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51 Church Street, Barre – State tax credits will support adaptive use of one of Barre's earliest schoolhouses for the Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic (PHWC). Installation of an elevator, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and façade repairs will allow PHWC to expand its free and reduced cost health services for the uninsured and underinsured residents of central Vermont. The new space will be designed to avoid the spread of viruses like COVID-19 and allow for the expansion of dental and counseling services.

Total Project Cost: \$607,213; Tax Credits Awarded: \$142,213 Contact: Thom Lauzon, 802-793-1033, tlauzon@salvadorandbabic.com



17 Rockingham Street, Bellows Falls – The Bellows Falls Firehouse was erected in 1904 and today houses seven mixed-use rental spaces. Tax credits will support the installation of a sprinkler system throughout the building. This will enable occupancy of the previously-vacant third floor by a design firm with six employees, thereby increasing downtown occupancy and making the property more economically viable for Bellows Falls.

Total Project Cost: \$61,500; Tax Credits Awarded: \$30,750 Contact: Robert McBride, 802-463-1992, rmcbride@sover.net



115 Rockingham Street, Bellows Falls – State tax credits will support the adaptive use of this building for 26 apartments with low income and workforce housing options, including five units for the homeless. It is an early example of now common parking garage, located at the northern entrance to downtown Bellows Falls. Rehabilitation will include exterior alterations; upgrades for accessibility, indoor air quality and energy efficiency; and mitigation of hazardous materials and a Brownfield site.

Total Project Cost: \$8,789,906; Tax Credits Awarded: \$200,000 Contact: Peter Paggi, 802-246-2113, ppaggi@homemattershere.org



109 South Street, Bennington – The former Bennington County Courthouse is part of the larger Putnam Block Redevelopment project, a transformative mixed-use revitalization in downtown Bennington. Vacant and boarded up for years, the building will undergo substantial rehabilitation supported by both federal and state historic tax credits, including asbestos and lead remediation, hazardous materials abatement, window restoration and replacement, and installation of new HVAC, sprinkler and electrical systems. Once complete, the building will include three commercial units for the Bennington Bookstore, an IT/tech company, and a café.

Total Project Cost: \$31,487,734; Tax Credits Awarded: \$62,163 Contact: Bill Colvin, 802-447-0371, bcolvin@bcrcvt.org



355 Main Street, Bennington – The Winslow Building renovation is part of the larger Putnam Block Redevelopment Project, a transformative mixed-use revitalization in downtown Bennington. Partially vacant for years, the building will now undergo substantial rehabilitation with the support of state and federal historic tax credits. This includes asbestos and lead remediation, hazardous materials abatement, window restoration and replacement, and installation of new HVAC, sprinkler and electrical systems. New uses will include graduate student housing and office space for Bennington College, and offices for Southwest VT Healthcare and VNA and Hospice of the Southwestern Region.

Total Project Cost: \$31,487,734; Tax Credits Awarded: \$108,881 Contact: Bill Colvin, 802-447-0371, bcolvin@bcrcvt.org



1808 Scott Hill Road, Berlin – The First Congregational Church of Berlin (FCCB) is a beloved and iconic part of the Berlin community. State tax credits will support the connection of the building to town water to ensure safe drinking water, addition of a new ADA-compliant restroom, and installation of an ADA-compliant main entrance. This will enable a wide range of community activities and events, such as classes, public services, and private and public events to continue using the accessible building.

Total Project Cost: \$55,396; Tax Credits Awarded: \$27,698 Contact: Robert Griffin Suter, 802-272-2376, griffinsuter@hotmail.com

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7313 US Route 4, Bridgewater – In 2015, the historic Bridgewater Village School was closed due to consolidation. Two years later, a group of community members formed a committee to adapt the building for use as a community and childcare center. State tax credits will support work to install a new sprinkler system, a three-stop lift, and complete façade repairs. In addition to the childcare center, the building will provide space for community mobility and exercise classes, social and artistic events, and rentable commercial space.

Total Project Cost: \$1,151,032; Tax Credits Awarded: \$115,677 Contact: Brian Bontrager, 802-356-1856, brianbontrager76@qmail.com



77 Pine Street, Burlington – Previously owned by People's United Bank, this building will be redeveloped as a mix of 50 residential apartments and office space for the bank. The rehabilitation requires significant building and code upgrades that will be partially funded with state tax credits. These include new electrical, plumbing, and fire alarm/ systems, asbestos abatement, and installation of an elevator. The project will guarantee 130 long-term jobs through Peoples United Bank and supply much needed affordable housing for downtown Burlington.

