Small changes to zoning bylaws can make a big difference, and Act 74 of 2021 made $500,000 of special, one-time funding available to support statewide municipal bylaw modernization grants for Vermont’s cities, towns and villages. Municipalities will use this new and innovative funding awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development to hire regional planning commission or consulting staff to collaborate with local stakeholders to prepare bylaw updates, confront the State’s housing crisis, and ready communities for unprecedented investments in housing and infrastructure.

The grants will expand choice and opportunity for homes in convenient and walkable neighborhoods and support implementation of the Zoning for Great Neighborhoods initiative of 2020 – which produced a guide and model regulations designed to make little zoning updates that have a big impact, much easier for local planning commissions, selectboards, and city councils. Grant recipients have 24 months to finalize projects.

**FY 2022 Grant Recipients**

- Bethel
- Brattleboro
- Bristol
- Burlington
- Chester
- Enosburgh
- Essex
- Fairfax
- Hartford
- Highgate
- Hinesburg
- Hyde Park
- Killington
- Landgrove
- Lincoln
- Ludlow
- Manchester
- Montgomery
- Newport City
- North Bennington Village
- Old Bennington Village
- Pawlet
- Peru
- Poultney
- Randolph
- Rochester
- Rupert
- Sandgate
- Shaftsbury
- Sheldon
- Shoreham
- St. Albans Town
- Stamford
- Stowe
- Strafford
- Thetford
- Waitsfield
- West Rutland
- West Windsor
- Wilmington
- Woodstock

“Although zoning isn’t the only market force constraining the supply of available homes, leaders across Vermont increasingly recognize the importance of erasing unnecessary local barriers that prevent well-located homes that are close to jobs, served by ready infrastructure, and accessible to daily destinations and transit; other constraints like financing or contractor availability are irrelevant if someone can’t obtain a permit.” - Commissioner Josh Hanford, DHCD

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Grant Recipients Map

41 towns funded including 3 multi-town applications

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