802) 828-3047 caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>

Sales Tax Reallocation Program*

Municipalities and the developer of the qualified project may jointly apply for a reallocation of sales taxes on construction materials. Qualified projects must be located within a Designated Downtown and reallocated taxes must be used by the municipality to support the qualified project. Projects are awarded on a competitive basis.

Range: Based on sales tax generated in excess of \$100,000 to \$1M depending on the size of municipality

Eligibility: Joint application between municipality and developer located within Designated Downtown

Deadline: Annually in July

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Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/salestaxreallocation

Vermont Community Development Program (CDBG)*

Accessibility Modification Grants – Federal grants to bring existing municipal buildings and non-school libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Implementation Grants – Federal grants for economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services that will benefit low/moderate income individuals, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need.

Planning Grants – Federal grants for community development planning, downtown planning studies, and project development to benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

Range: \$30,000 - \$1,000,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and/or municipalities on behalf of organizations and private owners

Deadline: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year

Contact: Josh Hanford, (802) 595-1385 josh.hanford@vermont.gov

Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/vcdp

Downtown Transportation Fund*

State grants for municipalities to finance transportation-related capital improvements in support of economic development, within or serving a Designated Downtown, including construction or alteration of roads and highways, parking facilities, pedestrian and streetscape improvement, rail or bus facilities or equipment, and underground relocation of electric utility, cable and telecommunications lines.

Range: 50% of overall project costs up to maximum of \$100,000

Eligibility: Municipalities with a Designated Downtown

Deadline: Annually in March

Contact: Gary Holloway, (802)828-3220 gary.holloway@vermont.gov

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Municipal Planning Grant Program*

State grants for a wide range of municipal planning projects including municipal land use plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, designated downtown, village and neighborhood planning.

Range: \$2,500 - \$20,000

Eligibility: Municipalities with adopted plans confirmed by their regional planning commission

Deadline: Annually in September

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Provides grants to implement long-term hazard mitigation actions that reduce structure damage or loss of life due to natural disasters. Examples include upsizing culverts, elevating or floodproofing buildings, property acquisitions/demolitions, and mitigation planning. Details on website.

Range: No minimum or maximum. Local match of 25%.

Eligibility: Municipalities, state agencies, regional planning agencies, non-profits in select circumstances. Eligible entities on behalf of private owners.

Deadline: Funding available after a major disaster declaration. Rolling application deadlines vary depending on funding.

Contact: Ray Doherty, 802-241-5258 ray.doherty@vermont.gov

Website: <http://vem.vermont.gov/mitigation/applications/>

State Historic Preservation Grants*

State 50:50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic buildings listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in Vermont.

Range: \$1,000 - \$20,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in October

Contact: Caitlin Corkins, (802) 828-3047 caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov

Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/preservation/grants/historic_preservation

Certified Local Government Program

Federal grants available for resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, and building feasibility studies.

Range: \$500 - \$25,000

Eligibility: Municipalities that are enrolled as Certified Local Governments

Deadline: Annually in January

Contact: Devin Colman, (802) 828-3043 devin.colman@vermont.gov

Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/preservation/planning/clgp

Brownfield Revitalization Fund*

Grants and loans for remediation of brownfield sites. The funds are made available to Vermont by the EPA and eligible applicants can be private developers, non-profits and municipalities.

Range: Grants are capped at \$200,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations and private developers

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Kiersten Bourgeois, (802) 793-4899 kiersten.bourgeois@vermont.gov

Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/business/relocate_expand/capital/brownfields

Cultural Facilities Grant Program

Matching state grants to improve community facilities used to provide cultural activities to the public to enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming.

Range: \$1,000 - \$30,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in the spring

Contact: Michelle Bailey, (802) 828-3294 mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org

Website: <http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants-and-services/organizations/cultural-facilities>

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Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Program

Matching state grants for capital costs associated with the major maintenance, renovation, and development of facilities used for human services and health care, or educational opportunities.

Range: \$1,000 - \$25,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in October

Contact: Chrissy Gilhuly, (802) 828-3519 christine.gilhuly@vermont.gov

Website: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/formsandpublications>

Regional Economic Development Grant Program

Matching state grants to stimulate the creation and development or retention of economic development of individual or regional Vermont communities.

Range: \$1,000 - \$25,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in October

Contact: Chrissy Gilhuly, (802) 828-3519 christine.gilhuly@vermont.gov

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Windham County Economic Development Program

Private funding of \$2 Million annually through 2019 to promote economic development in Windham County, in the form of grants or loan financing in partnership between ACCD and the VEDA.

