

Municipal Planning Grant

Rural Towns

Summary

For rural towns with a population of less than 2,500 as defined in [24 V.S.A. §4303\(25\)](#), the regional planning commission (RPC) may serve as an agent of the town for the Municipal Planning Grant. The RPC agent is expected to prepare the application, support grant administration and will be exempt from competitive selection if serving as a project consultant. The (lead) municipality must remain the financial administrator.

Statutory Definition of a Rural Town

"Rural town" means a town having, as at the date of the most recent U.S. census, a population of less than 2,500 persons, as evidenced by that census, or a town having 2,500 or more but less than 5,000 persons that has voted by Australian ballot to be considered a rural town.

2021 Town Populations

The Vermont Department of Health [reports](#) estimated population counts for town populations as of 2021. Towns with populations below 2,500 are listed below alphabetically.

ADDISON	1348	BRUNSWICK	85
ALBANY	972	BUEL'S GORE	29
ALBURGH	2141	BURKE	1642
ANDOVER	576	CABOT	1434
ARLINGTON	2453	CALAIS	1649
ATHENS	385	CANAAN	898
AVERILL	16	CAVENDISH	1407
AVERY'S GORE	0	CHARLESTON	1013
BAKERSFIELD	1286	CHELSEA	1242
BALTIMORE	232	CHITTENDEN	1228
BARNARD	1001	CLARENDON	2392
BARNET	1671	CONCORD	1124
BELVIDERE	355	CORINTH	1470
BENSON	963	CORNWALL	1223
BERKSHIRE	1574	COVENTRY	1096
BETHEL	1952	CRAFTSBURY	1331
BLOOMFIELD	218	DANBY	1280
BOLTON	1291	DANVILLE	2339
BRAINTREE	1211	DORSET	2137
BRIDGEWATER	911	DOVER	1837
BRIDPORT	1223	DUMMERSTON	1891
BRIGHTON	1169	DUXBURY	1410
BROOKFIELD	1261	EAST HAVEN	273
BROOKLINE	548	EDEN	1335
BROWNINGTON	1041	ELMORE	882
		FAIRFIELD	2042

FAIRLEE	1000
FAYSTON	1378
FERDINAND	20
FLETCHER	1367
FRANKLIN	1381
GLASTENBURY	7
GLOVER	1111
GOSHEN	178
GRAFTON	652
GRANBY	81
GRAND ISLE	2120
GRANVILLE	302
GREENSBORO	801
GROTON	987
GUILDHALL	257
GUILFORD	2148
HALIFAX	785
HANCOCK	355
HOLLAND	633
HUBBARDTON	732
HUNTINGTON	1920
IRA	370
IRASBURG	1234
ISLE LA MOTTE	495
JAMAICA	1014
JAY	547
KILLINGTON	1410
KIRBY	579
LANDGROVE	174
LEICESTER	996
LEMINGTON	89
LEWIS	0
LINCOLN	1329
LONDONDERRY	1935
LOWELL	885
LUDLOW	2186
LUNENBURG	1260
MAIDSTONE	209
MARLBORO	1568
MARSHFIELD	1553
MENDON	1158
MIDDLESEX	1774
MIDDLETOWN	
SPRINGS	789
MONKTON	2087
MONTGOMERY	1205
MORETOWN	1742
MORGAN	635

MOUNT HOLLY	1386
MOUNT TABOR	210
NEW HAVEN	1691
NEWARK	584
NEWBURY	2329
NEWFANE	1678
NEWPORT TOWN	1793
NORTH HERO	956
NORTON	155
ORANGE	1066
ORWELL	1241
PANTON	660
PAWLET	1411
PEACHAM	714
PERU	528
PITTSFIELD	504
PLAINFIELD	1232
PLYMOUTH	646
POMFRET	931
PROCTOR	1727
READING	690
READSBORO	703
RICHFORD	2310
RIPTON	733
ROCHESTER	1102
ROXBURY	669
RUPERT	695
RYEGATE	1161
SALISBURY	1214
SANDGATE	383
SEARSBURG	127
SHARON	1573
SHEFFIELD	684
SHELDON	2144
SHOREHAM	1248
SHREWSBURY	1102
SOMERSET	4
SOUTH HERO	1709
ST. GEORGE	798
STAMFORD	864
STANNARD	212
STARKSBORO	1761
STOCKBRIDGE	726
STRAFFORD	1101
STRATTON	449
SUDBURY	543
SUNDERLAND	1054
SUTTON	922

TINMOUTH	550
TOPSHAM	1209
TOWNSHEND	1300
TROY	1728
TUNBRIDGE	1354
VERNON	2209
VERSHIRE	677
VICTORY	68
WAITSFIELD	1831
WALDEN	958
WALLINGFORD	2124
WALTHAM	445
WARDSBORO	881
WARNER'S GRANT	0
WARREN	1959
WARREN'S GORE	3
WASHINGTON	1047
WATERFORD	1283
WATERVILLE	691
WELLS	1206
WEST FAIRLEE	623

WEST HAVEN	240
WEST RUTLAND	2202
WEST WINDSOR	1354
WESTFIELD	526
WESTFORD	2057
WESTMORE	351
WESTON	633
WEYBRIDGE	810
WHEELOCK	760
WHITING	402
WHITINGHAM	1360
WILMINGTON	2291
WINDHAM	457
WINHALL	1181
WOLCOTT	1673
WOODBURY	919
WOODFORD	354
WORCESTER	956

Disclaimer: This list may include municipal jurisdictions ineligible for municipal plan funding. To be eligible, a municipality must meet the definition of [24 V.S.A. §4303\(12\)](#). This list may also omit towns having 2,500 or more but less than 5,000 persons that have voted by Australian ballot to be considered a rural town. If your town has voted to be a rural town, please submit a record of the vote on file with the town clerk to jennifer.lavoie@vermont.gov.