

Awarded Project Summaries



Athens, Old Brick Church, \$20,000

The Athens Meetinghouse was built to serve the spiritual needs of the “Old Athens Circuit.” In 1859 the Meetinghouse was given to the town and a second floor inserted for Town meetings, which were regularly held in the building until the late 1970s. An enthusiastic volunteer group is now working to expand its use, establishing a series of events and a partnership with the nearby Brookline Meetinghouse to cross promote preservation efforts. A matching state grant will allow them to install custom storm windows, replace sinking piers under the main floor, and put down a moisture barrier.



Brookline, Brookline Meetinghouse, \$15,000

Originally the Brookline Baptist Church, this building served as a church until 1945 when it was transferred to the Ladies Benevolent Society. It was deeded to the Town of Brookline in 2014 and has undergone restoration and repair through the guidance of the Brookline Meetinghouse Committee. The town is working to expand use of the building and has partnered with the neighboring town of Athens to increase awareness for their similar projects. A matching grant was awarded to install a new foundation under the vestry addition, an important step to allow for greater use of the building.



Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, \$20,000

One of four Carnegie libraries in Vermont, the Fletcher Free library was expanded in 1981 and serves more than 240,000 visitors annually. It is the largest and busiest library in the state. Burlington has begun an ambitious capital campaign to renovate the 1980s addition and restore the exterior of the historic Carnegie building. In support of these efforts, grant funding was awarded for masonry repairs and cleaning matched by congressional funding from Senator Leahy and local municipal funding.



Chester, Yosemite Firehouse, \$20,000

The distinctive and highly visible Yosemite Firehouse was constructed in 1879 to serve Chester’s Fire District No. 2, a use it continued until 1974. The town is working to rehabilitate the building and reopen it as a fire museum, displaying a wealth of equipment already in the building. A non-profit friends group was formed to oversee conversion of the building and focus on economic sustainability. A VDHP grant will support work to restore the building’s windows and distinctive sliding vehicle door.



Colchester, United Church of Colchester \$20,000

The Brick Church was built on Colchester Green in 1838 for the Congregationalists and Baptists, and as a Meeting House for the town. Since 1920, known as the United Church of Colchester, it has been used as an active house of worship and is frequently open for a great variety of community events. The church also hosts a support facility for feeding National Guard troops and a garden that provides fresh vegetables to the Colchester Food Pantry. Repairs to the prominent cupola and belfry will be funded in part with a preservation grant from VDHP.



Enosburg Falls, Lincoln Lodge #78 F&AM, \$7,215

The Masonic Lodge was built in 1853 as the Free Will Baptist Church. Originally located on Lincoln Park, the church was struck by lightning in 1896 and subsequently moved to its present location where it underwent extensive renovations. The building is home to the Enosburg and Richford Masons, and Odd Fellows, with the Enosburg Food Shelf utilizing the lower level. The Enosburg Initiative has been energetically supporting repairs to the building, and a VDHP grant will now fund the final phase of work to restore the colored glass windows on the east elevation.

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Enosburg Falls, Enosburgh Historical Museum & Freight Depot, \$20,000

The Central Vermont Railroad was constructed in 1869 to carry passengers and freight from St. Albans to Richford. Two years later the Freight Depot was built and, in its heyday, six trains a day passed. The Enosburg Historical Society acquired the building in the 1990s and now uses it as a local museum, offering tours and hosting monthly programming. With support from a matching grant the museum's roof will be replaced and repairs made to the distinctive overhanging eaves.



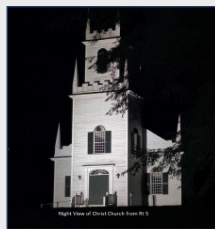
Essex, Fort Ethan Allen Water Tower, \$20,000

The Ethan Allen Water Tower was the first structure built at Fort Ethan Allen. It stands 80 feet high and held 50,000 gallons of water, enough to supply the needs of 8,500 soldiers and 1,800 horses. In the 1960s the tower was deeded to the Town of Essex, which leased it to the Champlain Water District. After operations ceased, the tower was opened to the touring public until deferred maintenance rendered it unsafe. Now, with grant support, the town will complete repairs to the tower's slate roof and replace 10 missing and damaged windows.



Granville, Granville Town Hall \$12,500

Originally constructed as a church, the Granville Town Hall was altered by the installation of a second floor below the original sanctuary in 1871 to provide space for municipal functions. Today the Granville Town Hall serves as the town's municipal center and is used for the annual town meeting, board and committee meetings, and community events. A matching preservation grant will provide funding to the town to repair the historic windows.



