

Program Overview

Small changes to zoning bylaws can make a big difference, and the Budget Bill of 2023 made additional funding available to support a third round of municipal bylaw modernization grants for Vermont's cities, towns and villages. Municipalities will use this innovative funding awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development to hire regional planning commission or consulting staff to collaborate with local stakeholders and prepare bylaw updates that help confront the State's housing crisis. This investment will ready communities for unprecedented upgrades to housing and infrastructure. These awards build upon the past two years of grants, totalling almost \$1 million in funding to 63 communities across all three years of the program.

These grants will also help interested communities qualify for Neighborhood Development Area designation and expand choice and opportunity for homes in convenient and walkable neighborhoods. They will support implementation of the [Zoning for Great Neighborhoods](#) initiative of 2020 – which produced a user-friendly guide and model regulations designed to make zoning updates much easier for local planning commissions, selectboards, and city councils. Grant recipients have 24 months to finalize projects, and local funding match requirements will be forgiven for bylaws adopted prior to closeout.

FY 2024 Grant Recipients

- Braintree
- Chelsea
- Jericho
- Manchester Village
- Montgomery
- Pittsford
- Salisbury

“Healthy local housing markets are essential to revitalizing communities. To have healthy, safe, vibrant communities across the state, retain and attract more workers, and reverse declining school enrollment numbers we need more housing.”

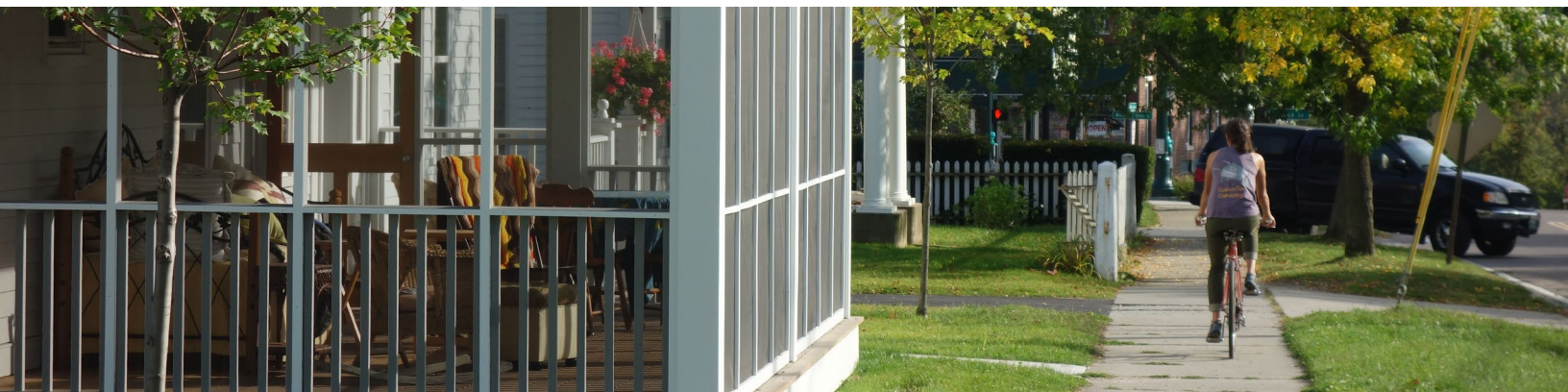
— Secretary Lindsay Kurrle, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

By the Numbers [2024]

 **\$212,558**
in grant funds requested

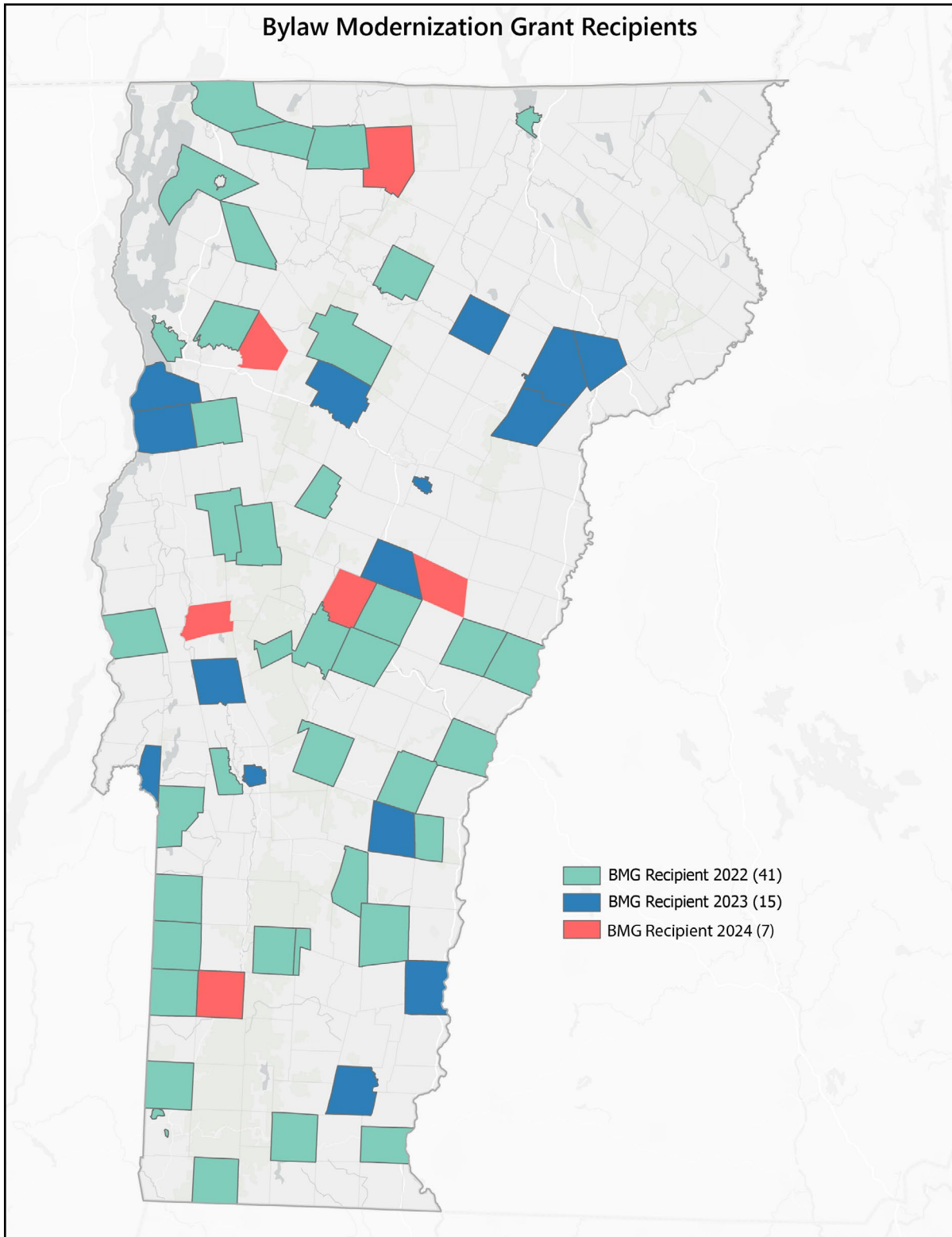
 **7**
applications funded

 **63**
participating communities



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Grant Recipients Map



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