



Certified Local Government Program

2025 CLG Grant Application

**FFY 2025 grant funding provided by the
National Park Service/Historic Preservation Fund**

Grant Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027

**Vermont Certified Local Government Program
2025 Grant Application Form**

Application Deadline: On or before 4:30 PM, Monday, December 16, 2024.

What to Submit: All application materials must be submitted prior to the application deadline. A complete application consists of the following items, in the following electronic formats:

- Application Form, signed by the applicant, the Chair of the CLG Commission, and the Chief Elected Local Official (or designee). Submit a scanned PDF of the complete application with all signatures.
- Proposed Budget Form, signed by the Chief Elected Local Official (or designee). Submit the following:
 - a scanned PDF of the signed Proposed Budget Form, and
 - an MS Word version of the Proposed Budget Form.
- Any supporting materials, such as photographs, reports, assessments, etc. that support and inform the proposed project. Submit these materials as PDFs.

How to Submit the Application: Please submit all the above items as attachments to an email message, identified as follows:

Email Subject Line: *[Name of CLG Community] – 2025 CLG Grant Application*

Attachments: *[Name of CLG Community] – Application Form (PDF)*
 [Name of CLG Community] – Proposed Budget Form (PDF & Word)
 [Name of CLG Community] – Supporting Materials (PDF)

Where to Submit: All application materials should be submitted electronically via email to Lindsay.Pacheco@vermont.gov

**If you have any questions about the application process, please contact
Laura V. Trieschmann at 802-505-3579 or laura.trieschmann@vermont.gov**

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To complete this Grant Application, simply click in the gray text boxes and type your responses. Please keep your responses as concise as possible and specific to the proposed project.

Name of CLG Community: Rockingham

Name of CLG Coordinator: Walter Wallace

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Email: clg@rockbf.org

Mailing Address: 7 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT 05101

Name of Municipal Treasurer: Kathleen Kelly

Telephone: 802 463-4336 x 1102

Email: clerk@rockbf.org

Project Name: Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District National Register Project

Will this project be administered by a designated third party? Yes or No

If yes, name of organization: _____

Project Category: Please check the appropriate category below and provide the requested information as indicated or on a separate page.

Priority I Projects

Top priority in the selection of projects and award of grant funds is given to Priority I projects.

Survey Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- area to be surveyed (indicate on map);
- estimated number of properties to be surveyed;
- estimated number of acres to be surveyed;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey; and
- plans for completion of survey.

National Register Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- building or historic district to be nominated (indicate on map);
- property type or theme for Multiple Property nomination;
- for a historic district, the number of contributing properties within the district;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey;
- plans for completion of survey; and
- status of survey through the National Register process.

Preservation Planning Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey; and

- status of survey through the National Register process.

Information and Education Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- audience, methods and products;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
- status of survey through the National Register process; and
- status of historic preservation planning.

Pre-Development Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- property or area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
- scope of work and products;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
- status of survey through the National Register process; and
- status of historic preservation planning.

Priority II Projects

Awarded only if grant funds remain after all Priority I projects have been selected.

Development Project. *Please describe in Project Summary:*

- purpose of the project;
- property or area to be covered by the plan (describe and indicate on map);
- scope of work and products;
- status of completion of town-wide or city-wide survey, and plans for completion of survey;
- status of survey through the National Register process; and
- status of historic preservation planning.
- Please include a location map showing the footprint of the building, the parcel boundaries, and any areas of possible ground disturbance resulting from the project.

Project Summary (please address the items noted in the Project Category selected above):

Purpose of the project

This project will create a National Register of Historic Places nomination for a newly defined Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District. It aims to update and combine two outdated districts into a single district: Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District (1982) and Bellows Falls Island Multiple Use Area (1990). The project will contract a qualified consultant to undertake the nomination process.

The project will include:

- **Historical Overview:** Updated narrative connecting the area's history to the properties

within the district

- Physical Description: Detailed documentation of each contributing property's characteristics and historical significance
- Integrity Assessment: Evaluation of properties based on seven aspects of integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association

This initiative continues to document and preserve Bellows Falls' rich heritage while fostering economic and cultural opportunities.

