

# FY24 Bylaw Modernization Grant Projects

**Bylaw Modernization Grants** will support local zoning bylaw updates to enhance the production of affordable homes in development-ready places, confront the State's housing crisis, and help communities become more equitable, energy-smart, and economically strong and affordable. This third round of Bylaw Modernization Grants is awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development with funding appropriated by the legislature. Municipalities will use \$105,808 in fiscal year 2024 State funding to hire regional planning commission or consulting staff with expertise in bylaw writing and public outreach. This year's grant leveraged \$14,957 in local match funding and will support 7 projects in 6 regional planning commission regions. The Department received a total of 12 applications requesting over \$212,558 in funding. Descriptions of the FY24 projects are listed below. These awards build upon last year's grants, bringing the total number of municipalities served to 63, 27% of municipalities with adopted zoning in Vermont.

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**Braintree** will improve its zoning bylaw to help address the urgent statewide housing shortage. This project will engage the community in discussions of the zoning process, and will work to educate the public on the benefits that new and diverse housing models can bring to Braintree. For more information, contact Kyle Katz at [kkatz@trorc.org](mailto:kkatz@trorc.org).

**Total Project Cost:** \$15,254  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,728

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**Chelsea** aims to create a zoning bylaw that expands opportunity for all types of housing construction, with a particular focus on its village center and other areas deemed suitable for future growth. For more information, contact Harry Falconer at [hfalconer@trorc.org](mailto:hfalconer@trorc.org).

**Total Project Cost:** \$17,611  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$15,850

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**Jericho** will hire a consultant to work with the Planning Commission to develop zoning amendments, simplify and update existing regulations, and make other changes recommended in the Enabling Better Places guide to increase affordable housing and mixed-use buildings and streamline permitting processes. For more information, contact Linda Blasch at [lblasch@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lblasch@jerichovt.gov).

**Total Project Cost:** \$28,760  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$23,004

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**Manchester Village** will be developing Land Use & Development Regulations that combine existing zoning bylaws with targeted revisions. This will create a streamlined land use and development ordinance, drawing together all the separate regulatory instruments into one, including subdivision standards. For more information, contact Janet Hurley at [jhurley@bcrcvt.org](mailto:jhurley@bcrcvt.org).

**Total Project Cost:** \$15,000  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,500

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**Montgomery** will identify areas to expand the village zoning districts, address short-term rental regulations, and consider an NDA application. For more information, contact Emily Klofft at [eklofft@nrpcvt.com](mailto:eklofft@nrpcvt.com).

**Total Project Cost:** \$18,720  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$16,848

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**Pittsford** will update its zoning bylaws to encourage higher density mixed use infill development along the Route 7 corridor, which includes the town's designated village district, and to facilitate the development of affordable housing. For more information, contact Logan Solomon at [logan@rutlandrpc.org](mailto:logan@rutlandrpc.org).

**Total Project Cost:** \$10,860  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$9,774

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**Salisbury** has recently completed an update to its town plan, and will be bringing its unified regulations into conformance with the goals of the plan, current legislation, and best practices. Changes to the plan need to be reflected in Salisbury's unified regulations, with the goal of creating more housing opportunities in the village area, while protecting the surrounding natural resources. For more information, contact Deb Brighton at [brightondeborahp@gmail.com](mailto:brightondeborahp@gmail.com).

**Total Project Cost:** \$14,560  
**Grant Funds Awarded:** \$13,104

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**State Award Funding Totals: \$105,808**