

State of Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund

The Downtown Transportation Fund makes investments in infrastructure and public spaces, stimulates private investment, and creates a sense of identity and pride in Vermont's downtowns. In 2021 the program received a one-time, five-million-dollar increase and program eligibility was expanded to qualified village centers. This year, 7 designated downtowns and 8 village centers received \$2.1M in grants summarized below. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested over \$13 million to support 151 projects in 32 different communities leveraging over \$54 million in additional funding. Contact the individuals listed below for more information about the project. For additional information about the Downtown Transportation Fund, please contact Gary Holloway at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 802-522-2444.

Town of Bellows Falls, Bellows Falls Train Station Repair; \$200,000

The grant will restore deteriorating masonry including the foundation and brickwork and make urgent repairs to the collapsed bulkhead. The Bellows Falls Train Station will continue operating and serving riders during construction.

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Town of Bennington, Walloomsac Riverwalk Extension; \$200,000

The funding will widen existing sections of the Walloomsac Riverwalk and extend it by 350 feet connecting the downtown area to the Walloomsac Valley Rail-Trail. New signage, LED lighting, safety railings, trees, and trash receptacles will make the trail safer, more accessible, and attractive to pedestrians and cyclists.

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Town of Brighton, Lakeside Park Improvements; \$118,400

This project will enhance Island Pond's Lakeside Park with improved pedestrian connections, new signage, and landscaping. The changes will support expanded use of the park's pavilion for community events such as music, community picnics, and the annual Independence Weekend Celebration.

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Town of Bristol, Basin Street Streetscape Improvements; \$200,000

Basin Street improvements include the repair of the retaining walls and reconstruction of the streetscape and storm drain system along Main Street. The repairs will reduce erosion and improve water quality. Approximately 170 feet of sidewalk and 300 feet of guardrail will also be replaced to improve pedestrian access and safety.

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Town of Chester, Village Wayfinding Signage; \$186,480

Grant funds will implement a newly designed wayfinding signage system to help guide pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists to the village center and area attractions. The new signage will showcase the town's unique identity.

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Town of Danville, Danville Train Station Adaptive Use; \$99,500

The underutilized historic station sits along a completed section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is a short walk from Danville's Village Center. Funding will transform the train station into a transportation, recreation, and economic hub for thousands of people using the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

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Village of Enosburg Falls, Crosswalk Relocation and Improvement; \$13,323

The 2019 Vital Village Master Plan identified pedestrian safety as a high priority. The grant will help the village relocate and improve pedestrian safety at a school crosswalk on Main Street.

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Town of Fairlee, Village Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements; \$100,275

The new sidewalk and crosswalks will safely connect pedestrians to several popular locations including the park and ride, town common, town hall and auditorium and the Cross Rivendell Trail on the other side of the Connecticut River.

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City of Newport, Downtown Intersection Improvements; \$200,000

Grant funds will replace traffic and pedestrian signals and controls at the intersection of Main Street and Coventry Street. The new system will improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety at one of the busiest intersections in downtown Newport.

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Town of Springfield, Downtown Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements; \$187,004

The grant will extend the sidewalk and connect the state office building and a large senior housing complex. The new sidewalk will improve pedestrian safety at an already popular walking route. In addition, landscaping improvements to Cinema Plaza will enhance this highly used public space.

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City of Vergennes, Downtown and Basin Wayfinding Signage Installation; \$79,760

Grant funding will implement a new wayfinding plan, a key recommendation in the Downtown-Basin Master Plan. The new signage will help visitors to navigate the downtown and basin areas while marketing the unique identity of Vergennes.

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Town of Waitsfield, Waitsfield Elementary School Crosswalk Safety Upgrades; \$19,040

Grant will support the installation of rapid flashing beacons at a busy school crossing on Route 100 in the village. This is the first phase of a larger project to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks along Route 100.

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Town of Warren, Village Traffic Calming Project; \$114,312

Grants will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists with changes to slow vehicular traffic in a busy area in the village center. The project will narrow roads with medians and landscaping features, making bridge and crosswalk improvements, and improving road striping and lighting.

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Town of Waterbury, Downtown Sidewalk Upgrades; \$200,000

Grants will upgrade deteriorated and narrow sidewalks on streets adjacent to Main Street, making them wider and accessible to all, while improving the overall safety for pedestrians. Additional enhancements include new lighting, flower baskets, and trash receptacles.

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Town of West Rutland, Marble Street Parking Lot; \$180,000

Funding will create a parking lot in the heart of the village center to serve businesses and as overflow parking for special events held at the Town Hall Auditorium. The parking lot is also convenient to recreation opportunities on the Marbleway Path and will include an electric vehicle charging station, bicycle rack, and bus shelter.

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