

Municipal Planning Grant

Rural Towns

Summary

For rural towns with a population of less than 2,500 as defined in [24 V.S.A. §4303\(25\)](#), the regional planning commission (RPC) may serve as an agent of the town for the Municipal Planning Grant. The RPC agent is expected to prepare the application, support grant administration and will be exempt from competitive selection if serving as a project consultant. The (lead) municipality must remain the financial administrator.

Statutory Definition of a Rural Town

"Rural town" means a town having, as at the date of the most recent U.S. census, a population of less than 2,500 persons, as evidenced by that census, or a town having 2,500 or more but less than 5,000 persons that has voted by Australian ballot to be considered a rural town.

2010 Census Town Populations

The Vermont Department of Health [reports](#) US Census counts for town populations as of 2010. Towns with populations below 2,500 are listed below alphabetically.

Addison	1,371	Cavendish	1,367
Albany	941	Charleston	1,023
Alburgh	1,998	Chelsea	1,238
Andover	467	Chittenden	1,258
Arlington	2,317	Concord	1,235
Athens	442	Corinth	1,367
Averill	24	Cornwall	1,185
Avery's Gore	0	Coventry	1,086
Bakersfield	1,322	Craftsbury	1,206
Baltimore	244	Danby	1,311
Barnard	947	Danville	2,196
Barnet	1,708	Dorset	2,031
Belvidere	348	Dover	1,124
Benson	1,056	Dummerston	1,864
Berkshire	1,692	Duxbury	1,337
Bethel	2,030	East Haven	290
Bloomfield	221	Eden	1,323
Bolton	1,182	Elmore	855
Braintree	1,246	Fairfield	1,891
Bridgewater	936	Fairlee	977
Bridport	1,218	Fayston	1,353
Brighton	1,222	Ferdinand	32
Brookfield	1,292	Fletcher	1,277
Brookline	530	Franklin	1,405
Brownington	988	Glastenbury	8
Brunswick	112	Glover	1,122
Buel's Gore	30	Goshen	164
Burke	1,753	Grafton	679
Cabot	1,433	Granby	88
Calais	1,607	Grand Isle	2,067
Canaan	972	Granville	298

Greensboro	762	Plymouth	619
Groton	1,022	Pomfret	904
Guildhall	261	Proctor	1,741
Guilford	2,121	Reading	666
Halifax	728	Readsboro	763
Hancock	323	Richford	2,308
Holland	629	Ripton	588
Hubbardton	706	Rochester	1,139
Huntington	1,938	Roxbury	691
Ira	432	Rupert	714
Irasburg	1,163	Ryegate	1,174
Isle La Motte	471	Salisbury	1,136
Jamaica	1,035	Sandgate	405
Jay	521	Searsburg	109
Killington	811	Sharon	1,502
Kirby	493	Sheffield	703
Landgrove	158	Sheldon	2,190
Leicester	1,100	Shoreham	1,265
Lemington	104	Shrewsbury	1,056
Lewis	0	Somerset	3
Lincoln	1,271	South Hero	1,631
Londonderry	1,769	St. George	674
Lowell	879	Stamford	824
Ludlow	1,963	Stannard	216
Lunenburg	1,302	Starksboro	1,777
Maidstone	208	Stockbridge	736
Marlboro	1,078	Strafford	1,098
Marshfield	1,588	Stratton	216
Mendon	1,059	Sudbury	560
Middlesex	1,731	Sunderland	956
Middletown Springs	745	Sutton	1,029
Monkton	1,980	Tinmouth	613
Montgomery	1,201	Topsham	1,173
Moretown	1,658	Townshend	1,232
Morgan	749	Troy	1,662
Mount Holly	1,237	Tunbridge	1,284
Mount Tabor	255	Vernon	2,206
New Haven	1,727	Vershire	730
Newark	581	Victory	62
Newbury	2,216	Waitsfield	1,719
Newfane	1,726	Walden	935
Newport Town	1,594	Wallingford	2,079
North Hero	803	Waltham	486
Norton	169	Wardsboro	900
Orange	1,072	Warner's Grant	0
Orwell	1,250	Warren	1,705
Panton	677	Warren's Gore	4
Pawlet	1,477	Washington	1,039
Peacham	732	Waterford	1,280
Peru	375	Waterville	673
Pittsfield	546	Wells	1,150
Plainfield	1,243	West Fairlee	652

West Haven	264	Whiting	419
West Rutland	2,326	Whitingham	1,357
West Windsor	1,099	Wilmington	1,876
Westfield	536	Windham	419
Westford	2,029	Winhall	769
Westmore	350	Wolcott	1,676
Weston	566	Woodbury	906
Weybridge	833	Woodford	424
Wheelock	811	Worcester	998

Disclaimer: This list may include municipal jurisdictions ineligible for municipal plan funding. To be eligible, a municipality must meet the definition of [24 V.S.A. §4303\(12\)](#). This list may also omit towns having 2,500 or more but less than 5,000 persons that have voted by Australian ballot to be considered a rural town. If your town has voted to be a rural town, please submit a record the vote on file with the town clerk to jenni.lavoie@vermont.gov.