

# FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN VERMONT

## Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

June 2017

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Many funding sources require an applicant to provide money or in-kind time or services to match a grant. Refer to the funding source for specific information on matching requirements.

### 1. Community Development Block Grant Program - Accessibility Modification Grants

Federal grants for projects that bring existing municipal buildings that serve a municipal function and community non-school libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- Range: \$5,000 - \$75,000
- Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal buildings only
- Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year
- Contact: Department of Housing & Community Development,  
One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501  
Telephone: (802) 828-5201  
E-mail: [cindy.blondin@vermont.gov](mailto:cindy.blondin@vermont.gov)
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/>

### 2. Community Development Block Grant Program -Implementation Grants

Federal grants for projects that involve economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services that will have direct benefit for persons of low and moderate incomes, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need. Projects supporting normal municipal functions are not eligible. Projects in municipal facilities are eligible if they meet the benefit requirement.

- Range: \$50,000 minimum - \$300,000 or \$1,000,000 maximum \$300,000 maximum for community public facility projects (i.e., community centers, senior centers, day care centers, etc.) and public services projects.
- Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit

- Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year
- Contact: Department of Housing & Community Development  
 One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501  
 Telephone: (802) 828-5201  
 E-mail: [cindy.blondin@vermont.gov](mailto:cindy.blondin@vermont.gov)
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/>

### **3. Community Development Block Grant Program - Planning Grants**

Federal grants for community development planning, downtown planning studies, project development planning for individual buildings. Projects must potentially benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

- Range: \$3,000 minimum – \$30,000 or \$40,000 maximum – Maximum of \$30,000 for single municipality planning grants; \$40,000 maximum allowed for regional applications
- Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit
- Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year
- Contact: Department of Housing & Community Development  
 One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501  
 Telephone: (802) 828-5201  
 E-mail: [cindy.blondin@vermont.gov](mailto:cindy.blondin@vermont.gov)
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/>

### **4. Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)**

The Conservation Assessment Program provides a general conservation assessment of a museum's collections, environmental conditions and sites, including historic buildings. Conservation priorities are identified by professional conservators who spend two days onsite and three days preparing a report. CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

- Range: Allocation range is from \$3,500 to \$3,900 and supports professional fees for a conservator (and preservation architect, if applicable) and travel costs up to museum’s allocated amount.

- Eligibility: Non-profit or public museums open at least 90 days/year with at least one full-time paid or volunteer staff person or equivalent
- Deadline: The 2018 applications will be available in the fall of 2017. Please visit the website for more information.
- Contact: Heritage Preservation, 1012 14th St., N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.  
Telephone: (202)750-3346  
E-mail: [cap@conservation-us.org](mailto:cap@conservation-us.org)
- Internet: <http://www.conservation-us.org/grants/cap>

### **5. Internal Revenue Service - Disabled Access Tax Credit**

Federal tax credit of 50% of eligible access expenditures (architectural adaptations, equipment purchase and services like sign language interpreters) that exceed \$250 but do not exceed \$10,000. IRS Form 8826.

- Range: Up to \$5,000
- Eligibility: Small businesses with under \$1 million in revenues or 30 or fewer full-time employees (Note that the credit cannot be used for the costs of new construction. It can be used only for adaptations to existing facilities.)
- Deadlines: File at end of tax year
- Contact: Internal Revenue Service
- Internet: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8826.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8826.pdf)

### **6. Lake Champlain Basin Program - Grants**

Federal grants to support local community involvement in the implementation of the comprehensive management plan, <http://plan.lcbp.org/>

- Range: Call for current availability
- Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, schools, and informal citizen groups, businesses and organizations under the auspices of the former. Projects must be located within the Lake Champlain Basin.
- Deadlines: Call for current availability.
- Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458

Telephone: (802) 372-3213

- Internet: <http://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/available-grants/>

## **7. National Endowment for the Humanities - Preservation and Access: Education and Training**

These grants support education and training programs on the preservation and management, as well as creation of intellectual access to library, archival and material culture collections. Educational programs that meet national or regional needs may focus on disaster preparedness and response; collections care training; graduate programs in preservation and conservation; skills and knowledge required to provide or enhance intellectual access to humanities collections; and preservation field services that serve a multi-state region and provide surveys, consultations, workshops, reference services, and informational materials to the staff of institutions responsible for the care of humanities collections.

