

2023 State of Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund

The Downtown Transportation Fund makes investment 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 village centers received \$1.1M in grants summarized below. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested over \$14 million to support 158 projects in 35 different communities leveraging over \$57 million in additional funding. Contact the individuals listed below for more information about the projects. For additional information about the Downtown Transportation Fund, please contact Gary Holloway at gary.holloway@vermont.gov or 802-522-2444.

City of Essex Junction, 1 Main Street Park Project: \$200,000

The funding will support the design and creation of a pocket park at Five Corners in Essex Junction in front of the Firebird Café. The design includes prominent features, such as seating areas, bike racks, trees and plantings helping to beautify and improve a popular public gathering space.

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Town of Fairlee, Main Street Sidewalk Extension Project: \$200,000

The grant will fund the extension of a missing link of sidewalk along Main Street in the village center from the Railroad Station to downtown areas, in addition to providing safety enhancements for pedestrians with a new crosswalk and rapid flashing beacon.

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Town of Hardwick, Hardwick Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project: \$200,000

The funding will support the replacement of a pedestrian bridge over the Lamoille River in downtown Hardwick. The project will improve bicycle, pedestrian, and wheelchair access from the commercial core of the downtown to a town parking lot, commercial spaces, and a park on the northwest side of the river.

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Town of Hinesburg, Village South Sidewalk Project: \$143,852

The funding supports a new sidewalk along busy Route 116 providing safe pedestrian access to the school, neighborhoods, a new housing development and to other areas within the village sidewalk system.

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Town of St Johnsbury, Railroad and Pearl St. Enhancement Project: \$200,000

The grant will fund safety and beautification enhancements to the Pearl Street and Railroad Street parking lot with new lighting and brick pavers helping to create a more attractive and user-friendly parking lot for downtown visitors.

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City of Vergennes, Basin Block Sidewalk Enhancement Project: \$38,493

The funding will improve accessibility and restoration of a key sidewalk thoroughfare in downtown Vergennes and improvements to sidewalk areas outside of retail and restaurants within the Basin Block area of downtown.

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Town of West Rutland, Village Sidewalk Improvement Project: \$172,091

The grant will support sidewalk enhancements to meet ADA compliance, create a new pedestrian crosswalk to improve safety and create new connections from the village center to the newly planned Marbleway Path.

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