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FY 2014 INVESTMENT IN VERMONT	
\$125,187,908	
ADDISON	\$6,225,785
BENNINGTON	\$5,841,971
CALEDONIA	\$3,592,452
CHITTENDEN	\$19,084,188
ESSEX	\$5,133,313
FRANKLIN	\$24,626,621
GRAND ISLE	\$1,620,058
LAMOILLE	\$4,091,249
ORANGE	\$3,886,535
ORLEANS	\$5,373,881
RUTLAND	\$6,841,060
WASHINGTON	\$13,226,430
WINDHAM	\$5,799,212
WINDSOR	\$5,809,981
REAP ZONE	\$3,576,932
STATEWIDE OR MULTIPLE COUNTIES	\$1,050,000
RENTAL ASSISTANCE – STATEWIDE	\$9,408,240
BROADBAND INITIATIVE PROGRAM	\$0

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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ADDISON COUNTY
\$6,225,785**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Hancock	Town of Hancock	To renovate the 1850 district school to serve as town clerk's office and library. A modest expansion will accommodate the town vault, which will allow vital town records to be secured and preserved.	Economic Impact Grant	2014	\$50,000
Bristol	Four Hills Farm	Total quarterly biofuel production assistance.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$430
Weybridge	Monument Farms	Total quarterly biofuel production assistance.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$2,675
Addison	Dubois Energy	Total quarterly biofuel production assistance.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$484

\$53,589

ADDISON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	3	\$515,000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	32	\$5,641,696
Housing Repair Grants		\$0
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$15,500
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$6,172,196

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
BENNINGTON COUNTY
\$5,841,971**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Bennington	Bennington House-Bennington House Partners GP LLC	Funds to revitalize an existing project containing 36 units of family housing. Improvements include but not limited to exterior walls, HVAC work, appliances and unit upgrade with energy efficiency measures.	Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Program	2014	\$326,000
Bennington	Silver Street-Silver Street Partnership	Funds to revitalize an existing project containing 20 units of family housing. Improvements include but not limited to roofing, vent exhaust, exterior walls, HVAC work, appliances and unit upgrade with energy efficiency measures.	Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Program	2014	\$575,000

\$901,000

BENNINGTON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$334,000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	34	\$4,606,971
Housing Repair Grants	0	\$0
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$4,940,971

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
CALEDONIA COUNTY
\$3,592,452**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
West Burke	Burke Town School District	To replace an existing oil heating system at a K-8 public school with a pellet furnace and backup generator. This project will improve heating efficiency and make the school less dependent on fuel sources from outside the state and region.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$50,000
Lyndon	Town of Lyndon Earth Day	To improve biofilter odor control system, mixed liquor recycle pumping, transducer for post storage tank, grit classifier, and generator for pump station in Lyndon.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2014	\$150,000
Hardwick	Heartbeat Lifesharing Corporation	To purchase a minivan to transport developmentally disabled adults and their caregivers to work and community events.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$10,000
Sheffield	Sheffield-Wheelock Volunteer Fire Department	To purchase a 2002 Type 6 wildlands truck to replace an older pumper and a rescue vehicle. The new vehicle will promote increased safety in the Northeast Kingdom as the Fire Department will be able to access more remote locations.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$6,900
Sheffield	Sheffield-Wheelock Volunteer Fire Department	To purchase a 2002 Type 6 wildlands truck to replace an older pumper and a rescue vehicle. The new vehicle will promote increased safety in the Northeast Kingdom as the Fire Department will be able to access more remote locations.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2014	\$9,500
Sutton	Town of Sutton	To provide a preliminary study and cost effective solution to reduce the high level of nitrates that are currently making the town's water source non-potable	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households	2014	\$25,500
Lyndonville	Vermont Children's Theater	To repair the roof of the Vermont Children's Theatre building. Repairing the roof is imperative to preserving the 1920 barn structure. The Vermont Children's Theatre is the only publicly available, free program in theatre and music available to local children in the region.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$6,600

\$258,500

CALEDONIA COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	1	\$1,500
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	25	\$3,332,452
Housing Repair Grants	0	\$0
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans		

\$3,333,952

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
CHITTENDEN COUNTY**

\$19,084,188

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount

\$0

CHITTENDEN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	8	\$1,605,850
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	83	\$17,433,924
Housing Repair Grants	6	\$29,364
Housing Repair Loans	2	\$15,050
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$19,084,188