- Deadline: Check website below for announcements concerning this grant program
- Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Telephone: (202) 606-8570

E-mail: [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

- Internet: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training>

## **8. National Endowment for the Humanities - Preservation Access: Humanities Collections and References Resources Grants**

This grant program addresses the possibilities presented by advances in digital technology to ensure that significant collections are preserved and available for research, education, or public programming in the humanities. Applications may be submitted for the following activities: digitizing collections, arranging and describing archival and manuscript collections, cataloging collections of printed works, photographs, recorded sound, moving image, art, and material culture, preservation reformatting, deacidification of collections, and preserving and improving access to humanities resources in “born digital” form. Applicants may combine preservation and access activities within a single project or concentrate either on preserving or providing intellectual access to collections and humanities content. Projects to digitize collections may focus on the holdings of a single repository or multiple repositories. All digitization projects should be designed to facilitate sharing and exchange of humanities information.

- Range: Awards range from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$350,000 for a two-year period
- Eligibility: Any U.S. non-profit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments.
- Deadline: July 20, 2017 for Projects Beginning May 2018.
- Contacts: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Telephone: (202) 606-8570

- Internet: [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collections\\_and\\_Resources.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collections_and_Resources.html)

### **9. National Endowment for the Humanities - Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

Grants are available to small and mid-size institutions to enhance their capacity to care for humanities collections. Grants can be used for preservation assessments, consultations with preservation professionals to address a specific preservation problem or to create a disaster response plan, attendance at preservation workshops, and the purchase of basic storage supplies or equipment.

- Range: Grants up to \$6,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2018 for Projects Beginning January 2019.
- Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Telephone: (202) 606-8570

E-mail: [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

- Internet: <https://www.neh.gov/grants>

### **10. National Endowment for the Humanities - Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**

This grant program focuses on preserving humanities collections. Grants support planning and implementing preventive conservation measures, which typically include managing relative humidity and temperature levels in collection spaces, providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections, and safe guarding collections from theft and fire. This program encourages sustainable preservation strategies, which are based on an understanding of the materials in collections, the performance of the building systems, the nature of the climate, the economic cost, and the impact on the environment.

New application guidelines for are available on the NEH website

Current application guidelines are available at [www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation)

All applications to the NEH must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov, the government-wide grants portal.

- Deadline: December 5, 2017 for Projects Beginning October 2018
- Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities

Telephone: (202) 606-8570

E-mail: [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

- Internet: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections>

## **11. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Battlefield Preservation Fund**

Battlefield Preservation Fund grants serve as a catalyst to stimulate efforts to preserve battlefields, view sheds, and related historic structures and to leverage fund-raising activities. Typical uses of grants from the fund include legal and research fees to mitigate development threats, fundraising and media plans, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, archeological studies, landscape research and planning, view shed protection, easement planning, and interpretation and heritage education activities.

- Range: Grants require a one-to-one cash match with a maximum award of \$10,000.
- Eligibility: Battlefields associated with the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the French and Indian Wars, and other battles fought in the United States - Priority will be given to those that have limited access to other specialized battlefield funding programs.
- Deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1
- Contact: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org) (202) 588-6277
- Internet: [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)
- Funding: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

## **12. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors**

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors provides non-profit organizations and public agencies grants to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional expertise, print and video communications materials, and education programs. Acquisition and construction/rehabilitation projects are ineligible.

- Range: \$2,500 - \$15,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis
- Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations. For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL.
- Deadlines: Applications due March 2018. Successful applicants will be notified on July 1, 2018.
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available at the website.

Telephone: (202) 588-6277

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- Internet: [forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund](http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund)

### **13. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Emergency Intervention Funding**

Intervention funding from the National Trust is awarded in emergencies when immediate and unanticipated work is needed to save a historic structure, such as when a fire or other natural disaster strikes. Funding is restricted to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Emergency grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, but unlike the majority of our grant funding, a cash match is not required for intervention projects. Please note: Emergency funding is limited.

- Eligibility: Starting in 2012, only members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program.
- Deadlines: NA
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available on the website.

