

Designated Downtown and Village Centers

Funding Directory

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

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

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

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 a qualified project jointly apply for a reallocation of sales taxes on construction materials. Qualified projects must be located within a Designated Downtown.

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/community-development/funding-incentives/sales-tax-reallocation>

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/community-development/funding-incentives/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

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>

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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

Contact: Annina Seiler, (802) 828-1948 annina.seiler@vermont.gov

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

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, floodproofing buildings and mitigation planning.

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.

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.

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/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants>

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/historic-preservation/funding/clg-grants>

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: Brett Long, (802) 461-9353 brett.long@vermont.gov

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/brownfields-initiative>

Cultural Facilities Grant Program

Matching state grants for community facilities used to provide cultural activities to the public and 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 m Bailey@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

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

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 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: October 2016

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

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/windham-county>

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://dec.vermont.gov/tags/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-dwsrf>

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, non-profit organizations and private developers

Deadline: Accepted on a continuing basis.

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

Website: <http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering/water-financing/dwsrf-water-planning-loan>

ANR Recreational Trails Grant Program

Matching state grants for the maintenance, restoration, design and construction of recreational trails. Both motorized and non-motorized trail projects may qualify for RTP funds.

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

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and other governmental entities may apply.

Deadline: Annually in February. Pre-applications due in December.

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. 1:1 local match.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadline: Annually in July

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

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

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.

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://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants>

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.

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.fitzko@vermont.gov

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

VTrans Transportation Alternative Program*

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

Range: \$50,000 - \$300,000. Local match of 20% for construction and 50% for scoping.

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://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>

VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program*

State matching grants for the scoping, design, and construction of bike and pedestrian facilities, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks, shared-use paths, and lighting.

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

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://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/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.

Range: No minimum. Maximum is \$67,500. Local match of 10%.

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

Deadline: Annually in January. Pre-application meetings conducted prior to December 15.

Contact: Jackie Cassino, (802) 828-2758 jackie.cassino@vermont.gov or Richard Amore, richard.amore@vermont.gov

Website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections>

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ANR Land and Water Conservation Fund

Assists in acquiring land for parks and public outdoor recreation, as well as the development of new facilities and/or renovations of existing facilities or outdoor recreation.

Range: Not specified. Local match of 50%

Eligibility: Municipalities

Deadline: Annually in February

Contact: Jessica Savage, (802) 249-1230 jessica.savage@vermont.gov

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

Vermont Community Foundation

A variety of grants are available to support projects to improve environmental sustainability, cultural heritage, social justice, historic preservation, and vitality of Vermont communities

Range: Up to \$25,000. No local match required.

Eligibility: Municipalities, nonprofit organizations, grant availability varies by geographic area.

Deadline: Varies by grant, throughout the year.

Contact: Lauren Bruno, (802) 388-3355 ext. 222 lbruno@vermontcf.org

Website: <http://www.vermontcf.org/Nonprofits/AvailableGrants.aspx>

VHCB Local Conservation Projects

Local conservation projects for agricultural and recreational land, town parks and forests, swimming holes, greenways, and buildings for public use.

Range: Up to \$150,000. Local match of 33%.

Eligibility: Municipalities.

Deadline: Five deadlines throughout the year.

Contact: Marcy Christian, (802) 828-5070 marcy@vhcb.org

Website: <http://www.vhcb.org/local-conservation.html>

Preservation Trust of Vermont

Implementation and planning grants available to preserve and rehabilitate historic buildings.

Range: Varies.

Eligibility: Municipalities and nonprofit organizations

Deadline: Varies.

Contact: Paul Bruhn, (802) 343-0595 paul@ptvermont.org

Website: http://www.ptvermont.org/help/preservation_grants.php

Vermont Arts Council Animating Infrastructure Grant

Supports projects that integrate public art into existing or proposed infrastructure improvements. Infrastructure improvements could include buildings, recreational paths, parks, bridges, energy projects, and public facilities.

Range: Up to \$15,000. No local match required.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, schools, libraries, downtown associations, historical societies, chambers of commerce, regional planning organizations.

Deadline: Annually.

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

Website: <http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants-and-services/organizations/animating-infrastructure>

Northern Border Regional Commission Grants*

A federal/state partnership that invests in economic and community development projects in the six northern counties of Vermont (Essex, Orleans, Caledonia, Lamoille, Franklin, and Grand Isle).

Range: Grants up to \$250,000. Match of 20%-50% of total project cost, depending on location.

Eligibility: Participating member states, local governments (city and county), nonprofit entities, and Native American entities for projects within the NBRC region.

Deadline: Annually in June.

Contact: Jared Duval, (802) 272-2461 jared.duval@vermont.gov

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/Northern-Boarder-Regional-Commission>

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VEDA Commercial Loan Programs

Low interest loans are available to for profit and non-profit companies to finance downtown revitalization projects under VEDA's Direct Loan Program and its Vermont Small Business Loan Program.

Range: Loans for 40% of project costs to a maximum of \$1.5 million or for \$2 million on renewable energy projects

Eligibility: Projects involving redevelopment of vacant or significantly under-utilized buildings or lots in downtowns or villages that spur employment and economic vitality.

Deadline: No deadline, ongoing loan program.

Contact: Thomas Porter, Sr. Loan Officer (802) 828-5460 tporter@veda.org

Website: <http://www.veda.org/financing-options/>

Vermont State Infrastructure Bank

State low interest loan program for the construction or reconstruction of highways, roads and bridges, and pedestrian facilities, as well as certain capital facilities related to rail transit, public transit or electric vehicle charging stations.

Range: No minimum or maximum range. Loan term may not exceed 30 years and requires borrower equity of 10-20%.

Eligibility: Municipalities, Regional Development Corporations or political subdivisions of the state or private sector companies that have entered into a contract with a public authority.

Deadline: No deadline, ongoing loan program.

Contact: Steve Greenfield, 802-828-5627 or sgreenfield@veda.org

Website: <http://www.veda.org/financing-options/other-financing-option/state-infrastructure-bank-program/>

VTrans Park and Ride Grant Program

Supports the engineering and construction of small municipal owned park and ride facilities to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roadway.

Range: No minimum or maximum range.

Eligibility: Municipalities. Location must be on a municipal, state or leased property on or near a state highway.

Deadline: Annually, in August.

Contact: Wayne Davis, (802) 828-5609, wayne.davis@vermont.gov

Website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/parkandrides>

USDA Rural Development Programs

The USDA offers federal support for towns and villages through a variety of loan and grant programs aimed at enhancing rural quality of life through investing in housing, essential community facilities, municipal infrastructure, and economic development.

Range: Loan and grant support varies by program.

Eligibility: Varies by program.

Deadline: Varies by program.

Contact: Ben Doyle at (802) 828-6042 or Benjamin.doyle@vt.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/vt>

Efficiency Vermont Incentives*

Efficiency Vermont offers technical assistance, incentives, and financing for energy-related projects for homeowners and businesses seeking to use less energy, save money, and support a clean energy future.

Range: Varies by program.

Eligibility: Homeowners and business owners. Contact us for details.

Deadline: Ongoing, no deadline.

Contact: Customer Support, 1-888-921-5990, or info@efficiencyvermont.com

Website: <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/>

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