FY22 – Municipal Planning Grant Budget Adjustment Act | Round 2 Projects

<u>Municipal Planning Grants</u> support local planning and community revitalization initiatives that ready projects for implementation, build strong communities and improve Vermont's quality of life. Grants are awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Since 1998, the program has provided approximately \$13 million to 237 cities and towns. In the fall of 2021, \$443,223 was awarded in an initial round of funding to 24 municipalities including 1 consortium (multi-town) project.

The fiscal year 2022 Budget Adjustment Act (Act 83) appropriated an extra \$250,000 for municipal planning. The Department reviewed the highest scoring applications that were not funded in the first round, considering regional equity and partial awards in the first round, and selected the following projects for Round 2 Municipal Planning Grants.

Barnard will update its municipal plan with a focus on a long-term strategy to preserve rural character, enhance the environmental health of Silver Lake, and plan for vibrant growth and community space in the village. For more information, contact Robert Ramrath, <u>selectboard@barnardvt.us</u>.

Total Project Cost \$10,934 Grant Funds Awarded: \$9,940

Barnet will revive an important and historic building, McIndoes Academy, by developing conceptual designs, project schedules, estimated budgets, and fundraising materials to support the building's use as a programmed community center. For more information, contact Cynthia Stuart, <u>cstuart3747@gmail.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$22,298 Grant Funds Awarded: \$20,068

Brownington will renew community engagement and social connections lost during the pandemic by gathering the community together to update the municipal plan and make the town more resilient. For more information, contact William Davis, <u>william.g.davis72@gmail.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$16,935 Grant Funds Awarded: \$15,241

Chittenden will develop a village center streetscape and green space improvement plan, providing a framework to beautify public spaces and buildings, preserve an historic monument, and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety in the village center. For more information, contact Lisa Purcell, <u>lpurcell@zorpal.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$24,200 Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000 **Enosburg** Village and Town will unify and update the zoning and subdivision regulations to support smart growth, establish a unified planning commission, development review board & zoning administrator, and improve overall administration under a shared municipal plan. For more information, contact Greta Burnswick, <u>gbrunswick@nrpcvt.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$25,000 Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Fairfax will create an official map to support recreational trails, street improvements, walkways and water and sewer infrastructure in coordination with the capital budget and program. For more information, contact Amber Soter, <u>zoning@fairfax-vt.gov</u>.

Total Project Cost \$9,800 Grant Funds Awarded: \$8,800

Hyde Park will strengthen the identity and sense of place for the North Hyde Park designated village center through improved branding, 'gateway' improvements, mapping, and graphic design. For more information, contact Ron Rodjenski, <u>admin@hydeparkvt.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$9,600 Grant Funds Awarded: \$8,600

Jericho will make the municipal plan more action-oriented and accessible to a broader audience, including the development of a unified vision for housing options. For more information, contact Katherine Sonnick, <u>ksonnick@jerichovt.gov</u>.

Total Project Cost \$28,000 Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Middlebury will develop a bicycle and pedestrian connectivity plan that provides a vision for improving safety, capacity, and efficiency of the non-vehicular components of the transportation network. For more information, contact Jennifer Murray, <u>jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org</u>.

Total Project Cost \$24,200 Grant Funds Awarded: Round 1 partial funding, \$19,900 | Round 2, \$2,100

Montpelier will create a web-based city plan that includes 'storyboard' mapping and integrates other strategic planning efforts for coordinated implementation. For more information, contact Michael Miller, <u>mmiller@montpelier-vt.org</u>.

Total Project Cost \$20,000 Grant Funds Awarded: \$10,000

Pomfret will update its municipal plan with a focus on housing, earth resource extraction, basin planning, capital budgeting energy, and forest blocks and habitat connectors. For more information, contact Sarah Wraight, swraight@trorc.org.

Total Project Cost \$10,546 Grant Funds Awarded: \$9,587 **Pownal** will develop a methodology to evaluate sites for economic development planning to support development- and re-development ready places. For more information, contact Tara Parks, <u>executive.assistant@townofpownal.org</u>.

Total Project Cost \$16,775 Grant Funds Awarded: \$15,098

Putney will update its municipal plan with a focus on forest block and habitat connectors, agricultural uses and lands, and climate change and energy planning. For more information, contact Phillip Bannister, <u>pipbannister@gmail.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$24,200 Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

South Burlington will prepare the government operations implementation chapter of the City's Climate Action Plan, which will implement the goals and pathways within the overall plan. For more information, contact Paul Conner, <u>pconner@sburl.com</u>.

Total Project Cost: \$24,500 Grant Funds Awarded: Round 1 partial funding \$17,700 | Round 2 \$4,300

Swanton will update its municipal plan with a focus on senior housing goals, recreation infrastructure and land use in the southern growth district. For more information, contact Elizabeth Nance, <u>swedc@swantonvermont.org</u>.

Total Project Cost \$19,600 Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,640

Vernon will create an outdoor recreation plan to identify ways to enhance existing and future recreational amenities. For more information, contact Shelly Walker, <u>vernonta@vernonvt.org</u>.

Total Project Cost \$23,750 Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,375

Westminster will revise its municipal plan to with a focus on agricultural, forest, and food system resources. For more information, contact Bari Shamas, <u>bari.f.shamas@gmail.com</u>.

Total Project Cost \$14,480 Grant Funds Awarded: \$13,162

Winooski will recommend changes to zoning bylaws, city ordinances, and funding resource allocation in support of equitable access to safe, healthy and affordable housing for all. For more information, contact Angela Aldieri, <u>aaldieri@winooskivt.gov</u>.

Total Project Cost: \$25,200 Grant Funds Awarded: Round 1 partial funding \$17,700 | Round 2 \$4,300

State Award Funding Totals: \$248,211