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- Internet: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

### **14. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Hart Family Fund for Small Towns**

Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to assist small town preservation and revitalization initiatives around the country. It provides preservation planning and education grants to projects taking place in communities of fewer than 5,000 people. This award may be used for community revitalization, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, architectural planning, landscape research and planning, development of heritage education programs, and co-sponsorship of workshops or conferences.

- Range: \$2,500 - \$5,000
- Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies - Starting in 2012, only members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program.
- Deadlines: Applications are due May of each year.
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available on the website.

Telephone: (202) 588-6277

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- Internet: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

### **15. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Johanna Favrot Fund**

The Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs.

- Range: \$2,500 - \$10,000
- Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations. For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL. - Starting in 2012, only members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program.
- Deadlines: Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available at the website.

Telephone: (202) 588-6277

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- **Internet:** <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

### **16. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund**

The Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund helps build the capacity of existing non-profit preservation organizations and encourages collaboration among these organizations by providing grants for mentoring and other peer-to-peer and direct organizational development and learning opportunities. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations to fulfill their mission and to create a stronger, more effective preservation movement. Grants from the leadership fund reimburse travel costs and provide an honorarium for the mentor up to a maximum total of \$1,500. For more information on the fund check the website.

- Eligibility: Starting in 2012, only members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program.
- Deadlines: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available at the website.

Telephone: (202) 588-6277

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- Internet: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

### **17. National Trust for Historic Preservation - Preservation Fund**

The National Trust Preservation Fund includes funds that provide two types of assistance to non-profit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts, and 2) intervention funds for preservation emergencies. Matching grant funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as to provide preservation education activities to educate the public.

- Range: \$500 - \$5,000 (average \$500 - \$1,500)
- Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies. Starting in 2012, only members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street levels are eligible to apply for funding from the National Trust Preservation Fund grant program.
- Deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1
- Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available at the website.

Telephone: (202) 588-6277

Email: [grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)

- Internet: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

### **18. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Barn Grants**

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has a grant program to help with condition assessments for historic barns generously funded by the Birdseye Foundation. Planning grants are available to offset the cost of a qualified contractor to evaluate the condition of an historic barn and make recommendations for its care. The consultant will prepare a report that prioritizes repairs and gives cost estimates.

- Range: The condition assessments cost is \$500, of which a grant from the Preservation Trust pays half.
- Eligibility: Owners of historic barns
- Deadline: Ongoing
- Contact: Eric Gilbertson, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401

Telephone: (802) 658-6647

Email: [paul@ptvermont.org](mailto:paul@ptvermont.org)

- Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

### **19. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Preservation Grants**

A partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation Preservation Grants are available to non-profit organizations and municipalities for rehabilitating historic buildings in the Northeast Kingdom. These grants have helped local groups save and use a variety of special places. A list of recipients is available on The Preservation Trust website. Eligible projects must have strong community support as demonstrated by volunteer and fundraising efforts.

- Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000. Average \$10,000 - \$30,000
- Eligibility: Communities and non-profit organizations
- Deadlines: Ongoing
- Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401  
Telephone: (802) 658-6647. Email [paul@ptvermont.org](mailto:paul@ptvermont.org); or  
Lisa Ryan, Telephone (802) 917-2994, Email: [lisa@ptvermont.org](mailto:lisa@ptvermont.org); or,  
Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543, Email: [eric@ptvermont.org](mailto:eric@ptvermont.org)
- Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

### **20. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants**

Matching grants up to \$500 are available to municipalities and community organizations for hiring consultants to provide technical assistance for preservation projects. Eligible activities may include hiring a preservation architect or contractor to do building condition assessments, organizational development, project planning, fundraising consultation, feasibility assessments, and other project development activities.

- Range: \$250 for a building assessment, up to \$500 for other activities  
Eligibility: Local organizations and municipalities
- Deadlines: Ongoing
- Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401  
Telephone: (802) 658-6647. Email [paul@ptvermont.org](mailto:paul@ptvermont.org); or  
Lisa Ryan, Telephone (802) 917-2994, Email: [lisa@ptvermont.org](mailto:lisa@ptvermont.org); or,  
Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543, Email: [eric@ptvermont.org](mailto:eric@ptvermont.org)
- Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

## **21. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Other Grants**

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has offered occasional grants through the generosity of funding partners. Please visit their website for a current listing of available grant opportunities.

