

Building Communities

GRANTS PROGRAM

Funded annually through the Capital Appropriations and State Bonding Act, to qualify for one of the Building Communities Grants, an applicant must be a non-profit organization, regional economic development organization or municipality (with the exception of the Barn Grants).

All grants require matching funds and community-supported fundraising efforts are encouraged. Funding decisions are made by individual boards for each program through an established selection process. Program deadlines for all five grant programs vary, and applicants may not receive more than one grant through the Building Communities Grants Program in a single fiscal year. We encourage applicants to contact specific Grant Administrator's with any questions and to confirm their eligibility before submitting an application.



Facilities

Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Program

Capital projects for human services, health care, and educational opportunities.

Recreational Facilities Grant Program

Capital costs associated with the development and creation of recreational opportunities.

Regional Economic Development Grant Program

Capital costs associated with the development of facilities expected to create or retain job opportunities.

Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation Grant Program

Competitive 50/50 matching grants to assist municipalities and nonprofit organizations in restoring important historic buildings.

Historic Barn Preservation Grant Program

Competitive 50/50 matching grants to assist owners, whether public or private, with the repair of historic agricultural buildings.

Cultural

Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Grant Program

Funding appropriated annually to assist fairs throughout the state with 20-year capital improvements to their facilities.

Cultural Facilities Grant Program

Competitive grant to assist nonprofit organizations and municipalities to improve community facilities providing cultural activities to the public.

Cultural

Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Mid-December**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, this funding is appropriated annually to assist fairs throughout the state with 20-year capital improvements to their facilities. Approved proposals must be completed within 24 months, budgets must include a 15% cash match, and projects must have a 20-year lifespan. Emphasis is placed on leveraging other funds and generating community support for the fair through improvements to the infrastructure.

To learn more, visit: agriculture.vermont.gov

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Cultural Facilities Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 1st**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Arts Council, in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, this program awards grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to improve, enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming to the public. Example projects include: wiring, heating, safety, accessibility, lighting, and stage improvements; and permanent display panels/exhibit cases or fixed equipment. Grants range from \$1,000–\$30,000 and require a 1:1 match (at least 50% of which must be in cash and up to 50% of which may be in well documented in-kind materials and/or labor).

To learn more, visit: vermontartscouncil.org

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Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Early October**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, this program offers competitive 50/50 matching grants to assist municipalities and nonprofit organizations in restoring important historic buildings. Annually, grants of up to \$20,000 are awarded to town halls, libraries, churches, historical societies, and community buildings for restoration and repair of roofs, structural elements, windows, foundations, and other historic building elements.

To learn more, visit: acd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants

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Historic Barn Preservation Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Early November**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, this program offers competitive 50/50 matching grants to assist owners, whether public or private, with the repair of historic agricultural buildings. Annually, grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded to repair and restore barns, corn cribs, silos, etc. for roofs, structural elements, windows, foundations, cupolas and historic building elements.

To learn more, visit: acd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/barn-grants

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Facilities

Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Sept 10th**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services, this program provides competitive grants to municipalities and non-profits for capital projects in human services and health care, or for the development of educational opportunities. With a 1:1 match, grants of up to \$25,000 are awarded as last gap funding for permitted, shovel-ready projects.

To learn more, visit: bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants

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Recreational Facilities Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Sept 10th**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services, this program provides competitive grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations for capital costs associated with the development and creation of recreational opportunities that demonstrate strong community support. With a 1:1 match, grants of up to \$25,000 are awarded as last gap funding for permitted, shovel-ready projects.

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Regional Economic Development Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **Sept 10th**

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Administered by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services, this program is open to municipalities and non-profit organizations for capital costs associated with the development of facilities reasonably expected to create or retain job opportunities in Vermont communities. Projects must promote financial engagement in either an individual community or recognized community service area. With a 1:1 match, grants of up to \$25,000 are awarded as last gap funding for permitted, shovel-ready projects.

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