

2024 State of Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund

The Downtown Transportation Fund makes investment in infrastructure and public spaces, stimulates private investment, and creates a sense of identity and pride in Vermont's downtowns. This year, 11 designated downtowns and village centers received \$1,787,989 in grants summarized below. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested more than \$16 million in Vermont's downtowns and villages. Contact the individuals listed below for more information about the projects. For additional information about the Downtown Transportation Fund, please contact Gary Holloway at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 802-522-2444.

Town of Bennington, Walloomsac Riverwalk Redevelopment Phase 2 (Bennington Skatepark) Project: \$200,000

The Town of Bennington is working to design and build a skatepark at the end of the Walloomsac Riverwalk, in an area known as Rotary Park or "Peoples Park". The Town will relocate and repave the park pathway along the river and connect it to the new and improved Rail Trail and Riverwalk bike/pedestrian pathways. Park improvements will include additional lighting and security cameras, benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping to create a multi-use park for all ages.

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Town of Brattleboro, Downtown Beautification and Meter Removal Project: \$114,289

The grant will fund the removal of stand-alone parking meters from sidewalks downtown. The Town will transition from "pay & display" to "pay by plate" for all on-street and surface lot parking options, allowing for a more beautiful and orderly downtown district.

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Town of Brighton, Island Pond Lakeside Park Improvements: \$78,500

The funding will support the addition of a new park sign, landscaping, and pedestrian connections from the existing pavilion to the sidewalk, and a pathway from the pavilion to the waterfront/ waterfront path. Improvements around the pavilion include an area for

seating or dancing during music events and an additional area for tables allowing for increased use of the pavilion for community events such as music, community picnics, the annual Independence Weekend Celebration.

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Town of Chester, Chester Village Pedestrian Improvements: \$200,000

The funding will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to and around the Village while providing safety enhancements. The project will support crosswalks, curb repairs, and will help delineate pedestrian boundaries in front of shops. The project will also include the addition of electric to the Green allowing for a safer, more vibrant downtown.

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Town of Danville, Historic Danville Train Station Project: \$100,000

The grant will help rehabilitate and restore the Historic Train Station in Danville to create a recreation and transportation hub. Once complete, the Train Station will be a visitor center and wayfinding point offering trail user amenities, public restrooms, water access, informational kiosks, and historical displays.

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Town of Rockingham (Bellows Falls), Bellows Falls Streetscape and ADA Improvements: \$96,000

The Complete Streets & Gateway project will include rehabilitation of “bumpouts” and curb extensions and will upgrade intersections and sidewalks with curb ramps to comply with the ADA requirements. Streetscape improvements will include downlighting at crosswalks, additional signs to slow vehicular traffic, two decorative lamp posts and the design of gateway arches. This project will increase the economic vitality and vibrancy of Bellows Falls by improving safety and accessibility for all pedestrians to enjoy downtown.

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**Town of Springfield, Town Hall ADA Accessibility & Safety
Improvements: \$200,000**

The grant will support dedicated ADA access to Town Hall as well as streetscape and infrastructure improvements allowing for increased motor vehicle, cyclist, and pedestrian safety. The project will also consolidate the entrance/ exit lanes into one central, shared lane.

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Town of St Johnsbury, Eastern Avenue Streetscape Project: \$200,000

The grant will support the development of a plan to complete improvements to include sidewalk enhancements, brick pavers at crosswalks, beautification, and pedestrian safety. Plans will also be developed to support the replacement of the industrial overhead lights with decorative lighting. This project, once complete, will provide for connection between Railroad Street retail and hospitalities area and historic Main Street.

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City of Vergennes, Wayfinding Signage Phase II, City Green Lighting and Main Street Lighting Project: \$199,200

The grant will support Phase II of the City's wayfinding signage project highlighting the Designated Downtown and key locations, upgrade the electrical infrastructure on the City Green, and replace Main Street lampposts in the heart of the Downtown District. The project will make it easier and safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and visitors to navigate in Vergennes.

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**Town of Williston, Historic Village Town Hall Parking Lot Improvement
Project: \$200,000**

The project will improve the Municipal Parking Lot to expand capacity, add two electric vehicle (EV) chargers, maintain ADA access, and improve circulation, drainage, and lighting. The outcome will be a safe, functional parking lot with EV charging capabilities to better serve employees and visitors.

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Town of Windsor, Railyard Recreation Project: \$200,000

The project will transform an underutilized space into a vibrant recreation hub that caters to the diverse needs and interests of the Windsor community. The project will support the creation of 21 new parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting. The project design also calls for a gravel path network of sidewalks and trails to help visitors navigate the site safely.

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