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ESSEX COUNTY**

\$5,133,313

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Brighton	Town of Brighton	To purchase turnout gear for Brighton's 19 firefighters. Gear consists of helmets, helmet fronts, hoods, gloves, boots, jackets and pants. Gear will be compliant with updated fire safety (NFPA) standards and improve firefighter safety.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$33,100
Canaan	Canaan Fire District No. 1	To construct a 150,000 gallon storage tank and a new filter and treatment facility as well as upgrade the existing distribution system. The project will also eliminate the use of the springs in Canada and approximately 4,000 linear feet of transmission main from the old tank to the service area.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2014	\$4,600,000
Lunenburg	Lunenburg Fire District No. 2	To provide a preliminary study and a preliminary engineering report to replace a wastewater pump station and sewer main which has passed its life cycle and has become a potential hazard.	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households	2014	\$12,000

\$4,645,100

ESSEX COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	0	\$0
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	5	\$464,873
Housing Repair Grants	4	\$15,840
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$7,500
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$488,213

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

\$24,626,621

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Enosburg Falls	Kane's Cow Power	Total quarterly assistance payments for biofuel production.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$239
Franklin	Riverview Farm	Total quarterly assistance payments for biofuel production.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$13
Fairfield	Branon Shady Maples Inc	To fund the purchase and installation of two reverse osmosis machines to increase energy efficiency in maple syrup production by an estimated 770 million BTUs annually.	Rural Energy for America Program	2014	\$33,312
Franklin	East Shore Vineyards	To increase sales of East Shore Vineyard wines through improved marketing, promotion, advertising, packaging and personnel.	Value-Added producer Grant	2014	\$244,913

\$278,477

FRANKLIN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$349,800
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	135	\$23,993,344
Housing Repair Grants	1	\$5,000
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$24,348,144

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
GRAND ISLE COUNTY**

\$1,620,058

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount

\$0

GRAND ISLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans		\$0
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	10	\$1,620,058
Housing Repair Grants		\$0
Housing Repair Loans		\$0
Labor Housing Loans		\$0

\$1,620,058

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
LAMOILLE COUNTY
\$4,091,249**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Hyde Park	Joneslan Farm LLC	To fund the enhancements to the existing anaerobic digester heating and mixing systems. These enhancements to the digester will generate an estimated 1,133,311 kW of electric power and thermal energy annually.	Rural Energy for America Program	2014	\$40,000

\$40,000

LAMOILLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	1	\$6,945
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	24	\$4,021,804
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$15,000
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$7,500
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$4,051,249

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ORANGE COUNTY**

\$3,886,535

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Randolph Center	Vermont State Colleges	To fund a full-time ecommerce business advisor who will continue with established broadband business workshops and develop one additional ecommerce workshop.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$32,501
Randolph	Town of Randolph	To cover cost overruns for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. The cost overruns are a result of high bids. The additional grant will provide the necessary funds to complete the project and allow for user rates that are more comparable to other similar systems.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2014	\$1,200,000

\$1,232,501

ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	1	\$160,025
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	17	\$2,445,714
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$15,000
Housing Repair Loans	3	\$33,295
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$2,654,034

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ORLEANS COUNTY
\$5,373,881**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Greensboro	Greensboro Fire District No. 1	To construct a new well, power source and supply, pump and control building with chemical feed systems, metering and control systems tied to the storage tank. The new well will supplement existing wells which during the drought conditions of 2012 were insufficient to supply the system, requiring use of an emergency surface water supply and the issuance of boil water notices to all users.	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	2014	\$251,000
Craftsbury	Sterling College	For an internship development staff position who will provide small businesses with technical assistance to develop the federally educational component of unpaid internships and assist businesses in understanding tax and insurance implications of paid interns.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$25,499
North Troy	Chaput Family Farm	Total quarterly assistance payments for biofuel production.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$1,917

\$278,416

ORLEANS COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$250,000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	41	\$4,821,455
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$6,655
Housing Repair Loans	2	\$17,355
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$5,095,465

