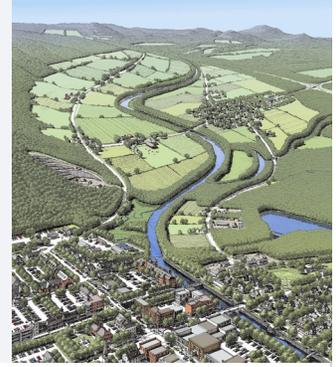


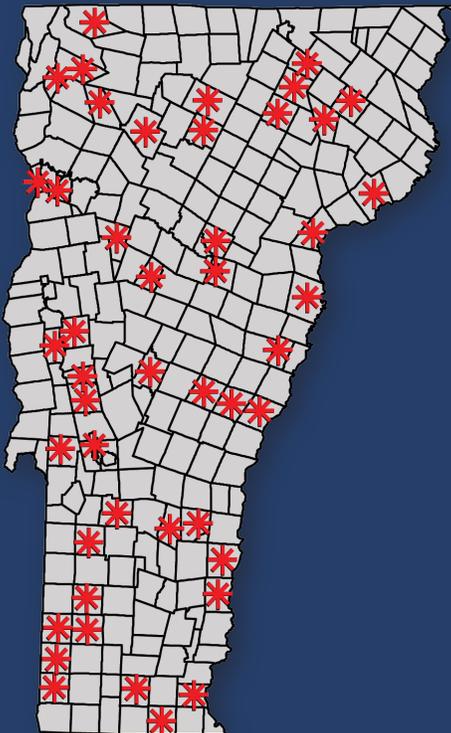
The Municipal Planning Grant Program encourages and supports planning and revitalization for local municipalities in Vermont. Awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Municipal Planning Grant Program works to strengthen Vermont by funding local planning initiatives that support statewide planning goals. Since 1998, the Municipal Planning Grant Program has provided over \$10.1 million to 229 cities and towns across Vermont to help breathe new life into communities, plan for future growth and development and improve quality of life.



Municipal Planning Grant Snapshot

Competitively awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), this year's Municipal Planning Grants were selected from 63 communities across the state requesting over \$733,000. The 42 projects slated for funding proposed innovative solutions to address growth and development in their community. Grant details are below.

- Funds Available: \$440,000 annually
- 229 municipalities served and 1,064 grants issued since 1998
- Eligibility: municipalities with a confirmed planning process
- Grants – up to \$20,000 for a single municipality and \$35,000 for a consortium of two or more towns
- Matching Funds - a small cash match is required for grant requests over \$8,000
- Source – Municipal Regional Planning Fund (property transfer tax)
- Vermont State Statute – 24 V.S.A. §4306



FY 2014 Snapshot

Projects that won grants this year include initiatives to improve the economic vitality of downtowns and villages ranging from a study of retail needs in the Middlebury market, assessing housing needs in St. Albans City, creating new wastewater treatment options in Waitsfield village, to making bike and pedestrian connections in Bennington. Among the many communities exploring ways to minimize future risks and costs from floods are Jeffersonville, Ludlow and Halifax. Funding from the program will help citizens throughout the state determine where and what development is appropriate in their communities and support volunteer planning commissions in ongoing efforts to shape the future with their town plans and land use regulations.

2014 Grant Recipients

Arlington, Barnet, Barre City, Barton, Bennington, Brandon, Brattleboro, Brownington, Burlington, Castleton, Cavendish, Concord, Cornwall, Danby, East Montpelier, Eden, Fairfax, Glover, Halifax, Highgate, Huntington, Hyde Park, Jeffersonville, Leicester, Ludlow, Manchester, Middlebury, Newark, Newbury, Norwich, Rochester, Rockingham, Royalton, Rutland City, Shaftsbury, Sharon, South Burlington, Springfield, St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Sunderland, Sutton, Waitsfield, Wallingford, West Fairlee, Wilmington.

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