
FY 26-27 Capital Bill Request Building and General Services

Section 5: Building Communities Grants

*Vermont Department of Buildings and
General Services*

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Building Communities Grants

The Department of Buildings and General Services administers the following grants:

- Recreational Facilities Grants
- Human Services & Educational Facilities Grants
- Regional Economic Development Grant Program

Applications for these grants are issued on an annual basis in the Fall of each year. Awarded grantees can receive up to \$25,000 and have two years to complete their project. Funding decisions are made by individual committees for each program established in Title 24 V.S.A. Chapter 137 and are based on factors such as community support and fundraising, matching funds from their bottom line, investments, or other grants, and the ability to begin the project once awarded. In FY 2025, a total of 114 applications were received across the four grant categories and totaled \$1,812,052.64 in grant funds.

Applicants must be a non-profit organization, regional economic development organization, or municipalities, and match funding is required.

Recreational Facilities Grants

The Recreational Facilities Grants Program provides competitive grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to stimulate the creation and development of recreational opportunities in Vermont communities.

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FY2026: \$250,000

FY2027: \$250,000

Rec. Facilities Fiscal Year	# of Grant Applications	# of Grants Awarded	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Money Appropriated
FY 2025	24	18	\$409,674.27	\$300,000
FY 2024	34	27	\$582,560.55	\$300,000
FY 2023	32	25	\$517,081.65	\$300,000
FY 2022	47	31	\$671,801.65	\$300,000
FY 2021	28	21	\$415,685.47	\$200,000
FY 2020	32	23	\$449,838.21	\$200,000
FY 2019	41	21	\$663,877.68	\$200,000
FY 2018	37	19	\$630,109.00	\$200,000
FY 2017	31	20	\$457,891.41	\$200,000
FY 2016	36	23	\$515,701.32	\$200,000

Examples of FY 25 funded projects

Town of Brandon: \$12,500 awarded to acquire a .79 acre parcel to establish a dog park

Town of Johnson: \$6,425 awarded to create a welcome center at the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

Burlington: \$25,000 to create a roller rink at Leddy Park

Town of Bennington: \$20,000 to create a large concrete bowl addition to the proposed skate park



Human Services & Educational Facilities Grants

Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants Program provides competitive grants to municipalities and to non-profit organizations for capital costs associated with the major maintenance, and renovation or development of facilities for the delivery of human services and health care needs in Vermont communities.

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Educational Facilities	Human Services
FY2026: \$150,000	FY2026: \$150,000
FY2027: \$150,000	FY2027: \$150,000

Education Fiscal Year	# of Grant Applications	# of Grants Awarded	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Money Appropriated
FY 2025	14	12	\$244,963.00	\$150,000
FY 2024	26	17	\$499,894.84	\$150,000
FY 2023	21	14	\$329,072.08	\$150,000
FY 2022	16	15	\$249,751.60	\$150,000
FY 2021	15	14	\$281,972.63	\$100,000
FY 2020	13	11	\$206,679.45	\$100,000
FY 2019	16	7	\$273,150.00	\$100,000
FY 2018	12	9	\$193,287.00	\$100,000
FY 2017	12	8	\$198,158.00	\$100,000
FY 2016	15	11	\$255,200.00	\$100,000

Human Services Fiscal Year	# of Grant Applications	# of Grants Awarded	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Money Appropriated
FY 2025	25	18	\$419,066.87	\$150,000
FY 2024	21	19	\$275,524.81	\$150,000
FY 2023	25	14	\$403,338.95	\$150,000
FY 2022	19	12	\$309,714.50	\$150,000
FY 2021	27	11	\$458,121.27	\$100,000
FY 2020	19	11	\$335,478.00	\$100,000
FY 2019	16	10	\$260,669.90	\$100,000
FY 2018	19	10	\$315,260.56	\$100,000
FY 2017	13	8	\$255,910.00	\$100,000
FY 2016	15	11	\$301,364.00	\$100,000

Examples of FY 25 funded projects

Windham County; Neighborhood Connections Inc: \$8,985 awarded to Kitchen Renovation to bring the kitchen into compliance with industry food safety standards

Windsor County; Springfield Hospital: \$10,000 awarded to replace elevator cables for safe use and ADA accessibility compliance

Addison County; Vermont Foodbank: \$15,688 awarded to provide last-gap funding for renovations of the Rutland facility - installing a commercial grade freezer



Regional Economic Development Grant Program

The Regional Economic Development Grant program provides competitive grants for capital costs associated with major maintenance, renovation, or planning related to the development of facilities reasonably expected to create job opportunities in Vermont communities. Projects must promote financial engagement in either an individual community or recognized community service area.

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FY2026: \$250,000

FY2027: \$250,000

Reg. Econ Dev Fiscal Year	# of Grant Applications	# of Grants Awarded	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Money Appropriated
FY 2025	45	27	\$854,212.26	\$300,000
FY 2024	31	28	\$547,623.85	\$300,000
FY 2023	35	28	\$761,525.07	\$300,000
FY 2022	27	22	\$602,632.39	\$300,000
FY 2021	29	20	\$566,488.68	\$200,000
FY 2020	22	15	\$409,902.50	\$200,000
FY 2019	18	13	\$435,032.00	\$200,000
FY 2018	13	12	\$288,500.00	\$200,000
FY 2017	9	8	\$192,141.00	\$200,000
FY 2016	20	13	\$434,625.00	\$200,000

Examples of FY 25 funded projects

Franklin County; on behalf of Red House Sweets: \$7,500 awarded to Add second/larger oven and hood to increase capacity to meet customer demand and improve entryway flooring.

Rutland County; on behalf of Ana's Empandas: \$11,961 awarded to Purchase commercial kitchen equipment for new retail location in Downtown Rutland.

Washington County; on behalf of Meadow Mart: \$4,600 awarded to purchase and install dedicated produce cooler.