- Deadlines: Ongoing
- Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401  
Telephone: (802) 658-6647. Email [paul@ptvermont.org](mailto:paul@ptvermont.org)
- Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

## **22. Society for Industrial Archeology Grants**

The Society for Industrial Archeology offers grants for the study, documentation, recordation, and/or preservation of significant historic industrial sites, structures, and objects. Contributions of in-kind services, as well as cash resources from the sponsoring and co-sponsoring agencies may qualify for matching purposes. Funds may be used for a range of projects including, but not limited to increasing public awareness of preservation efforts, photography, and videography, preparing inventories, and developing measured drawings of extant significant industrial sites, structures, maritime facilities and industrial artifacts. Grant recipients must agree to prepare a written summary of their project suitable for publication in either the SIA Newsletter and/or for *Industrial Archeology*, the Society's scholarly journal.

- Range: \$1,000 - \$3,000
- Eligibility: Qualified individuals, independent scholars, non-profit organizations and academic institutions. Participation from state, county or local history organizations is encouraged, although such groups do not necessarily need to be a sponsoring agency.
- Deadlines: Applications are accepted on March 31 of each year.
- Contact: Society for Industrial Archeology, Department of Social Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931

E-mail: [sia@mtu.edu](mailto:sia@mtu.edu)

## **23. The 1772 Foundation - Historic Preservation Revolving Funds**

The 1772 Foundation grant funding is available for historic preservation revolving funds throughout the United States. The foundation will consider requests for the following:

1. Feasibility Studies for establishing preservation organizations who are considering starting a revolving fund
2. Grants to increase the capacity of existing revolving funds
3. The production of educational materials/toolkits for expanding knowledge of real estate based resources and legal tools for historic preservation
4. Regional convening of revolving fund practitioners
  - Eligibility: Organizations must have a 501c3 designation
  - Deadline: Check website for Applications and Deadlines: <http://www.1772foundation.org>
  - Contact: Mary Anthony

Email: [maryanthony@1772foundation.org](mailto:maryanthony@1772foundation.org)

#### **24. The 1772 Foundation - Northeast Land Trusts engaged in Farmland Protection**

The 1772 Foundation has funding available for land trusts who meet the following criteria:

1. Have a primary interest in farming protection
2. Protect Farmland within a 100-mile radius of Boston or New York City
3. Have adopted the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices
4. The Foundation will consider the following types of funding:
  - a. Grants for capacity building, such as membership building, planned giving programs and training.
  - b. Grants for internal revolving loan funds to cover transaction costs.
  - c. Grants for Farmland Protection

Not all letters of inquiry will result in an invitation to submit a full application; we are not able to respond to all inquiries due to the volume we receive.

- Eligibility: Organizations must have a 501c3 designation, and have matching funds
- Deadline: Check website for Applications and Deadlines
- Contact: Mary Anthony

Email: [maryanthony@1772foundation.org](mailto:maryanthony@1772foundation.org)

- Internet: <http://www.1772foundation.org>

## **25. Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund**

Grants for river restoration work, wetland protection and restoration, and shoreline protection in the Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River.

- Range: Express Grants up to \$5,000 and Community Impact Grants of more than \$5,000.
- Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, community organizations, educational institutions, and federal, state and local government agencies
- Deadlines: Invited applications only: February 9, 2018. Concept paper deadline January 5, 2018.
- Contact: Kevin Peterson, Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation-Upper Valley Region, 16 Buck Rd., Hanover, NH 03755

Telephone: (603) 653-0387 Ext 1270

E-mail: [kp@nhcf.org](mailto:kp@nhcf.org)

- Internet: <http://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-grant/upper-connecticut-river-mitigation-and-enhancement-fund/>

## **26. USDA Rural Development - Community Facility Loans and Grants**

USDA Rural Development, Community Facility Program, can assist rural communities (municipalities) and community-based non-profit organizations to develop or improve essential public community facilities, such as Police or Fire Stations, Fire Trucks, Rescue Vehicles, Theaters, Museums, Community Centers, Senior Centers, Youth Centers, Municipal Buildings, Libraries, Educational Facilities, Rehabilitation Centers, Assisted Living Facilities, Ambulatory Care Centers, Nursing Homes, Health Clinics, Communications Centers, Child and Adult Care Centers. Funding assistance provided with low interest fixed rate, long-term loans. In some cases, matching grants may be available. Do not undertake any construction prior to application.