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
RUTLAND COUNTY
\$6,841,060**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Rutland	Paramount Center Inc	To purchase a portable assisted-hearing system and LED stage lighting for Paramount Theatre. The ADA-compliant hearing system will allow deaf and hard of hearing community members to enjoy the many cultural events available at the theatre, and the energy efficient LED upgrades will lower energy costs by over \$6,000 annually for the non-profit.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$8,900
Rutland	Rutland Regional Planning Commission	To create an informational / training toolkit for small farms in partnership with Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL) and Vermont Farms Association. The toolkit will compile zoning, environmental and regional regulations for the Rutland region (26 towns) and create a best practice, business how-to, legal and financial guide for agtourism entrepreneurs. In addition workshops and training session will be completed with surveyed farmers. Project will assist 25 businesses and save or create 19 jobs.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$45,000
North Clarendon	Vermont Wood Pellett	Total quarterly assistance payments for biofuel production.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance program	2014	\$2,237
West Rutland	West Rutland	To construct a 1.5 mile sewer force main extension. There is currently no municipal sewer service available in the project area which is along a state highway and between two communities having municipal service. The service area has limited and poorly functioning on site wastewater systems with no ability for expansion. This project will have both public health and economic benefits and meet regulatory requirements.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2014	\$1,001,400
West Rutland	West Rutland	To construct a 1.5 mile water main extension. There is currently no municipal water service available in the project area which is along a state highway and between two communities having municipal service. The service area has limited and poorly functioning on site water systems with no ability for expansion and historical drinking water pollution concerns in private wells. This project will alleviate a health and sanitation problem.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2014	\$1,005,700

\$2,063,237

RUTLAND COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	7	\$821,200
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	29	\$3,943,543
Housing Repair Grants	5	\$13,080
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0
		\$4,777,823

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY
\$13,226,430**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Barre	City of Barre	To purchase and install a new exhaust removal system in Barre's public safety building. This critical health and safety equipment will protect the lives of public safety employees and inmates in the adjacent jail.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$24,400
Plainfield	Town of Plainfield Earthday project	To complete work replacing the water mains in three critical areas of Plainfield-High Street, Greatwood Drive and Martin Meadows, all of which are currently served with 2" galvanized pipe.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2014	\$1,250,000
Montpelier	Vermont 504 Corporation	To provide low-interest loans to public and non-profit organizations to relend for business and community economic development.	Intermediary Relending Program	2014	\$1,000,000
Waitsfield	Inn at Round Barn Farm	Guaranteed loan to be used in conjunction with a \$1.2 million dollar direct loan from Vermont Economic Development Authority to finance the acquisition of the <i>Inn at the Round Barn Farm</i> . The inn and its showcase turn-of-the-century "Round Barn" support year round cultural, corporate, wedding and tourist activities in Central Vermont's scenic Mad River Valley. On-site culinary services are managed by a professional chef and feature "Farm to Table" on-site raised vegetable and herb selections. The project will support retention of 39 full time equivalents and the Agency's local foods initiative.	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan	2014	\$1,435,000
Barre	Central Vermont Community Land Trust	For office fit-up costs in a newly constructed 4-story, mixed use building in downtown Barre. The current office is located on the second and third floors of a downtown commercial building that has several deficiencies and lacks adequate space and parking. Due to inadequate space the Homeownership Center currently uses the kitchen for its regular instruction and programming. The new space will address the existing deficiencies, allow for ground floor access and create a healthy and productive environment for staff and be a welcoming presence in the community.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2014	\$475,000

\$4,184,400

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	5	\$799,200
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	53	\$8,204,860
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$15,000
Housing Repair Loans	4	\$22,970
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$9,042,030

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WINDHAM COUNTY
\$5,799,212**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Brattleboro	Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market Inc.	To purchase the former Planet Gas site adjacent to the Brattleboro Area Farmer's Market site on Route 9 in Brattleboro, and secure a permanent parking location for the future. The purchase will ensure that the property, where over 56 local producers have gathered for years, and the community that depends on the market for local, healthy foods, will have safe parking for the large number of customers that attend. Expansion of the market will now be possible, with additional producers that have been waiting for years to finally access the market and bring a wider variety of local foods to the community.	Community Facility Loan	2014	\$110,000
Brattleboro	Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market Inc.	To purchase the former Planet Gas site adjacent to the Brattleboro Area Farmer's Market site on Route 9 in Brattleboro, and secure a permanent parking location for the future. The purchase will ensure that the property, where over 56 local producers have gathered for years, and the community that depends on the market for local, healthy foods, will have safe parking for the large number of customers that attend. Expansion of the market will now be possible, with additional producers that have been waiting for years to finally access the market and bring a wider variety of local foods to the community.	Community Facility grant	2014	\$19,300
Brattleboro	Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market Inc.	Farmers Market permanent stall site off Route 9 in Brattleboro, and secure the approximately 2 acres for the future. The purchase will ensure that the property where over 56 local producers have gathered for years, and the community that depends on the market for local, healthy foods, will be able to continue for years to come.	Community Facility Grant	2014	\$6,300
Brattleboro	Turning Point of Windham County Corp	To purchase and renovate a facility in downtown Brattleboro for Turning Point of Windham County to offer expanded programs and meeting space for community members recovering from addictions. Turning Point is dedicated to supporting the mental health and social well-being of those whose lives have been affected by addictions and who are pursuing recovery. Programs offered by Turning Point and their partners are available to individuals from all walks of life including teens, veterans, homeless individuals and families.	Community Facility Guaranteed Loan	2014	\$162,126
West Townshend	West River Community Project	To purchase commercial equipment for a small community kitchen in the West Townshend Country Store. This will enhance the Country Store that currently houses the Post Office, a thrift store, a small market and a community center. Project will assist 3 businesses and create or save 2 jobs.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$50,000

