



Downtown Transportation Fund

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



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By the Numbers [2017-2021]

31

downtown
transportation
grants awarded

19

communities
served

\$2.1 M

in downtown
transportation grants
awarded

\$15 M

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downtown transportation
funds

Vergennes - Transportation Improvements Spark Revitalization Efforts



Before



After

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Statutory Changes:

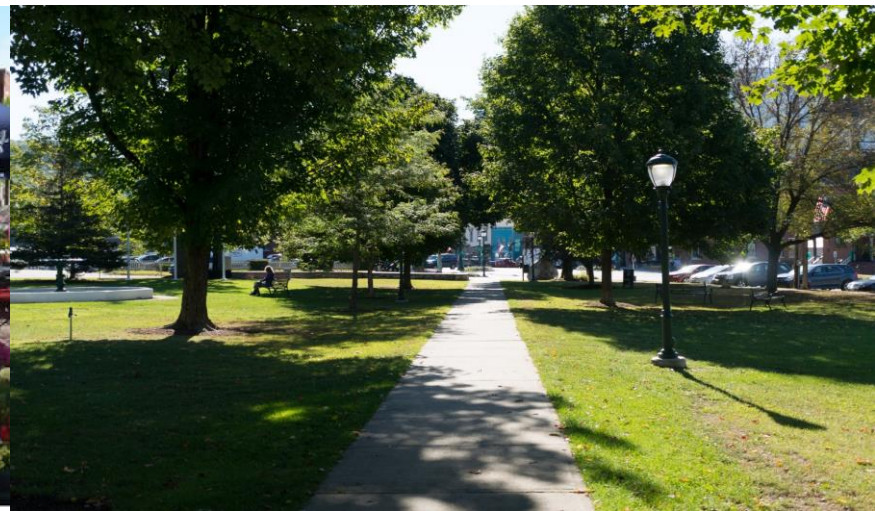
- \$5M one time funding until expended
- Expanded eligibility to include Designated Village Centers that participated in Better Connections (or similar type transportation focused public planning process in Chittenden County).



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Eligible Designated Downtowns

Barre City, Bellows Falls, Bennington, Brandon, Brattleboro, Bristol, Burlington, Middlebury, Montpelier, City of Newport, Poultney, Randolph, City of Rutland, Springfield, City of St Albans, St Johnsbury, Stowe, Vergennes, Waterbury, White River Junction, Wilmington, Windsor, Winooski



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Eligible Designated Village Centers

Brighton, Chester, Danville, Enosburgh, Essex Junction, Fairlee, Hinesburg, Hyde Park, Jericho Riverside, Moretown, Northfield, St Albans Town, Underhill Flats, Waitsfield, Warren, Westford, West Rutland



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Program Changes:

- 20% match (down from 50% match)
- Increase max amount per project to \$200,000
- 2022 Total Amount Available \$2,900,000
- Extended deadline to start project in 24 months and 36 months to complete
- Updated Application and Scoring Criteria

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Timeline

- Grant Announcement: December 1, 2021
- Application Deadline: March 7, 2022
- Award Decisions: April 25, 2022
- Project Started: April 25, 2024
- Project Completed: April 25, 2025

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Outreach and Technical Assistance

- Direct communication went out to all eligible municipalities and RPC's and staff is following up to ensure they are aware of the funding opportunity.
- Staff is meeting with municipalities one on one to answer questions and provide technical assistance for potential projects. This was strongly encouraged in the application to ensure projects align with goals of the program.
- Interest in funding is strong and we anticipate a solid response. Designated Village Centers have expressed an appreciation for the availability of this funding which was not previously available to them.



Thank You.



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