- Eligibility: Non-profit corporations and public bodies serving communities of less than 20,000 population
- Deadlines: Ongoing, but contact appropriate Rural Development office early in project development.
- Contact: USDA Rural Development
- Internet: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

## **27. USDA Rural Development - Rural Business Enterprise Grants**

Federal grants to support the development of small and emerging businesses statewide in Vermont. Funds are used for the financing or development of a small and emerging business. Eligible uses are Technical assistance (providing assistance for marketing studies, feasibility studies, business plans, training, etc.) to small and emerging businesses; purchasing machinery and equipment to lease to a small and emerging business; creating a revolving

loan fund (providing partial funding as a loan to a small and emerging business for the purchase of equipment, working capital, or real estate); or constructing a building for a business incubator for small and emerging businesses.

- Range: Typically under \$100,000
- Eligibility: Public bodies and private non-profits
- Deadlines: Varies year to year – Contact the office for current dates.
- Contact: Susan Poland, Business Programs Specialist, Montpelier State Office, 87 State Street, Suite 324, PO Box 249, Montpelier, VT 05601  
Telephone: (802) 828-6002  
E-mail: [susan.poland@vt.usda.gov](mailto:susan.poland@vt.usda.gov)
- Internet: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants)

## **28. Vermont Agency of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program**

Grants for the TA program include Federal reimbursement for projects that improve multi-modal transportation facilities in the areas of bike and pedestrian paths, lighting and safety enhancements, traffic calming techniques, scenic viewing areas, pollution prevention and abatement, conversion and use of abandoned rail corridors, Safe Routes to School (per SAFETEA-LU, Section 1404), and preservation of historic transportation facilities. Applicants can apply for scoping or design/construction grants. Projects awarded these grants will be developed according to the Vermont Agency of Transportation – Local Transportation Facility project development process.

- Range: \$10,000 to approximately \$300,000; 80:20 match required
- Eligibility: Local, state, and federal governments, school districts, and Regional Planning Commissions, state and federal natural resource or public land agencies, and transit agencies
- Deadlines: Pending approval of the program schedule, solicitations for 2018 will go out in the summer of 2017 and applications will be due in the fall. In order to qualify, applicants must attend a mandatory training session in late summer / early fall (dates to be determined) to learn the details of the grant program. Funding Announcements will be presented in the winter of 2017. A complete schedule will be posted on the website below.
- Contact: Scott Robertson, Transportation Alternatives Program Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Transportation – Local Transportation Facilities, One National Life Drive, Floor 4, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001.  
  
Telephone: (802) 828-5799  
  
E-mail: [Scott.robertson@vermont.gov](mailto:Scott.robertson@vermont.gov)
- Internet: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>

### **29. Vermont Arts Council - Cultural Facilities Grant Program**

The cultural facilities grant program is administered by the Vermont Arts Council in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The purpose of the program is to enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming. The program awards grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to make improvements to community facilities that provide cultural activities for the public.

- Range: \$1,000 - \$30,000 and require a 1:1 match
- Deadline: Check website for application dates
- Contact: Michele Bailey, Program Director, ADA Coordinator. Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001

Telephone: (802) 828-3294

Email: [mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org)

- Internet: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org)

### **30. Vermont Community Foundation**

The Vermont Community Foundation administers a number of grant funds, some statewide and some available only to certain towns or regions. Some of the programs include historic preservation projects as eligible activities or special and urgent needs competitive grants – i.e. **Community Fund Grant Rounds** and the **Walter Cerf Community Fund**. Grant range, eligibility requirements, and deadlines vary by program. Consult the full listing of the Foundation's grant programs online.

- Deadline: Check website for various program application dates
- Contact: The Vermont Community Foundation, 3 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753

Telephone: (802)-388-3355

E-mail: [info@vermontcf.org](mailto:info@vermontcf.org)

- Internet: <http://www.vermontcf.org/nonprofitsgrants/availablegrants.aspx>

### **31. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation - Vermont Watershed Grants**

Funded from proceeds from the sale of Vermont Conservation License Plates, these grants are awarded by the Agency of Natural Resources to projects that are watershed related and can include monitoring, education, conservation, recreation, and/or the identification and protection of historic and cultural resources.

