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Funding Directory - Historic Buildings

**Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit**
State tax credit for qualified historic rehabilitation, façade, code and technology upgrades for properties constructed before 1983 located within a state designated downtown or village center.
Range: 10 – 50% of eligible expenditures
Eligibility: Income-producing properties within a state designated downtown or village center
Deadline: Annually the first week of July
Contact: Caitlin Corkins, (802) 828-3047, caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov
Website: [http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits](http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits)

**Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit**
Federal 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](http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm)

**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 the first week in October
Contact: Caitlin Corkins, (802) 828-3047, caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov
Website: [http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants](http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants)

**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 at the beginning of May
Contact: Michelle Bailey, (802) 828-3294, mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org
Website: [http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants-and-services/organizations/cultural-facilities](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants-and-services/organizations/cultural-facilities)

**VHCB Outstanding Historic Building Grants**
Funding for acquisition or rehabilitation of “outstanding” historic buildings located in downtowns and village centers as determined by VHCB. Projects are protected by a historic preservation easement.
Range: Varies. Match required for locally significant historic projects; no match required for buildings of statewide significance, but matching funds make applications more competitive
Eligibility: Municipalities; nonprofit housing and conservation organizations
Deadline: Multiple, depending on the availability of funding; deadlines on VHCB website
Contact: Karen Freeman, (802) 828-5067, karen@vhcb.org
Website: [http://www.vhcb.org/pdfs/conspolicy/historicpreservation.pdf](http://www.vhcb.org/pdfs/conspolicy/historicpreservation.pdf)

**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: [https://ptvermont.org/grants/](https://ptvermont.org/grants/)

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Funding Directory - Buildings and Infrastructure

### Brownfield Revitalization Fund*
- Grants and loans for remediation of brownfield sites.
- **Range:** Grants are capped at $200,000
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profit organizations and private developers
- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Contact:** Kristie Farnham, (802) 398-5268, kristie.farnham@vermont.gov

### 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 July
- **Contact:** Judy Bruneau, (802) 828-3519, judy.bruneau@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants](https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants)

### 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, (802) 828-6042, benjamin.doyle@vt.usda.gov
- **Website:** [http://www.rd.usda.gov/vt](http://www.rd.usda.gov/vt)

### ANR Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund*
- State Revolving Loan to assist in the planning, design, and construction of municipal wastewater and stormwater systems. Details on various programs on website.
- **Range:** No maximum or minimum project amount
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities
- **Deadline:** Accepted on a continuing basis for planning and design loans. Construction loans must apply by February 15 of each year to be on the priority list for the year.
- **Contact:** Tom Brown, (802) 622-4205, thomas.brown@vermont.gov

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

### 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

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Funding Directory - Transportation and Housing

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 state 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 the first week of July

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

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 to 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.”

Scattered Site Grants – Federal grants to rehabilitate scattered site housing projects to benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

Range: $3,000 - $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: Cindy Blondin, (802) 828-5219, cindy.blondin@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 state 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

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. Program grant funds for SFY18 and SFY19 are reserved for environmental mitigation projects relating to stormwater and highways, including eligible salt and sand shed projects.

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 November

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, 50% for state-funded small scale construction grants and 50% for scoping projects

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

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**ANR Recreational Trails Grant Program**
Matching state 80/20 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 February 1st. Mandatory pre-applications due in December
- **Contact:** Sherry Winnie, (802) 760-8450, sherry.winnie@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/rtp](http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/rtp)

**BGS Recreational Facilities Grants Program**
State matching 50/50 grants for the development and creation of community recreational opportunities.
- **Range:** $1,000 - $25,000
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities and non-profit organizations
- **Deadline:** Annually in July
- **Contact:** Judy Bruneau, (802) 828-3519, judy.bruneau@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [http://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants](http://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants)

**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:** Allison Compagna, (802) 490-6124, allison.compagna@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants](http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants)

**ANR Caring for Canopy Grant Program**
State 50/50 matching 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:** Grants will not be offered in 2018, check in October of 2018 – for 2019 grant information
- **Contact:** Danielle Fitzko, (802) 598-9992, danielle.fitzko@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/community_forests/community_canopy_grants](http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/community_forests/community_canopy_grants)

**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, pre-applications due in the fall
- **Contact:** Jessica Savage, (802) 828-1399, jessica.savage@vermont.gov
- **Website:** [http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/lwcf](http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/lwcf)

**VHCB Local Conservation Projects**
Local conservation projects for agricultural and recreational land, town parks and forests, swimming holes, green-ways, and historic buildings for public use.
- **Range:** Up to $150,000. Match required, at least 33%
- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, eligible non-profit organizations and certain state agencies
- **Deadline:** Multiple, depending on the availability of funding; deadlines on VHCB website
- **Contact:** Ethan Parke, (802) 828-0795, ethan@vhcb.org
- **Website:** [http://www.vhcb.org/recreational-lands-natural-areas.html](http://www.vhcb.org/recreational-lands-natural-areas.html)

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Funding Directory - Economic Development, Planning and Efficiency

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 and Native American entities

Deadline: Annually in June

Contact: Katie Corrigan, (802) 272-1420, katie.corrigan@vermont.gov

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

BGS 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 July

Contact: Judy Bruneau, (802) 828-3519, judy.bruneau@vermont.gov

Website: https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-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 December

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

Website: http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/clg-grants

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

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, (888)-921-5990, info@efficiencyvermont.com

Website: https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/rebates

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 x 222, lbruno@vermontcf.org

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

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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. Local match required

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

**Deadline:** Annually in October

**Contact:** Jennifer Lavoie, (802) 828-1948, jennifer.lavoie@vermont.gov

**Website:** [http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant](http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant)

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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, 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:** Lauren Oates, 802-241-5363, lauren.oates@vermont.gov

**Website:** [http://vem.vermont.gov/mitigation/applications/](http://vem.vermont.gov/mitigation/applications/)

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**VTrans/ACCD 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 31

**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](http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections)

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**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:** Cassie Polhemus, (802) 828-5627, cpolhemus@veda.org


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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, (802) 828-5627, tporter@veda.org

**Website:** [http://www.veda.org/financing-options/](http://www.veda.org/financing-options/)

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