

Downtown Transportation Fund



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Downtown Designation Program

24 designated downtowns

This community revitalization program is designed to preserve the character and enhance the future of medium to large sized historic centers by incentivizing public and private investments, improving quality of life and encouraging economic development. Municipalities that receive designation collaborate with local non-profit downtown organizations supporting efforts through funding, staff, partnerships and volunteers.



Downtown Designation Program



Burlington



Bristol

Downtown Transportation Fund

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



Downtown Transportation Fund

- Maximum annual grant is \$200,000
- 20% match required
- Applications due January 31 – awarded in March
- 24 months to start project
- 36 months to complete



Downtown Transportation Fund

- 2021 \$5M one time allocation
- Expanded eligibility to include eligible Designated Village Centers
- 2022 \$2,098,094 awarded to 15 communities
- 2023 \$1,316,184 requested from 8 communities (pending review and award in March)



Designated Village Centers Completed Better Connections Program

- Bethel
 - Brighton
 - Chester
 - Danville
 - Enosburg
 - Fairlee
 - Hyde Park
 - Lyndon
 - Moretown
 - Northfield
 - Poultney
 - St Albans Town
 - Waitsfield
 - Warren
 - West Rutland
- 2-3 more designated village centers expected in 2023

Eligible Designated Village Centers in Chittenden

Chittenden County Designated Areas are not eligible for Better Connections funding, but these Designated Village Centers have completed a comprehensive transportation planning process:

- City of Essex
- Hinesburg
- Jericho Riverside
- Westford
- Underhill Flats

2022 and 2023 Grant Request

- 23 Applications requesting \$3,414,278 to support 19 downtowns and village centers



DTF by the Numbers



By the Numbers [2018-2022]



41

projects awarded



19

communities served



\$6.6 m



in downtown transportation grants awarded



\$52 m

leveraged with downtown transportation funds

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Transforming St. Albans

Public Improvements Leverage Private Investment



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Poultney

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Springfield Comtu Falls Park Before

Downtown Transportation Fund



Springfield Comtu Falls Park After

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Thank You.



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