

FY19 Municipal Planning Grant Projects

[Municipal Planning Grants](#) support local planning and community revitalization initiatives that build strong communities and improve Vermont's quality of life. Grants are awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Since 1998, the program has provided over \$12 million to 234 cities and towns. This year, approximately \$460,000 was awarded to 29 municipalities including 3 consortia. The winning FY19 projects are described below.

Barnet – Study to Inform Decision on Renovating a Historic Building

Barnet will engage the community and hire a professional to arrive at a public-private funding strategy for renovating a key village building - the McIndoe Falls Academy - for reuse as the town offices and other functions. For more information, contact Benjamin Heisholt, townclerk@barnetvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$23,750
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,375

Bennington – Land Use Regulations for Neighborhoods

Well-crafted, clearly illustrated, form-based land use regulations will help Bennington achieve its revitalization goals for the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. For more information, contact Daniel Monks, dmonks@benningtonvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$19,030
Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,300

Bethel – Town Plan Reflecting Community Interests

Bethel will update its town plan to address the recent downtown revitalization efforts, flood resilience and the town's public facilities. For more information, contact Victoria Littlefield, vlittlefield@trorc.org.

Total Project Cost: \$8,977
Grant Funds Awarded: \$8,161

Bolton – Planning for Resort Village Area

Bolton will create a shared vision for ways the town and the resort can improve and sustain the infrastructure and services that support the Bolton Valley Village area. For more information, contact Larry Lewack, zoningbolton@gmavt.net.

Total Project Cost: \$32,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,195

Brattleboro – Visioning Downtown Improvements

Brattleboro will produce a physical plan for the downtown, seeking public input on creating safe and creative spaces, improved stormwater and flood management strategies and better bike and pedestrian networks. For more information, contact Sue Fillion, sfillion@brattleboro.org.

Total Project Cost: \$40,100
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Bristol – Comprehensive Town Plan

Bristol's inclusive and comprehensive town plan update will allow townspeople to build on their many assets and conserve what matters most.

For more information, contact Kris Perlee, zoningadmin@gmavt.net.

Total Project Cost: \$17,000

Grant Funds Awarded: \$15,000

Cabot – Planning a Trail Network

Cabot will identify a trail system to link the village with local recreational amenities and regional networks improving quality of life and economic prospects for the town. For more information, contact Lori Augustyniak, lori@cabotvermont.org.

Total Project Cost: \$21,990

Grant Funds Awarded: \$19,500

Concord and Burke – Map of Inter-Town Bike Connections

Expanding on the existing success of mountain biking in East Burke, the towns of Burke and Concord propose to map and market biking routes connecting their villages and other points of interest in adjacent communities. For more information, contact Irene Nagle, inagle@nvda.net.

Total Project Cost: \$28,380

Grant Funds Awarded: \$25,700

Danby – Economic Analysis for Town Plan

Danby's town plan update will include an economic analysis to address the closure of businesses and the need for new vitality. For more information, contact Elysa Smigielski, elysa@rutlandrpc.org.

Total Project Cost: \$4,400

Grant Funds Awarded: \$4,000

East Montpelier – Citizen Dialog on Proposed Zoning Changes

Public education and engagement on the East Montpelier's proposed zoning regulations will help the town adopt regulations that address community needs. For more information, contact Bruce Johnson, eastmontadmin@comcast.net.

Total Project Cost: \$8,850

Grant Funds Awarded: \$7,250

Enosburg – A Playing Field that Serves the Whole Community

Enosburgh will develop a Recreation Field Revitalization Plan help make the public playing fields and the activities planned for them, more attractive to a wider variety of people, as a way to improve community health. For more information, contact Ivonne Kio, recdirector@enosburghvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$21,700

Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,700

Holland – Options for Using School Building After Closure

The town will generate scenarios and evaluate options in a feasibility study for future use of the Holland School buildings when the school is closed next year. For more information, contact Diane Judd, holland1805@hotmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$17,549
Grant Funds Awarded: \$15,950

Hyde Park, Wolcott, and Stowe – Multi-town Study on Reducing Flood Insurance Rates

The three towns of Hyde Park, Stowe and Wolcott will work jointly to obtain regional planning assistance in determine if they can participate and reduce flood insurance rates through FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). For more information, contact Seth Jensen, seth@lpcvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$18,600
Grant Funds Awarded: \$16,740

Jeffersonville – Plan for Using a Prominent Public Space

Jeffersonville will develop a management plan for the former Bell Gates lumber mill property that was purchased by the community for use as a flood control area and a gateway park to the historic village. For more information, contact Seth Jensen, seth@lpcvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$8,775
Grant Funds Awarded: \$7,950

Londonderry – Reviewing and Revising Zoning Regulations

Londonderry will update it zoning bylaw with standards that better support local development goals while protecting valued community assets. For more information, contact Sharon Crossman, scrossman295@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$24,200
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Ludlow – Wayfinding for the Village

Funding will help revitalize Ludlow village through a plan for wayfinding and signs, helping visitors find parking and navigate to destinations. For more information, contact Rose Goings, planning@ludlow.vt.us.

