



Department of Housing and Community Development

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DHCD PROGRAM OVERVIEW FY2017

FUNDING

- General funds: \$2.6M
- Special funds: \$5M (Fees, gift shop, RPCs)
- Federal funds: \$22M

DIVISIONS

- Housing
- Grants Management
- VT Community Development Program
- Community Planning + Revitalization
- Historic Preservation (including Historic Sites)

STAFF

- 39 people (including 3 limited service for CDBG-DR ending 12/31/17)

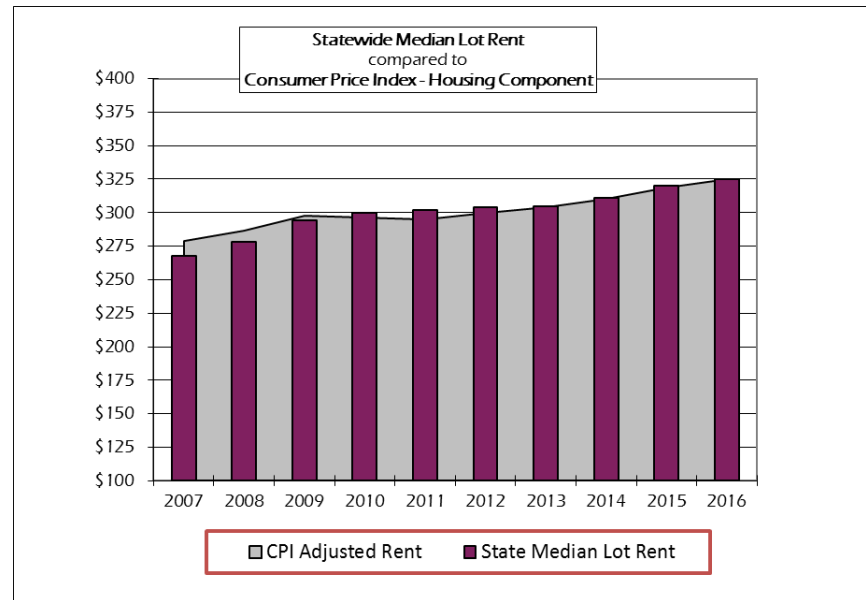
Mobile Home Park Program

- Conduct annual park registry (241 parks with 7,106 lots);
- Monitor lot rent increases and facilitate mediation of disputed increases;
- Administer First Stop grant to CVOEO;
- Oversee park sale and closure notifications;
- Work with sister agencies to support residents and owners of troubled parks; and
- Oversee Champlain Housing Trust's (CHT) Manufactured Housing Down Payment Assistance Loan Program, extended through 2019.



Mobile Home Park Program

- Lot rent increases over the past 10 years track CPI
- In 2017, a lot increase of 3.6% is eligible for mediation; 58 mediations facilitated since 1998
- Through 2016, CHT made more than 95 down payment loans for purchase of energy efficient MH.
- Currently, 47 parks owned by nonprofits, and 11 resident-owned cooperatives
- Eff. July 1, 2016, DHCD adopted rules to implement Act 8 (2015) which authorized administrative penalties for violations of MHP law.



Funding from HUD

Consolidated Plan: Guides over \$10M in annual funding; requires stakeholder outreach; outlines funding priorities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME); the Emergency Solutions Grant; Continuum of Care and Tenant and Project-based Section 8 Vouchers; and CDBG-Disaster Recovery(CDBG-DR1 and CDBG-DR2).

Funding from HUD

CDBG – Disaster Recovery

- DR-1
 - 37 grants, \$20.5 million allocated
 - \$15.9 million expended to date
 - 21 DR-1 projects completed to date

- DR-2
 - 20 grants, \$16.9 million allocated
 - \$12.2 million expended to date
 - 11 DR-2 projects completed to date



CDBG Funding from HUD (2012-2016)

- 116 grants
- \$34.3 million in CDBG grants
- \$291 million leveraged
- 1,605 homes
- 102 full-time jobs created
- 25 community planning grants
- 22,108 people benefiting from increased access or services



The Five Designations

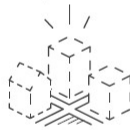
Core Designations



Village Centers (Est. 2003)



Downtowns (Est. 1998)



New Town Centers (Est. 2003)

Add-On Designations (must have a core designation to qualify):



Neighborhood Development Areas (Est. 2013)



Growth Centers (Est. 2006)

State Designation Programs

Provides large and small communities with financial incentives, training and technical assistance to support local efforts to help communities thrive by restoring historic buildings, building new housing, and improving the streets and sidewalks that attract more visitors on foot, bike, car or bus.






State Designation Programs 2017


Program Overview

The Department of Housing and Community Development manages the state designation programs – downtowns, village centers, new town centers, growth centers and neighborhood development areas. These programs work together to provide incentives, align policies and give communities the technical assistance needed to encourage new development and redevelopment. The program incentives are for both the public and private sector within the designated area, including tax credits for historic building rehabilitations and code improvements, permitting benefits for new housing, funding for transportation-related public improvements and priority consideration for various state grant programs.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs>

By the Numbers

24 designated downtowns 	124 designated village centers 	2 new town centers 	5 neighborhood development areas 	6 growth centers 
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Barre, VT

“Technical support through the State’s Designation Program helped us plan projects and access funding sources that leveraged private investment.”
Steve MacKenzie, City Manager of Barre

2011-16 Downtown Return on Investment

State Investment: \$23.2 M

Leveraged Private Investment: \$213 M

Designated Downtowns

2017

Program Overview

Downtown designation provides Vermont's larger communities with financial incentives, training and technical assistance to support local efforts to help communities thrive by restoring historic buildings, building new housing, and improving the streets and sidewalks that attract more visitors on foot, bike, car or bus.

