

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.

2023 Town Populations

The Vermont Department of Health [reports](#) estimated population counts for town populations as of 2023. Towns with populations below 2,500 are listed below alphabetically.

ADDISON	1349	BRUNSWICK	84
ALBANY	953	BUEL'S GORE	28
ALBURGH	2157	BURKE	1646
ANDOVER	579	CABOT	1468
ARLINGTON	2442	CALAIS	1673
ATHENS	396	CANAAN	895
AVERILL	19	CAVENDISH	1404
AVERY'S GORE	0	CHARLESTON	993
BAKERSFIELD	1302	CHELSEA	1261
BALTIMORE	232	CHITTENDEN	1226
BARNARD	1008	CLARENDON	2407
BARNET	1671	CONCORD	1148
BELVIDERE	344	CORINTH	1494
BENSON	967	CORNWALL	1265
BERKSHIRE	1604	COVENTRY	1075
BETHEL	1936	CRAFTSBURY	1314
BLOOMFIELD	218	DANBY	1289
BOLTON	1288	DANVILLE	2365
BRAINTREE	1220	DORSET	2139
BRIDGEWATER	917	DOVER	1839
BRIDPORT	1234	DUMMERSTON	1892
BRIGHTON	1243	DUXBURY	1442
BROOKFIELD	1280	EAST HAVEN	273
BROOKLINE	544	EDEN	1298
BROWNINGTON	1025	ELMORE	876
		FAIRFIELD	2035

FAIRLEE	1028	MOUNT HOLLY	1394
FAYSTON	1409	MOUNT TABOR	211
FERDINAND	19	NEW HAVEN	1718
FLETCHER	1381	NEWARK	585
FRANKLIN	1408	NEWBURY	2372
GLASTENBURY	7	NEWFANE	1656
GLOVER	1093	NEWPORT TOWN	2243
GOSHEN	182	NORTH HERO	963
GRAFTON	644	NORTON	156
GRANBY	76	ORANGE	1082
GRAND ISLE	2135	ORWELL	1246
GRANVILLE	303	PANTON	664
GREENSBORO	782	PAWLET	1402
GROTON	996	PEACHAM	718
GUILDHALL	256	PERU	526
GUILFORD	2129	PITTSFIELD	503
HALIFAX	767	PLAINFIELD	1249
HANCOCK	357	PLYMOUTH	649
HOLLAND	626	POMFRET	951
HUBBARDTON	732	PROCTOR	1720
HUNTINGTON	1924	READING	691
IRA	371	READSBORO	799
IRASBURG	1214	RICHFORD	2337
ISLE LA MOTTE	495	RIPTON	745
JAMAICA	1001	ROCHESTER	1094
JAY	532	ROXBURY	678
KILLINGTON	1412	RUPERT	693
KIRBY	587	RYEGATE	1160
LANDGROVE	174	SALISBURY	1228
LEICESTER	1007	SANDGATE	383
LEMINGTON	88	SEARSBURG	126
LEWIS	0	SHARON	1570
LINCOLN	1359	SHEFFIELD	691
LONDONDERRY	1931	SHELDON	2170
LOWELL	881	SHOREHAM	1270
LUDLOW	2183	SHREWSBURY	1097
LUNENBURG	1254	SOMERSET	4
MAIDSTONE	208	SOUTH HERO	1717
MARLBORO	1766	ST. GEORGE	808
MARSHFIELD	1569	STAMFORD	865
MENDON	1166	STANNARD	215
MIDDLESEX	1814	STARKSBORO	1792
MIDDLETOWN		STOCKBRIDGE	733
SPRINGS	792	STRAFFORD	1105
MONKTON	2159	STRATTON	445
MONTGOMERY	1224	SUDBURY	545
MORETOWN	1754	SUNDERLAND	1056
MORGAN	618	SUTTON	923

TINMOUTH	555	WEST HAVEN	244
TOPSHAM	1226	WEST RUTLAND	2194
TOWNSHEND	1295	WEST WINDSOR	1373
TROY	1710	WESTFIELD	517
TUNBRIDGE	1373	WESTFORD	2087
VERNON	2193	WESTMORE	342
VERSHIRE	688	WESTON	629
VICTORY	70	WEYBRIDGE	824
WAITSFIELD	1875	WHEELOCK	768
WALDEN	965	WHITING	406
WALLINGFORD	2111	WHITINGHAM	1356
WALTHAM	447	WILMINGTON	2274
WARDSBORO	867	WINDHAM	454
WARNER'S GRANT	0	WINHALL	1172
WARREN	1985	WOLCOTT	1669
WARREN'S GORE	3	WOODBURY	937
WASHINGTON	1058	WOODFORD	350
WATERFORD	1295	WORCESTER	967
WATERVILLE	672		
WELLS	1213		
WEST FAIRLEE	631		

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.