

WORKING COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE VERMONT



KEYS TO SUCCESS



Long-term systems change solutions are developed in partnership with people with lived experience.

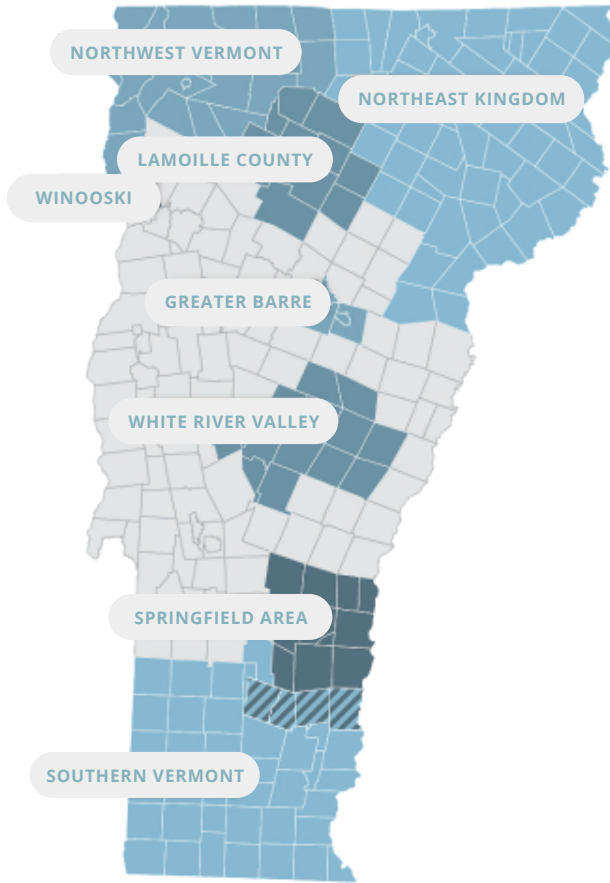


Solutions to problems are created with a learning agenda by providing patient capital for experimentation.



Collaborative teams are provided the necessary resources (staff, time, expertise and focus) to work across sectors (public, private, and nonprofit) and across boundaries (towns, regions) to support community-driven economic development.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



TEAMS AND GOALS

Northwest Vermont: Attract and retain talent by addressing regional housing challenges

Backbone to leadership team: [Northwest Regional Planning Commission](#)

Northeast Kingdom: Reduce intergenerational poverty through hubs of financial stability

Backbone to leadership team: [NEK Collaborative](#)

Lamoille: Build sustainable systems of collaboration to reduce systemic barriers to employment

Backbone to leadership team: [United Way of Lamoille County](#)

Winooski: Ensure that the people making community decisions accurately reflect the demographics of our community by bringing new voices to the table throughout decision making

Backbone to leadership team: [City of Winooski](#)

Greater Barre: Lower the rate of single female head of households in poverty by 15% in 10 years

Backbone to leadership team: [Green Mountain United Way](#)

White River Valley: Attract and retain entrepreneurs and young workers through housing

Backbone to leadership team: [Vital Communities](#)

Springfield Area: Increase workforce participation in the Springfield region by creating a sustainable, collaborative workforce development pipeline to focus on recruitment and retention

Backbone to leadership team: [Springfield Regional Development Corporation](#)

Southern Vermont: Attract and retain a new workforce through building a diverse, welcoming community

Backbone to leadership team: [Brattleboro Development Credit Corp.](#)

To read the full WCC Initial Report and learn more: vtrural.org/working-communities

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