Building or historic district to be nominated (indicated on maps)

Boundaries of the new NR historic district align with the newly re-defined Bellows Falls Designated Downtown District which includes both Bellows Falls Island and Bellows Falls Village. Maps of the Designated Downtown District, existing NR historic district boundaries, and boundaries of the proposed new boundaries of the NR historic district are attached.

Property type or theme for Multiple Property nomination

Property types are typically commercial blocks, municipal buildings, multi-family residential, and industrial, reflecting the economic and cultural history of the proposed district.

Number of contributing properties within the district

The newly proposed district encompasses 60 potential contributing sites.

Status of survey through the National Register process

The current Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District was confirmed August 16, 1982, NRIS # 82001706.

The current Bellows Falls Island Multiple Resource Area was confirmed January 22, 1990, NRIS # 88002161.

Please Answer the Following Questions:

1. How will the public be informed about the purpose of this project and the value of historic preservation? (note: public information and education is a required component of *all* CLG

grant projects)

The commission publicly advocate for preservation and conservation of historic buildings, landscapes, and artifacts related to the built-environment. The project will gain visibility through the HPC's Historic Preservation Public Awareness Campaign and a variety of other activities such as the Rockingham Old House Awards program, public presentations, press releases via local media outlets, on-screen public service announcements at the Bellows Falls Opera House, notices through local access FACT-TV and WOOL 91.5 FM (Bellows Falls-based Pacifica Radio affiliate with a national reach), and on the town website.

2. Describe the impact that this project will have on historic resources. Will it be significant and long lasting?

Anticipated Outcomes:

- **Community Building:** Increased awareness of Bellows Falls Village history for a rising generation, to nurture pride of place
- **Historic Preservation of the Built Environment:** Identify and document elements of the architectural landscape of Bellows Falls Village to foster a culture of preservation
- **A single NR space to streamline regulatory reviews of community and economic development initiatives in the Bellows Falls Designated Downtown**
- **Historic Preservation Tax Credits:** Encouraging commercial property owners to utilize these credits for rehabilitation projects
- **Heritage Tourism:** Support for marketing efforts that leverage the district's historical significance to attract tourism, a key part of the Rockingham Town Plan and the Windham Regional Commission Regional Plan

3. Does this project focus on disaster preparation, mitigation, and resilience? If yes, please explain how.

Yes -or- No

If yes, please describe:

One of the goals of the research phase of the nomination process is to crosswalk historic sites with the Rockingham Town flood mitigation plan. It is anticipated that this will generate greater public awareness, stimulate discussion, and help plan for how best to deal with climate change impacts on the town's built environment, particularly in historically established areas prone to flooding.

4. Describe the project schedule assuming starting date of **May 2025** and completion date of **August 1, 2027**. List dates for subcontracting with consultants, on-site meetings, delivery of draft products, such as survey and National Register forms, and public meetings, as applicable. All products, including a final project report and auditable financial documentation, are due by the completion date.

DATE	Task/Product Completed
1/23/2025	SHPO notifies applicants of grant awards
5/2025	Executed Grant Agreement
6/1/2025	Procure qualified consultant to undertake the nomination process
9/1/2025	Survey research commences
12/1/2025	First Progress Report Due
3/1/2026	Complete the initial field survey and documentation process
4/1/2026	Second Progress Report Due
6/1/2026	Draft NR Nomination due to SHPO
9/1/2026	Final Nomination draft due to Rockingham Selectboard
12/1/2026	Third Progress Report Due
3/1/2027	Final Nomination draft due to SHPO for state and federal action
4/1/2027	Fourth Progress Report Due
8/1/2027	Completion Date: Deadline to submit final project report, final product, and request reimbursement
9/30/2027	Deadline for SHPO to process payment requests and disburse grant funds

5. Who will participate in the project and what will they do? Relate the personnel listed in the budget (CLG staff and commissioners, consultants, volunteers) to their role in completing the project.