Municipalities that receive designation collaborate with local non-profit downtown organizations that support revitalization efforts with staff and volunteers who provide marketing, promotion and business development services. Once designated, the community may apply for additional benefits to encourage new housing with the neighborhood development area designation or shape the next 20 years of compact development with the growth center designation.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/downtowns>

By the Numbers [2011 - 2016]

24

designated downtowns

121

tax credit projects awarded

\$10.4 M

in tax credits awarded

\$1.9 M

in downtown transportation grants awarded

\$10.9 M

in local funds leveraged with downtown transportation funds

\$213.1 M

in private funds leveraged with tax credits

Bristol - Building a Walkable and Vibrant Downtown



Village Green



Downtown

VTrans funds the Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) program that supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns by making these areas more pedestrian, bike and transit friendly. Since 1999, the fund has invested \$9.7 million to support 109 projects leveraging over \$47 million for transportation improvements in designated downtowns. The Town of Bristol recently used a DTF grant to enhance the village green by adding lighting, benches and bike racks to strengthen the connection to downtown and the VTrans improved Main Street intersection. The Prince Lane reconstruction project, also funded by a DTF grant, added sidewalks, lighting and landscaping to improve access to local businesses and bring vitality to the downtown.



Downtown & Village Center Tax Credits

2016:

- \$2.25 million in state tax incentives for 21 projects will supporting \$47 million in downtown and village center construction and rehabilitation projects.



Neighborhood Development Areas

PRIORITY HOUSING PROJECTS

- Supported the development of more than 200 housing units
- Saved more than \$250,000 in permit fees
- Reduced permit timelines by 6 months



Municipal Planning Grants

FUNDS FROM PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

- Grants totaling \$464,920 supported 38 locally-driven projects to locate new housing, protect towns from flooding, and support new businesses.

By the Numbers [2011 - 2016]

\$4.1 M
in grant
funds requested

\$366,813
in local
match funds

253
municipal planning
grants awarded

\$2.7 M
in grant
funds awarded

19,578
people engaged
in the planning projects

99%
of survey respondents say
MPGs are important to achieve
planning goals



“Vermont’s Municipal Planning Grants make possible incremental steps toward healthy, safe and vital communities throughout Vermont. For Bennington, the grants have and continue to result in tangible and significant improvements to the community, particularly in our downtown. As our communities succeed, Vermont’s reputation as a great place to live and work is made all the more real.”

Michael McDonough, President of the Better Bennington Corporation

Regional Planning Commissions

FUNDS FROM PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

11 Regional Planning Commissions; \$2.9M

- Performance contract, identical measures for all RPCs
- RBA performance measures since FY2014

All Regional Plans Conform - Every regional planning commission now has a regional plan in effect that meets the statutory requirements. This is the culmination of a four-year process of evaluating and updating regional plans statewide.

Increased Focus on Implementing - Plans with concrete, measurable implementation strategies will become the norm through statewide use of a model implementation template created in FY16. Future progress in achieving those strategies will be reported by all the regions.

Historic Preservation

60% FEDERALLY FUNDED

- National & State Registers of Historic Places
- Barn Grants
- Preservation Grants
- Certified Local Government Program
- Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit Program
- Project Review
- State-owned Historic and Underwater Sites
- Roadside Historic Marker Program
- Easements/Covenants
- Archaeology Heritage Center



National Register, Tax Credits and Certified Local Governments

NATIONAL REGISTER

- Since 1966, nearly 12,000 properties listed
 - Five new/updated listings in 2016

FEDERAL TAX CREDITS

- 12 projects received \$3.2M in tax credits
 - leveraged \$42.1M in investment and created 746 jobs in federal fiscal year 2016

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Supports 14 communities to document, protect & use local historic resources
 - 12% of federal allocation = \$68,880 to support local projects



Barn and Historic Preservation Grants

BARN PRESERVATION GRANTS

Funded via Capital Budget

- Oldest barn grant program in United States
- Cumulatively, over \$3M in grants to repair and restore 384 agricultural buildings
- FY2016 – 20 grants awarded, totaling \$232,467; 48 applications requesting \$633,637
- FY2017 – 33 grants applications requesting \$413,815; grants to be awarded February 2017.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

Funded via Capital Budget

- Since 1986, nearly \$5M in grants to restore over 550 significant community buildings such as town halls, churches, museums, theatres, and libraries.
- FY2017 – 15 grants awarded, totaling \$195,779 with \$632,820 in project costs; 48 applications received requesting \$702,420.



State-owned Historic Sites and Roadside Historic Markers

Historic Sites funded partially via capital budget, augmented by admission fees, gift shops, grants and donations

- 402,613 visitors from 2011-2016
- 10 properties open to public including two presidential sites and a Revolutionary War battlefield
- 84 buildings, sites, and structures, including:
 - 9 underwater sites
 - 2 metal lattice bridges
 - 5 covered bridges

Roadside Markers funded via capital budget

- 237 roadside historic markers placed statewide (and Virginia)