Total Project Cost: \$19,407,054; Tax Credits Awarded: \$200,000 Contact: Jaeger Nedde, 802-777-0732, jnedde@neddere.com



119 South Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury – The Craftsbury General Store and U.S. Post Office are pillar businesses in Craftsbury, with a general store documented on this site since 1850. Together, the store and post office employ about 12 people and the building's second floor provides three apartments. State tax credits will support essential electrical and plumbing-related code upgrades.

Total Project Cost: \$40,284; Tax Credits Awarded: \$20,142 Contact: Emily Maclure, 802-586-2440, emily@craftsburygeneralstore.com



4520 Route 14, East Calais – This historic building has housed a general store since its construction c. 1850, with three apartments added in the early 1900s. After the store closed in December 2019, the East Calais Community Trust purchased the building with the goal of renovating it to provide a debt-free and code-compliant space for a new store operator, believing a thriving rural village store and meeting place are essential local necessities. State tax credits will support façade repairs and code-mandated improvements.

Total Project Cost: \$417,083; Tax Credits Awarded: \$75,000 Contact: Janice Ohlsson, 802-232-1028, eastcalaiscommunitytrust@gmail.com



33 Depot Street, Enosburg Falls – The historic IOOF Building on Depot Street was recently purchased by owners of a local veterinarian clinic. Renovations to the adjacent building are now complete and façade work at the IOOF Building is now planned to support the commercial space for Poppy's Rail Trail Flowers and Boutique. State tax credits will support these façade repairs and energy efficiency improvements.

Total Project Cost: \$6,720; Tax Credits Awarded: \$1,680 Contact: Annie Wagner, 802-933-4533, enosburgvetcare@gmail.com



28 Cross Street, Island Pond – With the support of state tax credits, this important anchor building on Cross Street, vacant since April 2014, will receive a façade rehabilitation. The Hearth & Home Country Store will then relocate to this building from its smaller Mountain Street location and the expansion will allow addition of a bakery to the retail business aligned with the Town of Brighton's multi-year downtown revitalization effort.

Total Project Cost: \$79,135; Tax Credits Awarded: \$19,784 Contact: Michael Strait, 802-723-0470, mike@hearthandhomecountry.com

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24 Clay Hill Road, Johnson – Vermont Studio Center (VSC) will rehabilitate and fit-up the historic Pearl House with the furnishings, finishes, and equipment for 13 housing units, providing housing to more than 20% of VSC's residents and visitors. With the support of state façade and code tax credits, the project will also make the first-floor units of this building ADA-compliant.

Total Project Cost: \$1,637,698; Tax Credits Awarded: \$95,640

Contact: Jim MacDowell, 802-635-2727, jmacdowell@vermontstudiocenter.org



746 Hill Street, Lyndonville – This project will convert a vacant warehouse into an office and workshop for a successful local electrical contracting business, Aubin Electric, Inc. State tax credits will support major code and façade improvements to this highly visible building at the southern gateway to downtown Lyndonville.

Total Project Cost: \$148,292; Tax Credits Awarded: \$37,600 Contact: Charles Aubin, 802-532-8686, aubinelectric@gmail.com



48 West Road, Manchester – The Mark Skinner Library (1897) was designed by F.W. Stickney and used as the town's public library for over 120 years. A subsequent 1964 addition was designed by Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott, a leading mid-century modern architectural design firm. With closure of the library by the town in 2016, the building will now be rehabilitated for Silver Fork Restaurant. State tax credits will support coderequired upgrades as well as minor façade repairs. The new space will double the size of this successful business with 10 years of experience.

Total Project Cost: \$455,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$82,250 Contact: Clark French, 772-321-0683, cfrench@frenchandco.net



64 Main Street, Middlebury – This project will restore and preserve a mixed-use building with major improvements along Frog Hollow Alleyway façade. State tax credits will also support code improvements to ensure the building's two apartments are more marketable and remain affordable.