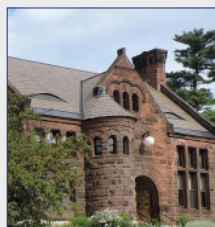
Guilford, Episcopal Church at East Guilford, \$20,000

In 1817, the village of Algiers erected a house of worship – the first Episcopal Church in Vermont. Christ Church's final rector left in 1876 and when a threat emerged to move the building in 1951, community members formed the Society for the Preservation of Christ's Church. The building remains in use for Episcopal and other church services, and hosts weddings, funerals, concerts, and community events. The society is working to expand uses for events focused on education and social and racial justice. The matching grant will be used to complete structural, flashing, and slate repairs to the roof.



Hardwick, Memorial Building, \$5,360

Owned by the Town of Hardwick, Memorial Building was built in 1911 to house municipal offices and provide meeting space for local chapters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps. The building continues to serve as a busy municipal hub, with space for municipal offices and Hardwick's Community Access TV. In 1991, the original slate roof was replaced in kind. Now 30 years old, it is due for repairs, which will be funded with the support of a VDHP grant.



Hardwick, Jeudevine Memorial Library, \$20,000

This architectural jewel box was built and then donated to the Town of Hardwick in 1896 by Malvina Jeudevine and continues to be an active library. Over the past eight years library trustees and staff have been working on a capital campaign to expand the library and town voters passed a bond to support a project that will make the building ADA compliant. While undertaking this ambitious project, the library will use a VDHP grant to restore five historic stained-glass windows and refinish original oak and maple flooring.

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Jericho, Jericho Community Center, \$7,368

Constructed as a Universalist Church, this building became a novelty shop and was used for manufacturing wooden toys and washboards in the 1870s. It was converted into a community hall in 1912 and then used by the local high school. In 1992 the Jericho Center Preservation Association bought the building and used it for a wide variety of community activities. A matching grant will now allow the association to restore the historic windows.



Londonderry, South Londonderry Free Library, \$7,500

The South Londonderry Library was founded by a group of local citizens in 1902. In 1964 they purchased the home of Lizzie McAllister, one of the original trustees, as the permanent home for the library, which serves the local towns of Londonderry, Jamaica, Windham, Stratton, South Londonderry, and Peru. The library's grant award will tackle the poor drainage at the building's southwest corner.



Lyndon, Sanborn Covered Bridge, \$20,000

The Centre (Sanborn) Covered Bridge was constructed in 1869 on Center Street in Lyndon. It is one of two remaining Paddleford Truss covered bridges in Vermont. In 1960, the bridge was moved one mile upriver to its present location and was privately owned from 1960 to 2022. Now, the Town of Lyndon is working to restore and revitalize the bridge, creating a riverfront park to provide a welcoming gateway into the community that unites history, public art, and outdoor recreation trails. Grant funding awarded by VDHP will support structural repairs to the bridge as part of this effort.



Peacham, Congregational Church, \$20,000

In 1794, members of the Congregational Church raised funds to build the Peacham meeting house, designed by architect and builder Edward Clark and completed in 1806. Originally built as a dual church and community meeting house, it has remained in constant use for religious and secular activities and, in 2021, the Peacham Children's Center began operations, sharing the use of the lower-level social hall. A matching grant will be used to repair and restore the bell tower and steeple, and the lower-level entry canopy.



Richford, US Post Office & Customs House, \$20,000

The US Post Office & Customs House was constructed for the Postal Service and US Customs in this important Canadian border town during a period of economic boom. In the 1980s the town purchased the building to prevent its abandonment. Today, the post office continues to occupy a portion of the building and NorthCountry Federal Credit Union will move into recently vacated space. The town was awarded matching grant funds to repair damaged plaster in several locations caused by a prior roof leak.



Royalton, First Congregational Church, \$10,000

The Royalton Congregational Church, a transitional Federal/Greek Revival-style building was constructed in 1839-40 and continues to serve an active congregation. It is used for church services and musical events, plus the Church Guild meets here monthly to raise money for local organizations. The 1882 George Ryder one-manual tracker organ is a draw to visitors. Grant funds awarded by VDHP will be used to address moisture issues and repair structural damage to floor joists.

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Swanton, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, \$20,000

Swanton's Catholic congregation erected the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1925. The stained-glass windows were made in France by the world-renowned stained-glass fabricator Jules Pierre Maumejean & Sons. Although the church is in good condition overall, the 100-year-old stained-glass windows are experiencing deterioration. Bulging, sagging, cracked/broken glass will be addressed with the support of a matching grant.



Westminster, First Congregational Church, \$20,000

Originally constructed as a church, this building was raised with a vestry and kitchen inserted on the ground floor in 1902-3. It continues to function as a church and resource for community activities, offering space for private parties, meetings, exercise classes and soup luncheons. During the 1880s, stained-glass windows were installed in the church that will now be restored with the aid of a matching VDHP grant.

