

Program Overview

Awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the program works to strengthen Vermont communities. Since 1998, the Municipal Planning Grant Program has provided over \$12 million to 234 cities and towns across Vermont to help breathe new life into communities, plan for future growth and investment, and improve the quality of life.

This year's Municipal Planning Grants, range from \$3,000 to \$35,000 with total requests exceeding \$950,000. Competitively awarded, 67 total applications were reviewed with 29 recipients selected. Funded projects range from a multi-town initiative in Addison County, linking four communities through a cycling route, identifying options for repurposing the town school buildings in Holland, and envisioning a safer, more connected and flood resilient downtown in Brattleboro. Grants will help other towns adopt useful and relevant municipal plans, update their regulations, and revitalize communities.

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

FY 2019 Grant Recipients

Barnet, Bennington, Bethel, Bolton, Brattleboro, Bristol, Cabot, Concord, Danby, East Montpelier, Enosburg, Holland, Hyde Park, Jer ersonville, Londonderry, Ludlow, Manchester, Marlboro, Montpelier, New Haven, Pownal, Proctor, Royalton, South Hero, Swanton, Wallingford, West Windsor, Winooski, Woodstock

By the Numbers [2014 - 2018]

\$3.5 M

in grant
funds requested

\$350,121

in local
match funds

203

municipal planning
grants awarded

\$2.3 M

in grant
funds awarded

139,885

people engaged
in the planning projects

99%

of [survey respondents](#) say
MPGs are important to achieve
planning goals



“Vermont’s Municipal Planning Grants make possible incremental steps toward healthy, safe and vital communities throughout Vermont. For Bennington, the grants have and continue to result in tangible and significant improvements to the community, particularly in our downtown. As our communities succeed, Vermont’s reputation as a great place to live and work is made all the more real.”

Michael McDonough, President of the Better Bennington Corporation