

Downtown Transportation Fund



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Downtown Designation Program

24 designated downtowns

This community revitalization program is designed to preserve the character and enhance the future of medium to large sized historic centers by incentivizing public and private investments, improving quality of life and encouraging economic development. Municipalities that receive designation collaborate with local non-profit downtown organizations supporting efforts through funding, staff, partnerships and volunteers.



Downtown Designation Program



Burlington



Bristol

Downtown Designation Program

- Streetscape improvements
- Parking facilities
- Rail or bus facilities
- Bicycle & pedestrian enhancements
- Utility relocation
- Way-finding signage
- Street lighting
- ADA access improvements



Downtown Designation Program

- Maximum annual grant is \$200,000
- 20% match required – may use in kind
- Applications due February – awarded in April
- 24 months to start project
- 36 months to complete



Downtown Designation Program

- 2021 \$5M one time allocation and expand eligibility to include eligible Designated Village Centers
- 2022 \$2,098,094 awarded to 15 communities
- 2023 \$1,154,436 awarded to 8 communities
- **2024 \$1,715,585 requested from 11 communities (pending award)**



DTF by the Numbers



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

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Transforming St. Albans

Public Improvements Leverage Private Investment



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Brattleboro

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Poultney

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Springfield Comtu Falls Park Before

Downtown Transportation Fund



Springfield Comtu Falls Park After

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Thank You.



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