Range: Grants - \$25,000-\$2 Million; Loans - \$25,000-\$350,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations and governmental organizations located in Windham County are eligible. Businesses will be considered for financing

Deadline: July 2015

Contact: Kimberly Woolaver, (802) 828-3230 kimberly.woolaver@vermont.gov

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/business/WCGP>

ANR Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Construction Fund*

State Revolving Loan to assist in construction of public, private and nonprofit community water, wastewater and stormwater systems. Details on various programs on website.

Range: \$2,000,000 per funding cycle and \$6,000,000 cap for any one project. No minimum project amount.

Eligibility: Municipalities, private developers and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in January.

Contact: Ashley Lucht, (802) 585-4904 ashley.lucht@vermont.gov

Website: <http://wastewater.vt.gov/fundingdwsrfconstructionloan.htm>

ANR Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Planning Fund

State Revolving Loan to assist in the planning and design of public, private and nonprofit community water, wastewater and stormwater systems. Details on various programs on website.

Range: \$100,000 maximum. No minimum project amount.

Eligibility: Municipalities, private developers and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Accepted on a continuing basis.

Contact: Ashley Lucht, (802) 585-4904 ashley.lucht@vermont.gov

Website: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/dwgwp/fundingdwsrfplanningloan.htm>

ANR Recreational Trails Grant Program

State 80:20 matching grants for the maintenance, restoration, design and construction of recreational trails.

Range: Maximum of \$20,000. Local match of 20%.

Eligibility: Municipalities, located outside of Chittenden County with a confirmed planning process.

Deadline: Annually in February

Contact: Sherry Winnie, (802) 760-8450 sherry.winnie@vermont.gov

Website: <http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/rtp>

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Recreational Facilities Grants Program

Matching state grants for capital costs associated with the development and creation of community recreational opportunities.

Range: \$1,000 - \$25,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in October

Contact: Chrissy Gilhuly, (802) 828-3519 christine.gilhuly@vermont.gov

ANR Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program

State grants for the design and construction projects that target nonpoint sources of pollution that cause or contribute to the state's surface waters. Details on website.

Range: Maximum of \$250,000. Local match varies.

Eligibility: Municipalities, regional organizations, non-profits associations, citizen groups, and state agencies.

Deadline: Two rounds annually, varies depending on funding.

Contact: David Pasco, (802) 490-6112 david.pasco@vermont.gov

Website: <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/grants.htm>

ANR Caring for Canopy Grant Program

State 50:50 grants to help communities care for tree canopy by taking the necessary actions to developing and sustaining a community-wide tree program, including tree plantings, inventories, maintenance, and planning. Details on website.

Range: \$500 - \$5,000. Local match of 50%.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profits associations.

Deadline: Annually in April

Contact: Danielle Fitzko, (802) 598-9992 danielle.fitzco@vermont.gov

Website: http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/community_forests/community_canopy_grants

VTrans Transportation Alternative Program*

State 80:20 matching grants for the construction, planning, and design of bike and pedestrian facilities (on or off road), sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, lighting, and others. Details on website.

Range: \$50,000 - \$300,000. Local match of 20%.

Eligibility: Municipalities, transit agencies, school district, and regional planning commissions

Deadline: Annually in October

Contact: Scott Robertson, (802) 828-5779 scott.robertson@vermont.gov

Website: <http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab/local-projects/transportation-alternatives>

VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program*

State 80:20 matching grants (or 50:50 for scoping) for the design and construction of bike and pedestrian facilities, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks, shared-use paths, and lighting. Details on website.

Range: No minimum or maximum range. Local match of 20% or 50% for scoping studies.

Eligibility: Municipalities, transit agencies, school district, and regional planning commissions

Deadline: Annually in July

Contact: Jon Kaplan, (802) 828-0059 jon.kaplan@vermont.gov

Website: <http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/bureaus/mab/local-projects/bike-ped>

VTrans/ACCD Strong Communities, Better Connections Program*

State 90:10 matching grants for planning that align land use planning and community revitalization with transportation investments. Details on website.

Range: No minimum or maximum range. Local match of 10%.

Eligibility: Municipalities, located outside of Chittenden County with a confirmed planning process.

Deadline: Pilot year, future funding to be determined.

Contact: Jackie Cassino, (802) 828-2758 jackie.cassino@vermont.gov

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Website: <http://vtransplanning.vermont.gov/programs/scbc>

* Grant program receives priority consideration due to designation

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Providing Safe & Convenient Alternative Transportation Options

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is excited to announce up to \$4 million to fund either the scoping or design/construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Project elements can include, but are not limited to: bicycle lanes, sidewalks, crossing improvements, bicycle/pedestrian signal upgrades, and shared use paths. For more details, see contact information.



Released April 1, 2016

50% local match for
small projects

50% local match for
scoping studies

20% local match for
design & construction

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