Brattleboro	Strolling of the Heifers	To upgrade the climate control equipment for Strolling of the Heifers' recently aquired facility in downtown Brattleboro.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2014	\$130,000
Westminster	Westminster Energy	Total quarterly assistance payments for biofuel production.	Advanced Biofuels Production Assistance Program	2014	\$3,130
Guildford	David Franklin Maple Syrup	To fund the purchase and installation of a new evaporator and pans to increase energy efficiency in maple syrup production by reducing annual wood consumption by 26 cords.	Rural Energy for America Program	2014	\$7,043
Brattleboro	Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.	To develop and promote educational resources and deliver trainings, webinars and onsite technical assistance and suppot for sustainable reuse programs in more than 100 rural, low-income communitied in New York State and the New York St. Regis Mohawk Nation.	Solid Waste Management Grant	2014	\$49,700

\$537,599

WINDHAM COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	10	\$1,479,490
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	25	\$3,730,283
Housing Repair Grants	8	\$45,850
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$5,990
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$5,261,613

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WINDSOR COUNTY
\$5,809,981**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Chester	Town of Chester	To repair and renovate the Whiting Library, a historic building owned by the Town of Chester. The Library serves the residents with reading material, as well as many community benefits such as story time and after-school programs; Community rooms used by public and non-profit organizations; and technology equipment and training classes for residents. Building repairs will ensure facility water and energy efficiency for many years to come.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2014	\$2,800
Chester	Town of Chester	To repair and renovate the Whiting Library, a historic building owned by the Town of Chester. The Library serves the residents with reading material, as well as many community benefits such as story time and after-school programs; Community rooms used by public and non-profit organizations; and technology equipment and training classes for residents. Building repairs will ensure facility water and energy efficiency for many years to come.	Community Facility Loan and Grant	2014	\$97,000
Springfield	Hawks Mountain Ridge Riders	To purchase a 2015 Tucker Model 2000E Sno-Cat trail groomer to support local businesses promote tourism in Southeastern Vermont.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$77,000
White River Junction	Mark A. Bergeron Firewood	To fund the purchase and installation to replace the existing kiln with a new 12 cord biomass heated firewood kiln. The installation of the system will provide 624 cords- an increase in production by 224 cords per heating season.	Rural Energy for America Program	2014	\$41,500
					\$218,300

WINDSOR COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	7	\$930,860
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	33	\$4,623,321
Housing Repair Grants	5	\$37,500
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0

\$5,591,681

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
RURAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP (REAP) ZONE - MULTIPLE COUNTIES
\$3,576,932**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Hardwick	Center for Agricultural Economy	To conduct a four year update of the regional food system plan to include regional economic development planning; identify and analyze business opportunities that will use local agricultural and value-added products.	Rural Business Opportunity Grant	2014	\$71,921
Newport	Green Mountain Farm-To-School	To expand the viability of agricultural-related businesses and positively impact local food network and distribution in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$102,010
Montpelier	Vermont Housing and Conservation board	To establish a formal partnership with the center for agricultural economy and Vermont Small Business Development Center to provide high-quality, in-depth business planning services to farm, food, and forest based businesses to enhance long term economic viability of the working landscape.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$129,998
East Burke	Burke Area Chamber of Commerce	To increase awareness of the Burke area as a recreational destination and draw more visitors to the area on a year round basis while assisting emerging & existing area businesses so they can flourish amidst the growth in the community and keep up with increased demand.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$69,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corporation	To provide a low-interest loan to this non-profit economic development organization to relend for business and community development in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom REAP Zone.	Intermediary Relending Program	2014	\$1,000,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community investment Corporation	To provide specialized technical assistance and professional consulting to private small and emerging businesses to assist with growth, expansion, and create employment opportunities.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$250,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community investment Corporation	To support Model Neighborhood Wood Heat Initiative by providing technical assistance to businesses to transition from fossil fuel heating to efficiency wood pellet heat.	Rural Business Opportunity Grant	2014	\$100,000

