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*Agency of Commerce and  
Community Development*

To: Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

From: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

Re: 2024 Certified Local Government Grant Applications

Date: January 11, 2024

Listed below for your consideration are summaries of the CLG Grant Applications submitted for the 2024 grant funding cycle. This year we are pledging to award approximately **\$79,126.00** to projects in CLG communities. The following five projects all meet the application requirements of the program and are requesting a total of **\$79,101.00**. They are all Priority I projects.

Each summary includes a breakdown of the proposed budget. The “Federal Share” represents the amount of the grant being requested. The Federal Share cannot exceed 60% of the Total Project Cost.

**Each application can be viewed online here:** <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/clg-grants> (scroll to bottom of page)



**1. City of Burlington CLG: *preserveBTV: City of Burlington Preservation Plan***

This is a Preservation Planning project. Grant funding will be used to hire a qualified consultant to research and write *preserveBTV*, a citywide visioning document identifying priorities for preservation that will enable sustainable, long-term use of the city’s historic structures. Once completed, the *preserveBTV* will be integrated into the municipal development plan, *planBTV*, and inform updates to the *Comprehensive Development Ordinance (CDO)*. The plan will provide the foundation to identify and prioritize buildings and sites for local designation and protection, as well as the best tools for implementation that balance priorities for the city’s future, including regulatory tools, design guidelines, technical assistance, and funding mechanisms. A major anticipated outcome of this plan is a review of the city’s existing regulatory language in the *Comprehensive Development Ordinance (CDO)* to assure both consistency with *Vermont Planning, Development and Land Use Laws* and appropriate consideration of the process and scope of its ordinances relative to the treatment of historic properties. The final product will be a city-wide historic preservation plan.

Proposed Budget

<b>Federal Share:</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>13% of Total Project Cost</b>
Local Share:	<u>\$191,395*</u>	87% Total Project Cost
Total Project Cost:	\$219,395	

\*Local share comprised of \$11,395 in-kind match and \$180,000 cash match

**2. Town of Norwich CLG: *Norwich Grange Rehabilitation Architectural Plans*  
Third-Party Administration by Norwich Community Collaborative, Inc.**

This is a Pre-Development Project. Grant funding will be used to hire an architect/related specialists to prepare drawings and develop site specifications to guide the next stage of revitalization for the former Upper Valley Community Grange Hall, a contributing structure to the Norwich Village Historic District. This project will include documentation of existing conditions, programming, code review, and schematic design and development for a rehabilitation project that will meet the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Community use is the goal of this project after a historically appropriate rehabilitation (under the Secretary of the Interior’s standards) of the building is completed by its new owner, the Norwich Community Collaborative Inc. (“NCC”). The NCC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will be the third-party administrator of this grant. NCC has already obtained an initial conditions assessment/structural engineering report, which these architectural plans will build upon.

Proposed Budget

<b>Federal Share:</b>	<b>\$7,576.00</b>	<b>50% of Total Project Cost</b>
Local Share:	<u>\$7,576.00*</u>	50% of Total Project Cost
Total Project Cost:	\$15,152.00	

\*Local share comprised of \$2,502 in-kind match and \$5,074 cash match

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**3. Town of Rockingham CLG: 2024 Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference  
Third-Party Administration by the Preservation Trust of Vermont**

This is an Information/Education project. Grant funding will be used to support the presentation of the 2024 Historic Preservation and Downtown Conference in Bellows Falls. The conference will convene a diverse group of people and organizations to network and learn about historic preservation, community planning, and revitalization strategies. The audience of 200-250 includes individuals interested in community revitalization and historic preservation, architects, engineers, builders, historical society members, downtown leaders, municipal and state government staff, commissioners, historic preservation professionals, individuals from the nonprofit sector, and local community volunteers. The 2024 conference will focus on "Adaptive, Inclusive, and Resilient Downtowns," exploring how places of convening (such as historic downtowns) support the expression, discussion, and demonstration of diversity, equity, and inclusion, are changing in response to climate change and new populations, and are experiencing shifts in the uses of historic landmarks such as churches, granges, and general stores.

Proposed Budget

<b>Federal Share:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>47% of Total Project Cost</b>
Local Share:	<u>\$11,307*</u>	53% of Total Project Cost
Total Project Cost:	\$21,307	

\*Local share comprised of \$3,602 in-kind match and \$7,705 cash match

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**4. Town of Rockingham CLG: CLG Program Support, Interpretation, and Historic Stewardship**

This is an Information/Education project. Grant funding will be used to pay the Rockingham CLG Coordinator (20 hours/week) to oversee the operations of the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and manage ongoing activities such as the Speakers Program, Historic Homes Workshops, Historic Preservation Public Awareness Program, and Old House Awards. In addition, the CLG Coordinator is overseeing the Rockingham Meeting House Preservation Project. The final product will be a report on the activities and accomplishments of the CLG Coordinator and Commission, and the successful implementation of local CLG program activities.

Proposed Budget

<b>Federal Share:</b>	<b>\$22,455</b>	<b>60% of Total Project Cost</b>
Local Share:	<u>\$14,970*</u>	40% of Total Project Cost
Total Project Cost:	\$37,425	

\*Local share comprised of \$10,464 cash match and \$4,506 in-kind match

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**5. City of St. Albans: French-Canadian Heritage District Survey Project**

This is a Survey project. Grant funding will be used to hire a qualified consultant to oversee the survey and documentation of approximately 300 properties in a 105-acre area on the west side of St. Albans City. This area represents the development of worker housing after the coming of the railroad to St. Albans in 1860. The survey area has local significance as an ethnic neighborhood that started as a mix of French Canadian and Irish families of railroad workers and evolved into a more fully French-Canadian community after the establishment of the French National Parish of Holy Angels Catholic Church on Lake Street in 1873. The Holy Angels Parish became the center of a thriving French-Canadian population in St. Albans and its region. Preservation of the French culture was aided by the church through creation of a French language parochial school and encouragement of the formation of French Canadian civic and fraternal groups. The proximity to Canada made this easier as many immigrants still had family in nearby Quebec. The final product will be a survey report, VARI survey forms, and a recommendation regarding eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

Proposed Budget

<b>Federal Share:</b>	<b>\$11,070</b>	<b>60% of Total Project Cost</b>
Local Share:	<u>\$7,380*</u>	40% of Total Project Cost
Total Project Cost:	\$18,450	

\*Local share comprised of \$3,000 in-kind match and \$4,380 cash match

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