Total Project Cost: \$10,660
Grant Funds Awarded: \$9,691

Manchester – Market Analysis for Downtown Housing

Manchester will conduct a detailed market analysis to increase housing options through mixed-use development in the downtown. For more information, contact Janet Hurley, j.hurley@manchester-vt.gov.

Total Project Cost: \$12,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$10,800

Marlboro – Wastewater Treatment Options for the Village

Marlboro will help revitalize its newly-designated village center and meet community facility needs by assessing community wastewater treatment options, taking advantage of the opportunities provided by the Town Park land. For more information, contact Edith Mas, ediemas@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$8,580
Grant Funds Awarded: \$7,800

Montpelier – Main Street Master Plan

Montpelier will develop a streetscape master plan for State Street from Main Street to Taylor Street to better accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and stormwater and to spur economic growth. For more information, contact Michael Miller, mmiller@montpelier-vt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$23,500
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,000

New Haven, Vergennes, Middlebury, and Bristol – Multi-town Cycling Route

Funding will engage multiple communities in planning a dedicated cycling route between Middlebury, Bristol, New Haven and Vergennes, improving safety and enjoyment for bikers. For more information, contact Barbara Torian, newhaventreasurer@gmavt.net.

Total Project Cost: \$38,500
Grant Funds Awarded: \$35,000

Pownal – Updating Zoning and Subdivision Regulations

Pownal will overhaul its zoning and subdivision regulations to better support economic development in keeping with the new town plan. For more information, contact Nelson Brownell, brownn@rpi.edu.

Total Project Cost: \$11,720
Grant Funds Awarded: \$10,548

Proctor – Update Town Plan to Incorporate New Initiatives

Proctor recently engaged townspeople through a Vermont Council on Rural Development Community Visit. Grant funds will consolidate the recommendations and incorporate them into the town plan. For more information, contact Elysa Smigielski, elysa@rutlandrpc.org.

Total Project Cost: \$7,700
Grant Funds Awarded: \$7,000

Royalton – Coordinating Town and Regional Plan

The town of Royalton aims to produce a town plan that aligns with regional plan. For more information, contact Rose Hemond, rselectman@bluemoo.net.

Total Project Cost: \$9,296
Grant Funds Awarded: \$8,451

South Hero – Feasibility of Renovating Historic Meeting House

The Old White Meeting House in South Hero village will be professionally inspected and evaluated to help the community decide whether to renovate it for much-needed public meeting space. For more information, contact Sandy Gregg, frogrock37@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$15,550
Grant Funds Awarded: \$12,550

Swanton – Improving Public Use of Riverside Park

Swanton will prepare a community-driven master for the Marble Mill Park in the village to improve access to recreation while addressing stormwater and flood concerns. For more information, contact Betsy Fournier, betsy.fournier16@gmail.com

Total Project Cost: \$22,300
Grant Funds Awarded: \$20,273

Wallingford – Village Building and Streetscape Improvement Plan

Wallingford will address the need to improve a prominent building and streetscape at the heart of the village by developing a renovation design plan at the Four Corners. For more information, contact Elysa Smigielski, elysa@rutlandrpc.org.

Total Project Cost: \$24,200
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

West Windsor – New Town Plan Vision

West Windsor will chart a new path in its updated town plan, responding to recent opportunities from its investments in outdoor recreation and providing sewer service to the village. For more information, contact Martha Harrison, townadmin@westwindsorvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$8,040
Grant Funds Awarded: \$7,309

Winooski – Wayfinding Signs for Downtown

Winooski will help people navigate its changing downtown through a comprehensive signage and wayfinding plan to improve safety, accessibility and economic vitality. For more information, contact Heather Carrington, hcarrington@winooskivt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$25,300
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Woodstock – A Riverside Trail from the Village

Woodstock will update plans for a River Loop Trail that will connect the village with recreational opportunities near the undeveloped East End that will benefit residents and visitors alike. For more information, contact Michael Brands, mbrands@townofwoodstock.org.

Total Project Cost: \$24,200
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,600

State Award Funding Totals: \$457,843