

2026 State of Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund Awards

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, three designated downtowns received \$261,621 in grants summarized below. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested more than \$18 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.

City of Burlington, Church Street Marketplace Intersection Bollards Project: \$31,753

The grant will support safety improvements on Church Street Marketplace. The funding will support the purchase and installation of AirTags and twelve bollards to improve the separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic along the Church Street Marketplace. Bollards have been used since Church Street Marketplace was established, but only one-half remain. Replacing and reinstalling the bollards will restore the visual and physical safety that is key to the success of downtown Burlington's most popular retail, dining, and gathering destination.

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Town of Morristown, Morristown Residential Sidewalk Connectivity Project: \$125,000

The project will create approximately 700 linear feet of new sidewalk and related pedestrian improvements from Jersey Way to Audy Lane and from Gordon Lane to

Feline Loop, linking existing sidewalks in these residential areas to established downtown sidewalks. Currently, there are missing sidewalk segments and limited pedestrian infrastructure along portions of the roadway. The project area is located less than one-half mile (approximately a 10-minute walk) from Morristown's Designated Downtown and serves a residential area with more than 250 housing units.

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City of Vergennes, All Access Project at the Vergennes City Hall / Opera House: \$104,868

The City of Vergennes project will support the alleyway and courtyard portion of the "All Access Project" at the Vergennes City Hall/Opera House. The transformation of the alleyway into a courtyard with engraved brick pavers, curbing, plantings, lighting, and railings, will create a safe, welcoming, and beautiful walkway to the vestibule to the "at grade" city office space on the first floor and to the new elevator tower to the second floor Opera House space.

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