

FY21 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 approximately \$13 million to 237 cities and towns. This year, \$468,978 was awarded to 32 municipalities including 2 consortia. The winning FY21 projects are described below.

Alburgh will develop a recreational master plan to improve an underused parcel in its Industrial Park. For more information, contact Lee Kimball, leekimball2000@yahoo.com.

Total Project Cost: \$20,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$18,180

Bennington will use state and federal funds to develop a re-use plan that sparks new life into the closed Energizer battery factory. For more information, contact Shannon Barsotti, sbarsotti@benningtonvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$42,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Bradford will update its Town Plan to reflect the community's vision for actionable recommendations to more effectively meet the town's goals. For more information, contact Marcy Carver, mqc0526@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$5,450 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$4,950

Brattleboro will develop a housing action plan to make more safe and affordable homes available for all. For more information, contact Kim Ellison, grantmgr@brattleboro.org.

Total Project Cost: \$24,916 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Cambridge and Hyde Park will work together to improve public access and enjoyment of the Krusch Nature Preserve and Green River Reservoir State Park. For more information, contact Seth Jensen, seth@lcpvvt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$30,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$27,270

Concord will revise outdated bylaws that limit housing opportunities and increase the cost of development. For more information, contact Cynthia Stuart, cstuart3747@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$7,100 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$7,100

Cornwall will update the Town Plan and partner with the RPC to introduce new trainings for citizen planners. For more information, contact John Conor Stinson, stinson.cpc@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost: \$13,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$11,700

Fairlee will update its regulations to protect important natural resources and wildlife corridors. For more information, contact John Brimmer, zoning@fairleevt.org.

Total Project Cost: \$9,100 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$8,190

Glover will develop a master plan to improve the village green, local economy, and overall aesthetics in the village. For more information, contact Jessica Sweeney, glovertc@comcast.net.

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

Greensboro will develop plans to entice folks enjoying the Lamoille Valley Rail trail to visit and support business in Greensboro Bend. For more information, contact Kim Greaves, townclerk@greensborovt.org.
Total Project Cost: \$30,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Huntington will combine State funds to find a wastewater solution for the lower village. For more information, contact Barbara Elliott, townhunt@gmavt.net.
Total Project Cost: \$13,092 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$11,600

Ira will develop plans for a new fire house, town garage and salt shed. For more information, contact Karen Davis, iraclerk@vermontel.com.
Total Project Cost: \$7,275 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$6,547

Londonderry will develop a revitalization plan to ensure the North Village Center emerges from the pandemic stronger and more vibrant. For more information, contact Sharon Crossman, scrossman295@gmail.com.
Total Project Cost: \$24,200 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Ludlow will create a revitalization plan that inventories infrastructures and identifies redevelopment and business opportunities the village center. For more information, contact Rose Goings, planning@ludlow.vt.us.
Total Project Cost: \$18,600 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$16,740

Manchester Village will identify and assess downtown sites, buildings, and traffic flows to support the vibrant, mixed use development sought by the community. For more information, contact Catherine Bryars, cbryars@bcrcvt.org.
Total Project Cost: \$15,280 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,890

Middlebury will develop a branding and marketing campaign to help downtown business quickly bounce back from the pandemic. For more information, contact Jennifer Murray, jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org.
Total Project Cost: \$23,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$20,000

Middlesex will gather the information needed create to a capital improvement plan based on data and collaboration. For more information, contact Liz Scharf, liz.scharf@gmail.com.
Total Project Cost: \$9,804 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$8,912

Moretown will update its zoning to create more diverse housing opportunities in the community. For more information, contact Cherilyn Brown, townclerk@moretownvt.net.
Total Project Cost: \$13,200 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$11,200

Norwich will assess recent residential development patterns to ensure its zoning regulations align with the Town Plan and the long-term community vision. For more information, contact Rod Francis, planner@norwich.vt.us.
Total Project Cost: \$15,015 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,650

Panton will scope and design a project to improve the public's access and enjoyment of the Arnold Bay recreation area. For more information, contact David Raphael, davidr@landworksvt.com.
Total Project Cost: \$16,500 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$15,000

Pittsfield will modernize its Town Plan policies for improved standing in State regulatory proceedings. For more information, contact Victoria Littlefield, vlittlefield@trorc.org.
Total Project Cost: \$4,870 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$4,370

Richmond will modernize its zoning to support more housing opportunities in the town. For more information, contact Ravi Venkataraman, rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov.
Total Project Cost: \$22,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$20,000

Rutland Town will develop plans for a Rutland Falls pocket park, showcasing its unique culture and history. For more information, contact Barbara Pulling, barbara@rutlandrpc.org.
Total Project Cost: \$15,000 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,500

St. Albans City will create a tool to gather data on actual neighborhood density and development patterns to guide future regulations. For more information, contact Chip Sawyer, c.sawyer@stalbansvt.com.
Total Project Cost: \$24,200 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Salisbury will map endangered bat habitats in an effort to support new housing in the right locations. For more information, contact Deborah Brighton, debbrighton@myfairpoint.net.
Total Project Cost: \$5,530 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$5,000

Troy will update its zoning to ensure its regulations support a thriving compact, rural community. For more information, contact Irene Nagle, inagle@nvda.net.
Total Project Cost: \$8,400 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$7,600

Warren will overhaul its regulations to implement the recently updated Town Plan. For more information, contact Joshua Schwartz, mrvpd@madriver.com.
Total Project Cost: \$5,090 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$4,589

West Haven, Brandon, and Mendon will collaborate to boost tourism by developing an online map of regional assets including trails, historic community centers, art studios and more. For more information, contact Amanda O'Connor, amanda@rutlandrpc.org.
Total Project Cost: \$27,625 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$24,862

Wheelock will develop plans to make its Town Hall accessible for all. For more information, contact Vanessa Sequin, wheelocktown@gmail.com.
Total Project Cost: \$23,525 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$20,633

Williston will update the historic village design review standards to support projects that increase village housing, commerce, and vitality. For more information, contact Emily Heymann, ehemann@willistonvt.org.
Total Project Cost: \$14,500 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$12,000

Winooski City will review all city policies to ensure they support an inclusive, diverse, and economically vibrant community. For more information, contact Heather Carrington, hcarrington@winooskivt.gov.
Total Project Cost: \$25,350 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,000

Woodbury will update its Town Plan to address the recent changes facing the community. For more information, contact Thomas Lindsay, wdbyselcbdtlindsay@comcast.net.

Total Project Cost: \$8,328 **Grant Funds Awarded:** \$7,495

State Award Funding Totals: \$468,978