- Range: Up to \$15,000
- Eligibility: Municipalities, local or regional governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups
- Deadlines: The application period opens in October and closes in late November; funding decisions are made in February.
- Contact: Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620, Montpelier, Vermont

Telephone: (802) 828-1535

- Internet: <http://www.dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants/watershed-grants>

### **32. Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation - Vermont Recreation Trails Program**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) and the Federal Highway Administration. RTP is a federal assistance program of the Federal Highway Administration with funds available to municipalities and non-profit organizations through grants to help develop and maintain recreational trails, trailside amenities & trailhead facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Requires 20% match.

- Range: Varies
- Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations
- Deadlines: Grant deadline is February 1, 2018
- Contact: Sherry Smecker Winnie, RTP Administrator

Telephone: (802) 760-8450

E-mail: [sherry.winnie@vermont.gov](mailto:sherry.winnie@vermont.gov)

### **33. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Downtown Program / Downtown Transportation Fund**

Grants are available to municipalities with a Designated Downtown District. Applications are reviewed by the Downtown Development Board and finance eligible transportation-related capital improvements in support of economic development, within or serving the downtown district. Eligible projects include but are not limited to, construction or alteration of roads and highways, parking facilities, pedestrian and streetscape improvement, rail or bus facilities or equipment, and underground relocation of electric utility, cable and telecommunications lines.

Operating costs are not eligible under this fund. Awards made by the Board include grants, not to exceed 50% of the overall project cost, loans, and loan guarantees.

- Range: Maximum award is \$100,000 in any fiscal year
- Eligibility: Municipalities with Designated Downtown District
- Deadlines: Annually every January
- Contact: Gary Holloway or Annina Seiler, Vermont Downtown Program, Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

E-mail: [gary.holloway@svermont.gov](mailto:gary.holloway@svermont.gov) or [annina.seiler@vermont.gov](mailto:annina.seiler@vermont.gov)

Telephone: (802) 828-3220

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund>

#### **34. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit**

State investment tax credit for qualified historic rehabilitation, façade and code upgrades for properties located within Vermont's Designated Downtowns and Village Centers. Private homes, religious entities and municipalities are not eligible.

- Range: 10% - 50% of eligible expenditures
- Eligibility: Properties within Designated Downtown or Village Center
- Deadline: July 1, 2017
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-3047

E-mail: [Caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:Caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

#### **35. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Municipal Planning Grant Program**

Grants for municipal land use plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, designated downtown and village planning, and planning for flood resilience

- Range: \$1,500 - \$20,000 (Consortia applications from more than one municipality may apply for up to \$35,000)
- Eligibility: Municipalities with adopted plans confirmed by their regional planning commission (Municipalities without confirmed town plans may also apply for funding for the writing of a town plan in order to gain RPC confirmation)
- Deadline: September 2017; see website for details
- Contact: Annina Seiler, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-1948

E-mail: [annina.seiler@vermont.gov](mailto:annina.seiler@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

### **36. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Vermont Downtown Program / Downtown Designation**

This downtown revitalization and economic development program utilizes historic preservation as a strategy. The program provides technical assistance and some benefits for public improvements and rehabilitation of income-producing buildings (and some in non-profit ownership) in downtowns that have achieved designation as "downtown development districts." To qualify, communities must meet certain requirements including having a local organization whose mission is long-term downtown revitalization. The Vermont Program is modeled after the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Main Street <sup>TM</sup>" 4-point approach to downtown revitalization and development.

- Range: Among the financial benefits are: three different state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements to older and historic income-producing buildings, grants to municipalities up to \$100,000 for capital transportation projects; and reallocation of sales tax on construction materials for approved downtown building projects.
- Eligibility: Designated Downtowns also receive priority consideration for all state programs administering state or federal funding or other aid. Designated communities are eligible for technical assistance visits by the Vermont Downtown Program staff to assist in a variety of activities including fundraising, marketing, promotion, branding, and economic development strategies to assist in the development and sustainability of the community's comprehensive downtown revitalization program.
- Contact: Gary Holloway, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone (802) 828-3220

E-mail [gary.holloway@vermont.gov](mailto:gary.holloway@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/downtowns>

### **37. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Village Center Designation Program**

This Vermont Village Center Designation Program recognizes and supports local revitalization efforts across the state with dedicated staff and funding to help designated Municipalities build and foster strong communities. Once a village is designated, the community receives priority consideration for state grants (MPG, VCDP) and other resources.

