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MONTPELIER, VT – The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has awarded $1,002,329 in Municipal Planning Grants to 46 municipalities, including one consortiums. These grants will help rural and urban communities throughout the state write and update town plans and bylaws, plan for public space improvements, explore opportunities for new homes, and address the high costs of extreme weather with resilience plans.

“As our state works hard to address the housing shortage and ensure a future with vibrant and resilient communities, we are providing our municipalities with the tools to consider options, take action, and adapt to change. Municipal Planning Grants are one way that the State can empower communities to plan for smart public investments and create a supportive marketplace for entrepreneurs,” said DHCD Commissioner Alex Farrell.

Awarded annually and administered by DHCD, the Municipal Planning Grant program supports local community revitalization and planning initiatives. The longtime program is unique in its support for this vital aspect of municipal management and rural capacity-building -- offering towns the funding they need to engage residents in decision-making, and to establish a solid vision for their future.

Please see the ACCD’s website for more information about the [Municipal Planning Grant Program](https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant).

* Full list of FY25 Municipal Planning Grant Projects