St. Johnsbury	Northern Community investment Corporation	To complete a long-term business plan and feasibility study to establish priorities for expanding broadband services to rural communities.	Rural Business Opportunity Grant	2014	\$100,000
REAP Zone	Northern Forest Center Inc.	To further develop and align tourism offerings of the region's most rural and economically challenged areas. Project will create compelling visitor products and experiences to allow for greater competitiveness.	Rural Business Opportunities Grant	2014	\$100,000
St. Johnsbury	Saint Johnsbury Works, Inc	To retain the executive director for the organization to execute the five top goals of the Downtown Revitalization Program.	Rural Business Enterprise Grant	2014	\$76,160
Montpelier	Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets	To complete an on-farm renewable natural gas production for transportation fuels feasibility study which will analyze the cost effectiveness of generating renewable natural gas from on-farm activities for on-and-off-farm vehicles including farm equipment and milk haulers.	Rural Business Opportunities Grant	2014	\$97,443
Montpelier	Vermont Council on Rural Development	To expand the Community Visits Program in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont by providing a neutral party to assist towns with bringing the townsman together as a whole to define the strengths and challenges in the community, advocate for issues needing action, determine priorities and implement the final plan.	Rural Business Opportunities Grant	2014	\$100,000
Lyndonville	Gilman Housing Trust INC.	To be used in the Northeast Kingdom to provide grants and / or low interest loans to 15 very low income households for repair and rehabilitation of single family homes making them more safe and energy efficient. These funds will be leveraged with \$500,000 from other sources.	Housing Preservation Grant	2014	\$100,000
Lyndonville	Lyndon Darling Senior Housing, LP	Funds will be used to purchase and substantially renovate an existing historic building, the Darling Inn. Containing 28 units of elderly housing, The Darling Inn will receive many upgrades and improvements that will impact health and safety, energy efficiency, accessibility and overall livability.	Multi-Family Housing Section 515 Direct Loan	2014	\$1,000,000

Newport	Northeast Employment and Training Organization	To provide grants to 30 very low income households for repair, rehabilitation and weatherization of single family homes in the Northeast Kingdom to bring them into compliance with applicable housing standards and codes for energy efficiency.	Housing Preservation Grant	2014	\$100,000

\$3,396,532

REAP Zone HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	1 - Caledonia	\$124,500
Single Family Guaranteed Loans		\$0
Housing Repair Grants	2-Caledonia 5-Orleans	\$42,500
Housing Repair Loans	2-Orleans	\$13,400
Labor Housing Loans		\$0

\$180,400

The Northeast Kingdom was designated as a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, one of only five in the country, in 2000. This was a result of tenacious effort of Senator Leahy and his staff with support from Vermont's Congressional delegation and many Vermont partners. The designation offers the Northeast Kingdom access to additional federal funding for business development, job creation, housing, and water and sewer infrastructure projects from USDA Rural Development and adds priority points to applications for other funding sources. In the 2008 Farm Bill, Senator Leahy with support from Vermont congressional delegation secured a critical extension of the REAP Zone until 2013. As a result of this small but important preference in Federal law the counties of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans will continue to have greater access to important USDA Rural Development programs.

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
MULTIPLE COUNTIES OR STATEWIDE
\$1,050,000**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Montpelier	Vermont Community Loan Fund	To provide low-interest loans to this non-profit organization to relend for business and community development to benefit 90 ultimate recipients and create or retain 885 jobs. VCLF is confident in meeting these targets based on past successful experience administering six previous IRP loans.	Intermediary Relending Program	2014	\$1,000,000
Montpelier	Vermont Center for Independent Living	To provide grants to five very low income households for repair, rehabilitation and weatherization work on their single family homes, and to assist bringing homes into compliance with housing standards and codes for energy efficiency. Some money will also be allocated toward making homes accessible for independent living.	Housing Preservation Grant	2014	\$25,000
Westminster	Southeastern Vermont Community Action Program	To assist 15 very low income households resolve serious health, safety and energy efficiency issues in their single family homes. Many damages being repaired are results of flooding during tropical storm, Irene.	Housing Preservation Grant	2014	\$25,000

\$1,050,000