

FY22 Municipal Planning Grant Projects

[Municipal Planning Grants](#) 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. This year, \$443,223 was awarded to 24 municipalities including 1 consortium. The winning FY22 projects are described below.

Arlington will update its zoning practices to better enable mixed use development in its village center and to incentivize smart growth housing development throughout the town. For more information, contact Catherine Bryars, cbryars@bcrcvt.org.

Total Project Cost \$16,250
Grant Funds Awarded: \$14,773

Bennington will work with community partners on an adaptive reuse plan for the former National Guard Armory building located in downtown. For more information, contact Daniel Monks, dmonks@benningtonvt.org.

Total Project Cost \$11,400
Grant Funds Awarded: \$9,900

Brattleboro will develop a bicycle and pedestrian master plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian prioritized travel routes and facilities. For more information, contact Kim Ellison, kellison@brattleboro.org.

Total Project Cost \$25,200
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Cambridge (with Johnson, Stowe, and Wolcott) will study the barriers to increasing high quality childcare opportunities. For more information, contact Alec Jones, alec@lpcvt.org.

Total Project Cost \$25,880
Grant Funds Awarded: \$23,527

Craftsbury will develop a village master plan detailing opportunities to improve traffic, circulation, and parking; bicycle and pedestrian safety; village trail access; and commercial development. For more information, contact Alison Low, alow@nvda.net.

Total Project Cost \$26,350
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Danville will develop architectural design and engineering plans for the restoration of the Danville Train Station. For more information, contact Alison Low, alow@nvda.net.

Total Project Cost \$45,103
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Hardwick will develop a 5-year strategic plan and framework for establishing a downtown organization in support of pursuing their Downtown Designation. For more information, contact Casey Rowell, casey.rowell@hardwickvt.org.

Total Project Cost \$24,500
Grant Funds Awarded: \$22,000

Hartford will update the Town Plan Housing Chapter, focusing on the development of strategies to support the increase of housing diversity and affordability. For more information, contact Lori Hirshfield, lhirshfield@hartford-vt.org.

Total Project Cost \$22,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$20,000

Irasburg will develop architectural and engineering plans to address the accessibility issues of the Leach Public Library. For more information, contact Danielle Ingalls, irasburgtc@comcast.net.

Total Project Cost \$32,199
Grant Funds Awarded: \$20,000

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, jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org.

Total Project Cost \$24,200
Grant Funds Awarded: \$19,900

Mount Holly will develop a Master Plan to remove barriers to economic development & housing construction. For more information, contact Annette Lynch, lyncha456@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost \$22,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$20,000

Northfield will update zoning bylaws to bring in compliance with recently adopted Town Plan and to assure more diverse and accessible housing opportunities, economic development, and resource protections. For more information, contact Jeff Schulz, jschulz@northfield.vt.us.

Total Project Cost \$23,920
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,745

Orange will develop a Capital Improvement Plan which will include a Five-Year Road Maintenance & Improvement Plan, Municipal Facility Capital Plan, and Equipment Replacement Plan to strategically guide municipal budgets and expenditures. For more information, contact Christian Meyer, meyer@cvregion.com.

Total Project Cost \$19,890
Grant Funds Awarded: \$18,000

Orwell will update its Town Plan, with a focus on revitalizing the town green, historic village district and surrounding walkable neighborhood. For more information, contact Joseph Andriano, andrianoj@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost \$15,300
Grant Funds Awarded: \$13,770

Pawlet will develop a master plan for West Pawlet's Village Center, which will be a roadmap for the community's growth and will support the outdoor recreational economy. For more information, contact Jessica Van Oort jessvanoort@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost \$23,350
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,150

Richford will develop a streetscape master plan for Main & River Street to promote increased safe bicycle and pedestrian circulation in the village. For more information, contact Kiley Deuso, townclerk@richfordvt.org.

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

Rockingham will complete an infill redevelopment plan for a critical site and a streetscape plan focusing on improved parking and circulation for the west end of the Designated Village Center in Saxtons River. For more information, contact Gary Fox, development@rockbf.org.

Total Project Cost \$19,480
Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,280

Royalton will complete a build out analysis based on physical and infrastructure constraints, and community input to target potential areas for future development. For more information, contact Victoria Paquin, townadmin@royaltonvt.com.

Total Project Cost \$9,960
Grant Funds Awarded: \$8,960

South Hero will develop a new Town Plan focusing on creating an inclusive and economically vibrant community. For more information, contact Sandy Gregg, frogrock37@gmail.com.

Total Project Cost \$17,650
Grant Funds Awarded: \$16,000

Springfield will update its Town Plan with a focus on housing and evaluating a potential designated Neighborhood Development Area. For more information, contact Jeff Mobus, tosmanager@vermontel.net.

Total Project Cost \$24,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$21,818

Thetford will assess the operational and capital needs, viability, and sustainability of the independent water companies in the town to ensure regulatory compliance and promote future growth. For more information, contact Bryan Gazda, townmanager@thetfordvt.gov.

Total Project Cost: \$24,312
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 Climate Action Plan. For more information, contact Paul Conner, pconner@sburl.com.

Total Project Cost: \$20,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,700

Vergennes through robust public engagement with artists, businesses, and students, will develop a public art plan for a pedestrian art corridor. For more information, contact Ron Redmond, manager@vergenne.org.

Total Project Cost: \$9,940
Grant Funds Awarded: \$9,000

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 Heather Carrington, hcarrington@winooski.vt.gov.

Total Project Cost: \$21,000
Grant Funds Awarded: \$17,700

State Award Funding Totals: \$443,223