- Eligibility: Commercial property owners are eligible for tax credits to support building improvements. To check your community's eligibility or view the application requirements, please review the program's application guidelines.
- Contact: Richard Amore, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone (802) 828-5229

E-mail: [richard.amore@vermont.gov](mailto:richard.amore@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/village-centers>

### **38. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Certified Local Government Program**

Grants are for resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, building feasibility studies.

- Range: \$500 - \$25,000
- Eligibility: Municipalities that are Certified Local Governments through the Division for Historic Preservation.
- Deadlines: Applications available October 16, 2017; Grant deadline December 18, 2017
- Contact: Devin Colman, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, One National Life Drive, 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-3043

Email: [devin.colman@vermont.gov](mailto:devin.colman@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/clg-grants>

### **39. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Historic Preservation Grants**

State 50:50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic buildings listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in Vermont. Details on website. Applications are available in late July. There is one grant round per year.

- Range: \$1,000 - \$20,000
- Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations
- Deadline: October 2, 2017
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, One National Life Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-3047

Email: [Caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:Caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants>

### **40. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC)**

Federal investment tax credit for 20% of the rehabilitation costs (including labor, materials and architects or other consultant fees) for income-producing buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The tax credit may apply to properties such as a retail store, office building, apartment building or vacation rental. Private homes are not eligible for the credit.

- Range: 20% of eligible expenditures
- Eligibility: Owners of income-producing historic buildings
- Deadline: File application before construction. File for approved credit at end of tax year
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive - 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-3047

E-mail: [caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

### **41. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Vermont Barn Preservation Grants**

State 50:50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic agricultural buildings listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in Vermont. Details on website. Applications available in late July. There is one grant round per year.

- Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000
- Eligibility: Private individuals, Municipalities and non-profit organizations.
- Deadline: November 6, 2017
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, One National Life Drive--6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Telephone: (802) 828-3047

E-mail: [caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov](mailto:caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov)

- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/barn-grants>

#### **42. Vermont Housing and Conservation Board**

VHCB offers business planning and technical assistance services to Vermont farmers through the Vermont Farm Viability Enhancement Program. VHCB projects in the early stages of development are eligible for Feasibility Grants of up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of appraisals, options, engineering and environmental studies, or other predevelopment costs. Grants and loans are also available for the conservation of agricultural and recreational land, natural areas, historic resources, archeological sites, and for the development of housing for low and moderate-income households. Conservation/historic preservation projects may involve fee simple acquisition, purchase of conservation easements and rehabilitation. Historic buildings must be recognized to have outstanding local or regional significance, be listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, owned by a municipality or eligible non-profit, and be regularly used by the public.

- Range: Up to \$150,000 – for resources considered “Local Conservation for historic/archeological resources, natural areas, or recreational lands, and up to \$215,000 for agricultural land conservation; State-wide non-farm projects are not limited by policy, but historic properties are not typically funded above \$100,000. Statewide agricultural conservation is funded up to \$500,000 per application (\$3,500 per acre) and involves a pre-application approval process. Feasibility grants are considered on an ongoing basis by VHCB staff.
- Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and certain state agencies
- Deadlines: Multiple cycles per year, please see website for details
- Contact: Karen Freeman, Conservation Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, 58 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602-

Telephone: (802) 828-5067

E-mail: [kfreeman@vhcb.org](mailto:kfreeman@vhcb.org)

- Internet: [www.vhcb.org](http://www.vhcb.org)

### **43. Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) Grants**

Grants are for restoration of abandoned or neglected cemeteries. Projects that include local volunteers are highly encouraged and if only volunteer labor is used, no match is required. VOCA may also provide technical assistance on restoration projects.

- Range: Up to \$750.00, occasionally more
- Eligibility: Individuals and groups interested in cemetery preservation
- Deadlines: Applications must be in by May 15 for approval that year
- Contact: Request application from Thomas Giffin, VOCA President, 61 East Washington Street, Rutland, VT 05701

Telephone: (802) 881-2754

E-mail: [dleary123@yahoo.com](mailto:dleary123@yahoo.com)

- Internet: <http://www.voca58.org/grants>