

2025 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. This year, 8 designated downtowns and village centers received \$1,452,405 million in grants summarized below. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested more than \$17 million in Vermont's downtowns and villages. Contact the individuals listed below for more information about the projects.

For additional information about the Downtown Transportation Fund, please contact Natalie Elvidge at Natalie.Elvidge@vermont.gov or 802-261-0681.

Town of Brattleboro, Bridge Street Enhancements Project: \$124,405

The grant will support walkability via enhancements to Bridge Street and the intersection of Main Street, Bridge Street, and Vernon Street. The funding will support engineering and construction of improvements to Bridge Street which will include narrowing the roadway, reconstruction of an existing sidewalk on the north side of the street, a new sidewalk on the south side of the street, additional crosswalks, and beautification through landscaping. It will also include narrowing Vernon Street as it nears the intersection of Bridge Street.

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City of Burlington, Great Streets Main Street Project: \$200,000

The grant will fund the installation of streetscape amenities along Main Street, including benches, bike racks, a bus shelter, and granite elevation indicators. These improvements will enhance accessibility, encourage multi-modal transportation, and create a more welcoming and functional streetscape.

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City of Essex Junction, Essex Junction Multimodal Train and Bus Station Improvements: \$200,000

The Essex Junction Multimodal Train and Bus Station Improvements project aims to construct improvements at the existing Essex Junction Station for improved aesthetics and

functionality as a multi-modal transportation hub by renovating and adding to the existing station building. The conceptual design includes a new pitched roof canopy, to provide cover for passengers and the bus boarding areas, a bird deterrent system, and lighting.

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

The Hardwick pedestrian bridge project includes the demolition and replacement of the deteriorated, unsafe and currently closed pedestrian bridge with a new ADA compliant pedestrian bridge that meets contemporary design safety standards. The project will improve bicycle, pedestrian and wheelchair access from the commercial core to a town parking lot, supervisory union, park, commercial spaces and residential neighborhood on the northwest side of the river and will complete the Hardwick Downtown Loop of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT).

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Town of Hinesburg, Town Common Project: \$128,000

The Hinesburg Town Common Project would add two prominent entryways from existing sidewalks along Route 116, signage, sidewalk (east and south sides), a gravel path, more parking on connector road, engineering and stormwater for these elements. The DTF project will help make the new Hinesburg Town Common a highly visible and fully accessible landmark in the center of Hinesburg's village area.

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Town of Lyndon, Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project: \$200,000

The grant will support the installation of four raised crosswalks with curb extensions ("bump-outs"), complemented by four decorative, pedestrian-scale LED light posts strategically placed at each crosswalk location. The existing 10 light posts on this stretch of Depot Street will be upgraded with new decorative arms and LED light fixtures. The project

area connects several essential community destinations, including the Darling Inn senior housing complex, the Town Library, and numerous local businesses.

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City of Montpelier, Montpelier's Downtown Illumination Project: \$200,000

The grant will support the assessment and repair of all remaining street lights and their outlets damaged by the July 2023 flood, the installation of a new (potentially solar) light at 60 State Street, conversion of temporary lighting systems to permanent lighting systems on Main Street and Taylor Street bridge, permanent lighting systems on the North Branch, pedestrian bridge, the Winooski pedestrian bridge, and the Spring Street bridge and the purchase and installation of two self-compacting trash and recycling receptacles.

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Town of Waterbury, Foundry Street and Bidwell Lane Streetscape Improvements: \$200,000

The grant will support the installation of a sidewalk on Foundry Street, replace aging street lights, add placemaking elements including wayfinding signage, flower baskets, and illuminated grapevine balls, install 3 RRFBs and crosswalks to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists in and around some of the busiest locations in Waterbury.

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