

## Program Overview

The Better Connections Program is a competitive grant program representing an interagency partnership between the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD). Additional support is provided by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH).

The program provides technical assistance and planning funds to [awarded communities](#) to align state and local investments targeted at increasing transportation options, improving water quality, public health, and economic vitality in Vermont's community centers. Municipalities annually compete for approximately \$200,000 in funds.

## Grant Recipients

- 2015** - Warren/Waitsfield, Vergennes, and West Rutland/Town of Rutland
- 2016** - Chester, Montpelier, and Springfield
- 2017** - Brighton, St. Albans, and Windsor
- 2018** - Danville, Enosburgh, and Hyde Park
- 2019** - Fairlee, Middlebury, and Northfield
- 2021** - Bethel, Lyndonville, and Poultney
- 2023** - Brattleboro, East Hardwick, and West Windsor
- 2025** - Waterbury
- 2026** - Gilman and Ludlow

## Collaboration Leads to Results

*"The Better Connections program has been so valuable for municipalities in our region. It is one of the few funding sources that provides the level of resources needed to truly engage the community, build consensus, and develop implementation-focused plans for the areas in and around our downtown and village centers."*

-Jason Rasmussen, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

### By the Numbers [2015-2025]

 **\$4.5 m**  
in grant funds requested (inclusive of Clean Water Initiative projects)

 **\$1.8 m**  
in grant funds awarded

 **\$222,000**  
in local match funds (2025+2026)

 **24**  
Better Connections grants awarded



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