Total Project Cost: \$64,693; Tax Credits Awarded: \$18,173 Contact: Bryan Phelps, 802-989-2290, bryan@stonwellvt.com



2-4 River Street, Milton – The Joseph P. Clark Office Building, built in 1845, originally served as an office for the local grist and lumber mills. With the support of state façade and code tax credits, the ground floor will become Arrowhead Lodge, an upscale taproom, with a two-bedroom apartment on the upper floor. Renovations include foundation and masonry repairs; new plumbing, electrical, and heating systems; and a new roof. All work will ensure preservation of important architectural elements including the original doors, floors, brick corbels, and queen truss beams.

Total Project Cost: \$205,500; Tax Credits Awarded: \$59,475 Contact: Marty Steinhausen, 402-450-7963, martyvsteinhausen@gmail.com



2057 North Main Street, Montgomery – The Black Lantern Inn is a two-story brick and wood building with attached barn. Constructed in 1803, it is believed to be the oldest commercial building in Montgomery Village. The main floor of the original inn houses a restaurant, while the second floor includes eight short-term lodging units and the attached barn provides a three-bed room long-term rental unit and office. State tax credits will support installation of a new sprinkler system, allowing use of two additional lodging units and increasing capacity for the restaurant.

Total Project Cost: \$45,670; Tax Credits Awarded: \$22,835 Contact: Morgan Daybell, 802-393-2066, blacklanternvt@gmail.com



66 Depot Street, Poultney – This iconic train depot, constructed in 1868, has been vacant for at least ten years and has suffered from vandalism. The new owners plan to renovate the building, bringing a new business to the downtown and creating new jobs. State façade and code tax credits will support this redevelopment.

Total Project Cost: \$82,535; Tax Credits Awarded: \$18,468 Contact: Christopher Book, 802-770-3707, aldousfh@comcast.net



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52 Main Street, Proctor (Marble Museum) – Until 2007, the Town of Proctor was home to the Vermont Marble Company and its successor OMYA. When the headquarters relocated, the town lost hundreds of high-paying jobs. With state support, the town developed the Proctor Prosperity Plan to strategize for the future of the community. The Vermont Marble Museum, with over 50,000 square feet of office and manufacturing space, is a critical piece of the plan. State tax credits will support code-related upgrades, making marketable space for future tenants including a small brewery that will occupy the former café.

Total Project Cost: \$15,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$7,500 Contact: Lawrence Miller, 802-989-0569, Imiller@fivevineconsulting.com



1792 Quechee Main Street, Quechee – This elaborate mid-19th-century house was constructed by J.C. Parker in 1857, and more recently was used as a bed and breakfast. It was purchased by new owners in January 2020 with the intention of reopening it as a restaurant. The building is ideal for dining in post-pandemic times, with a porch and lawn offering views of the Ottauquechee River. State tax credits will support façade repairs and restoration work to complement the outdoor dining experience. The restaurant will provide 8-10 jobs for casual dining and private events.

Total Project Cost: \$145,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$25,000 Contact: Jay Benson, 802-230-2106, jay.benson@simonpearce.com



147 North Main Street, Rochester – Since 2014, efforts have been ongoing to transform this building into a lodge with 13 bedrooms that can accommodate up to 25 guests. State tax credits will support the renovation, providing a new sprinkler and fire alarm system, electrical and ADA upgrades, and exterior façade repairs. In addition to lodging rooms, the ground floor will act as a maker space and the basement common area will be renovated for crosscountry hikers and bikers who will be able to stop, repack and shower for a day rate. This will create an affordable base for people to launch their exploration of the area's many recreational assets.

Total Project Cost: \$289,738; Tax Credits Awarded: \$98,177 Contact: Anni Mackay, 802-349-0979, annimackay@gmail.com



2824 Route 153, Rupert – The Rupert Village Trust will rehabilitate the Sheldon Store, providing the community with a café and community center. In addition to the social benefits, the café will offer economic benefits, create jobs, and attract visitors from the nearby rail trail and Merck Forest. The café will provide much needed infrastructure for small home-based businesses, including wi-fi and a place to host clients. State tax credits will support façade improvements and assist in bringing the building up to code with a second egress and installation of a LULA lift.

Total Project Cost: \$735,928; Tax Credits Awarded: \$100,241 Contact: Jane Davies, 802-394-2521, rupertvillagetrust@gmail.com



16-20 Park Street, Springfield – State tax credits will help transform the Cotton Mill, a cornerstone of the downtown since 1836. Originally a clothing manufacturing facility, the former mill will now provide multi-family housing and commercial space. Work will focus on code compliance, expand the second-floor housing to include three apartments, enhance street-level entrances, and support the rental of the ground-level commercial space.

