

Program Overview

The Downtown Transportation Fund is a financing tool which assists municipalities in paying for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a Designated Downtown and eligible Designated Village Centers. Investment in the infrastructure of public spaces stimulates private investment and creates a sense of identity and pride in Downtowns and Village Centers across Vermont.

In 2023, over \$1.1 million was awarded to 7 Designated Downtowns and Village Centers. Projects include pedestrian bridge replacement, streetscape enhancements, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements and a new public gathering space. Since its inception in 1999, the program has invested over \$14 million to support 158 projects in 35 different communities, leveraging over \$56 million in additional funding.

By the Numbers [2018-2023]

 **43**
projects awarded

 **28**
communities served

 **\$4.7 m**
in downtown transportation grants awarded

 **\$9.8 m**
leveraged with downtown transportation funds

Transportation Improvements Spark Revitalization Efforts in Vergennes

The Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) program supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns by making these areas more pedestrian, bike, and transit friendly. Since 2003, Vergennes has utilized \$459,224 in Downtown Transportation Fund grants to support streetscape projects including ADA accessibility ramps to storefronts, sidewalk replacements, crosswalks, wayfinding signage and other beautification features. These revitalization efforts have made the downtown more attractive to visitors, improved pedestrian safety, and restored the economic vitality and walkability of Vergennes.



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