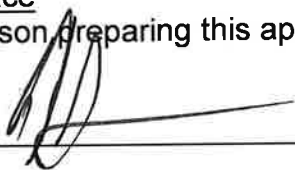
- **Consultant:** to be contracted to undertake National Register Survey
- **Walter Wallace:** HPC Coordinator, administrative link between HPC and the contracted consultant
- **Historic Preservation Commission:** CLG oversight, John Leppman, MD (Chair), Karen Jarett, Annette Spaulding, Elijah Zimmer, and Gary Fox (Rockingham Town Development Director, *ex officio*).
- **Community Partnerships:** It is anticipated there will be interactions with the Bellows Falls Historical Society, Rockingham Free Public Library, Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce, and Bellows Falls Downtown (BFDDA). Each already has role in CLG work by maintaining archives and artifact collections, sharing resources, supporting historical research, and providing venues and technical support for educational programs.

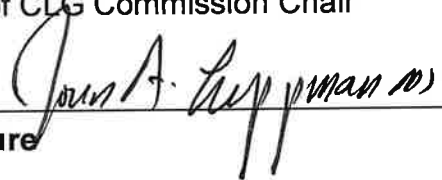
6. What are the dates of the local government's fiscal year? July 1 to June 30

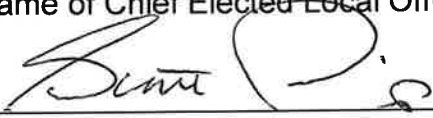
7. If applicable, what are the dates of the designated third-party administrator's fiscal year?
to _____ or not applicable

Signatures: After completing the application, print it out and have each of the three signatories sign and date this page. Then scan the complete application as a PDF and email it as an attachment along with the other required application materials.

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES ARE ENTERED BELOW:

<u>Walter Wallace</u> Name of person preparing this application	<u>HPC (CLG) Coordinator</u> Title
 Signature	<u>12/16/2024</u> Date

<u>John Leppman</u> Name of CLG Commission Chair	
 Signature	<u>12/16/24</u> Date

<u>Scott Pickup</u> Name of Chief Elected Local Official (or Designee)	<u>Municipal Manager</u> Title
 Signature	<u>12/16/24</u> Date

Name of CLG Community: Rockingham

Name of CLG Project: Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District NRHP Nomination

Federal Share: \$10,260 + Local Share: \$6840 (cash & in-kind match) = Total Project Amount: \$17,100

Note: the Federal Share cannot exceed 60% of the total project amount, and the Local Share must be at least 40% of the total project amount.

CASH EXPENDITURES 1 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Salaried Employees	# Hours & Rate	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Name, Title</i>				
Total Cash Expenditures for Salaried Employees		0		

CASH EXPENDITURES 2 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Contracted Services	Description of Services	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Vendor</i>				
Consultant TBD through merit-based competitive procurement	Research and prepare a combined NRHP nomination for the Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District and Bellows Falls Island Multi-use District aligned with 2024 Bellows Falls Designated Downtown.	\$17,100		
Total Cash Expenditures for Contracted Services		\$17,100		

CASH EXPENDITURES 3 (expenses to be reimbursed by the grant)				
Other Expenses	Description of Costs	Proposed	Actual	Variance
<i>Vendor</i>				
Total Cash Expenditures for Operating Services		0		

IN-KIND EXPENDITURES 1 (services to serve as match for the grant)				
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Donated Time	# Hours & Rate	Proposed	Actual	Variance
Name		0		
Total In-Kind Expenditures for Donated Time		0		

IN-KIND EXPENDITURES 2 (services to serve as match for the grant)				
Donated Services	Description of Costs	Proposed	Actual	Variance
Vendor				
Total Cash Expenditures for Donated Services		0		

LOCAL CASH MATCH (cash to serve as match for the grant)				
Cash Match	Description of Match	Proposed	Actual	Variance
Source	Town Funds	\$6840		

	Proposed	Actual	Variance
Total of All Cash & In-Kind Expenditures	\$17,100		

Certification: I certify that the matching share proposed for this project does not include funding from other Federal sources, and that these funds are not being used as match against any other Federal grant application.