Total Project Cost: \$147,200; Tax Credits Awarded: \$62,500 Contact: Jeff Fournier, 802-436-4100, jeff@ruralinnovation.us



60 Park Street, Springfield – The Springfield Regional Development Corporation purchased the Springfield High School, and together with The Center on Rural Innovation created the Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC). State and federal tax credits will support renovation of the former school, allow BRIC to expand its temporary workspace into a mixed-use facility that will include a business accelerator offering a combination of co-working and private commercial spaces for growing companies, 24 live-work studio apartments supporting remote-work opportunities and live-in entrepreneurship center programs by BRIC, and valuable community space in the renovated gym and 800-seat theater.

Total Project Cost: \$15,470,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$443,500

Contact: Bill Niquette, 802-238-9718, bill@ra-vt.com

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Congress & Main Streets, St. Albans – The City of St. Albans will complete environmental remediation and construct underground utility infrastructure, surface parking, and pedestrian improvements in support of a planned new development at this prominent downtown intersection. New construction includes a three-story commercial building, a 33-unit apartment building targeted at workforce and market rate housing, and a 30-unit apartment building to be purchased by Champlain Housing Trust as an affordable housing project. The Community College of Vermont and Northwestern Medical Center will be upper-floor tenants of the commercial building.

Total Project Cost: \$11,825,108; Sales Tax Reallocation Awarded: \$133,215 Contact: Chip Sawyer, 802-524-1500, c.sawyer@stalbansvt.com



144 Main Street, Stowe – The historic Walker Store is located in the heart of Stowe's historic village. State façade and code tax credits will help to address code deficiencies and support façade repairs, including extensive masonry work. The owners have begun rehabilitation of the commercial space occupied by Black Cap Coffee, a longstanding tenant and recognized meeting area for residents and tourists. The upper stories will be renovated to provide four apartments.

Total Project Cost: \$455,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$100,000 Contact: Carolyn Huerth, 617-279-5319, c@hcdev.us



34 North Street, Vergennes – In support of an expanding assisted living community, the City of Vergennes will complete several infrastructure projects to better connect the Vergennes Grand with the City Green and Main Street. This includes paving, lighting, and stormwater infrastructure improvements. The facility will expand from 10 to 54 units, providing space for up to 78 residents within steps of the Green and the City's many amenities.

Total Project Cost: \$21,656,400; Sales Tax Reallocation Awarded: \$181,030 Contact: Daniel Hoffman, 802-877-3637, dhoffman@vergennes.com



1 East Main Street, Wilmington – Originally a general store, with tenements and a Masonic Hall, this building was devastated by Tropical Storm Irene. Rehabilitation began for its new use as a hotel for Hermitage Club members, but that project was abandoned, leaving the building vacant for eight years. Now, with the support of federal and state tax credits, the new owner will restore the building which will house a microbrewery and tasting room, office space, and apartments.

Total Project Cost: \$277,000; Tax Credits Awarded: \$102,180 Contact: Travis Wendel, 802-578-5375, racer_boy_13@hotmail.com



17 Abenaki Way, Winooski – The City of Winooski is partnering with developers to construct a three-story 36,000 SF office building for Vermont Energy Investment Corporation and downtown hotel. Sales Tax Reallocation dollars awarded to the city will support a new 305-space municipal parking garage to support this new construction. Additionally, the project includes access to the 104-acre Casavant Nature Area directly adjacent to the new hotel, undergrounding of overhead utility lines, widened brick paver sidewalks, landscaping, and more pedestrian amenities.

Total Project Cost: \$46,800,000; Sales Tax Reallocation Awarded: \$646,785 Contact: Heather Carrington, 802-651-6888, hcarrington@winooskivt.gov

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842 Main Street, Albany (Albany General Store) – The Albany General Store was devastated by fire in early 2014 and was forced to close. It was recently purchased by Albany Community Trust, a non-profit that plans to reopen the store as a small retail grocery, bakery and take-out deli with space for small community gatherings. Tax credits will support code improvements, brownfields clean-up and an exterior facelift so the exterior of the 1974 building will blend in with its 19th century neighbors.

Total Project Cost: \$778,010; Tax Credits Awarded: \$28,220 Contact: Kristen Fountain, 802-586-9902, kristengfountain@gmail.com



101 South Street, Bennington (Putnam Hotel) – The historic Putnam House (c.1868-1870) dominates the center of downtown Bennington. The upper floors of the building, once a hotel, have been unoccupied since the late 1970s. Tax credits will support comprehensive rehabilitation of the historic building for 17 units of housing and mixed-use commercial space. Work includes abating asbestos and lead paint and brownfield clean-up. This project is part of a larger transformative mixed-use revitalization of three historic buildings in the heart of downtown Bennington.

Total Project Cost: \$31,487,734; Tax Credits Awarded: \$108,881 Contact: Bill Colvin, 802-447-0371, bcolvin@bcrcvt.org



192 Route 5 North, Fairlee – State tax credits will support façade upgrades to this vacant commercial building along Route 5 in Fairlee. A new restaurant tenant will move into the space this summer, which will be upgraded with a takeout window and outdoor dining space, filling a gap in the local commercial landscape and creating at least 10 new jobs.

Total Project Cost: \$26,975; Tax Credits Awarded: \$6,744 Contact: Matthew Walker, 718-697-1025, m.odell.walker@gmail.com



491 Main Street, Fairlee (Chapman's Store) – Chapman's Store was built in 1875 with a family-operated business that has been selling wines, gifts, sundries and toys for over 100 years. State tax credits will provide funding to support façade repairs, expansion of the ground floor to provide space for outdoor dining, and construction of a second apartment unit on the building's second floor, ensuring this important local landmark continues to serve its community for the next hundred years.

Total Project Cost: \$372,300; Tax Credits Awarded: \$113,025 Contact: Travis Noyes, 914-274-1331, travisnoyes@gmail.com



65 North Main Street, Randolph (Randolph House) – Randolph House provides 48 senior housing units in the heart of Randolph's downtown district. State tax credits will now support major upgrades to the building, providing expanded space for telehealth, wellness, and resident gathering space, as well as code-mandated upgrades to the building's elevator and installation of a second elevator to ensure better accessibility and no lapse in service or major relocation of residents during the project.

Total Project Cost: \$31,487,734; Tax Credits Awarded: \$108,881 Contact: Julie Iffland, 802-728-4305, julie@racdc.com



235 Lake Street, St. Albans (Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse) — This former school currently has a licensed childcare center for 30 children on its ground floor. State tax credits will support code improvements, including installation of a sprinkler system, to allow the childcare center to expand to the building's second floor. The project will double the capacity of the center to provide much-needed high-quality childcare in St. Albans City.

Total Project Cost: \$583,107; Tax Credits Awarded: \$35,253

Contact: Heather Garceau, 802-598-6744, heather@almond-blossoms-schoolhouse.com

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92 Church Street, Shelburne (St. Catherine's) – Located in the center of Shelburne, this historic church recently embarked on an ambitious rehabilitation project which includes construction of a large meeting room addition, accessibility improvements, and installation of a sprinkler system. The new community room will serve a wide range of vital purposes, from providing a pick-up location for the Shelburne Food Shelf, to meeting and activity space for book clubs, youth dances, Alcoholics Anonymous, movie nights, etc.

Total Project Cost: \$2,286,002; Tax Credits Awarded: \$50,000 Contact: Ann Cousins, 802-343-8180, ascousins@gmavt.net



15 South Main Street, Wallingford (Wallingford Block) – The historic Wallingford Block was built in 1824 and is in the heart of Wallingford along busy Route 7. The new owner is working to restore the building to its former glory while recruiting commercial and community tenants including a new bakery café which will open this spring. State tax credits will support major façade restoration work along with code improvements, including installation of a sprinkler system.

Total Project Cost: \$607,400; Tax Credits Awarded: \$158,500 Contact: Michelle A. Kenney, 802-558-0399, wallingfordblock@gmail.com



70 Main Street, Winooski – A former Grand Union and then a Key Bank but vacant for five years, this building will be rehabilitated for Four Quarters Brewing, a local craft brewery. Tax credits supporting façade and code improvements will allow the Winooski business to expand into a larger, more prominent facility, creating new jobs. Work also includes extensive outdoor seating to respond to an increased demand for outdoor dining options post pandemic.

Total Project Cost: \$1,618,900; Tax Credits Awarded: \$125,000 CContact: Erik Hoekstra, 802-658-7400, ehoekstra@redstonevt.com