 Chief Elected Local Official or Designee

12/16/24

 Date

Rockingham 2025 CLG Grant Proposal

Supporting Materials

1. Existing Bellows Falls Village NR Historic Districts
2. Bellows Falls Designated Downtown (2024) – Proposed Boundaries of New Bellows Fall NR Historic District



Bellows Falls Village NR Historic Districts

Town of Rockingham, VT



November 20, 2024

1 inch = 275 Feet

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Bellows Falls Island Multiple Resource Area (1990)

Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District (1982)

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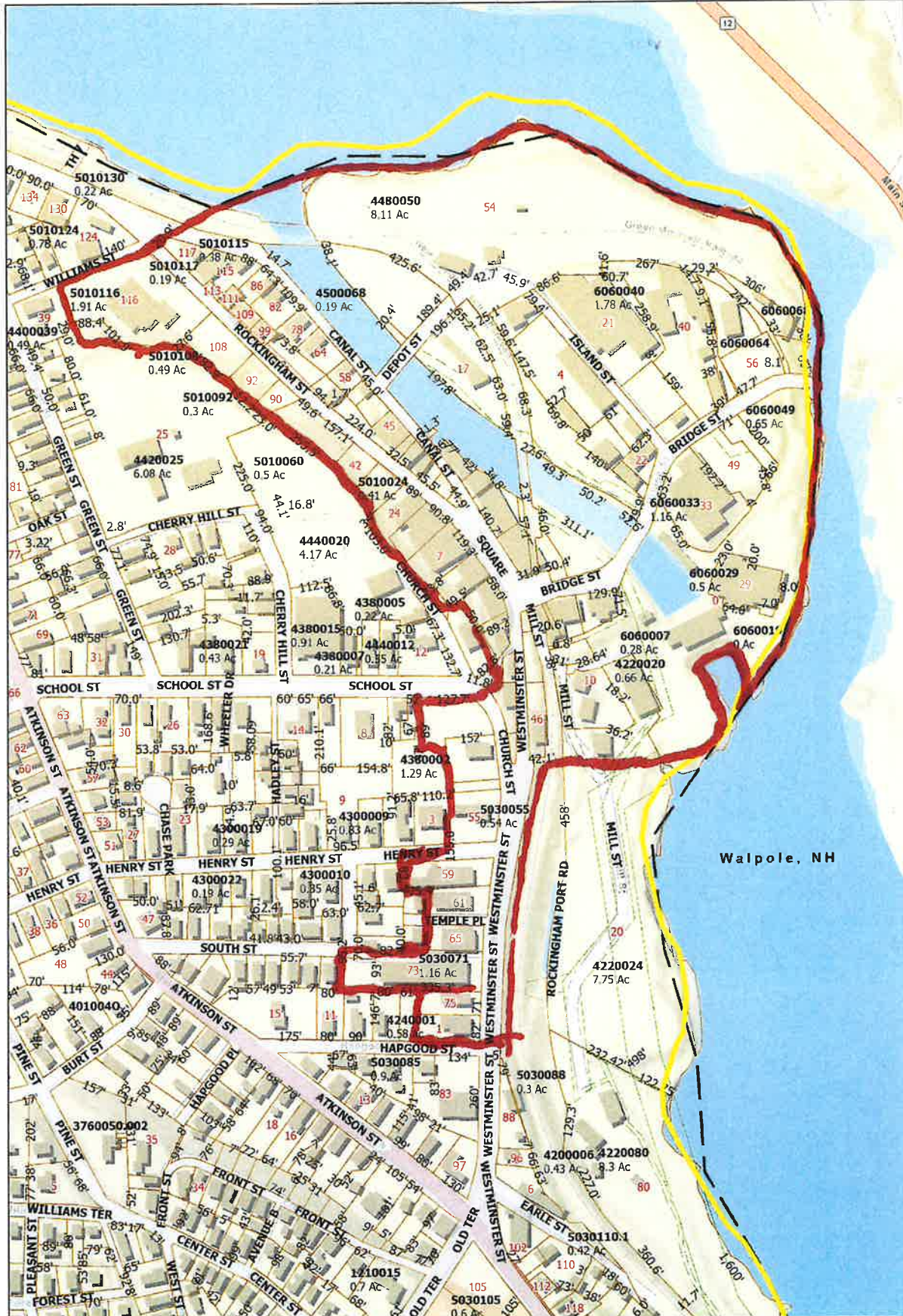
Bellows Falls Designated Downtown (2024)



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Proposed Boundaries of New Bellows Falls NR Historic District

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