

FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN VERMONT

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

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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 Grant (AM)

Provides funding for projects that bring existing non-school community libraries (do not have to be municipally owned) and existing municipally owned buildings that serve a municipal function into full compliance with state and federal accessibility requirements (Vermont Access Board and Americans with Disabilities Act).

- Range: \$5,000 - \$100,000 (A 10% match of cash or cash-in-kind goods or services is required for all grants)
- Eligibility: Non-municipally owned community libraries and municipal buildings only; first-come/first-serve basis; new construction is not eligible.
- 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) 828-5219
E-mail: cindy.blondin@vermont.gov
- Internet: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

2. Community Development Block Grant Program -Implementation Grants

Provides funding for economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services, in support of economic development or housing that will result in direct benefit to persons of low- and moderate-income, will eliminate slums or blight, or will address a community's 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 - \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 maximum (10% match required)
- The \$500,000 maximum is applicable ONLY to applications for community public facilities projects (i.e., community centers, senior centers, day care centers) and public service projects. If you have any question on whether the project under consideration is subject to the \$500,000 cap, be sure to obtain

clarification from a **CD Specialist**.

- 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
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3. Community Development Block Grant Program -Implementation Grants: Brownfields

Provides funding for remediation and reuse of brownfield site(s).

- Range: \$200,000 to \$1,250,000 for all phases.
- Eligibility: Only available for projects with clear commitment to reoccupy and reuse the subject property, if the project is not eligible or appropriate for the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund or any other federal state brownfield funds.
- Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year
- Contact: Department of Housing & Community Development
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Telephone: (802) 828-5219
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4. Community Development Block Grant Program -Implementation Grants: Home Access

Provides funding for to make owner-occupied homes accessible for people with disabilities.

- Range: \$5,000 minimum - \$100,000 (10% match required)
- Eligibility: Must be in partnership with the Vermont Center for Independent Living. Applications must address Homes Access needs not already addressed or funded by other organizations.
- 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) 828-5219
E-mail: cindy.blondin@vermont.gov
- Internet: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

5. Community Development Block Grant Program -Implementation Grants: Disaster Assistance

Provides funding to assist municipalities and residents who are victims of damage caused by floods, earthquakes, or other disaster that have been declared a state of emergency by the Governor of Vermont.

- Eligibility: Funds cannot be used in lieu of other federal or state funds available to assist with disaster assistance.
- 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) 828-5219
E-mail: cindy.blondin@vermont.gov
- Internet: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

6. Community Development Block Grant Program - Planning Grants

Federal grants for community development planning activities and/or pre-development activities in preparation for implementing a project in one or more of the program areas (housing, economic development, public facilities, or public service). Funds allow communities access to the technical expertise and professional resources needed to test ideas, propose strategies, develop plans, establish policies and procedures, and conduct organizational activities.

- Range: \$3,000 minimum – \$60,000 maximum (10% match required)
- Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit. Active planning grants will bear on the competitiveness of new applications.
- 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) 828-5219
E-mail: cindy.blondin@vermont.gov
- Internet: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

7. Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)

The Conservation Assessment Program provides small and mid-sized museums with partial funding toward a general conservation assessment. The assessment is a study of all the collections, buildings, and building systems, as well as its policies and procedures relating to collections care. Funding is supported through a cooperative

agreement between the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

- Range: Allocation range 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:
 - Unit of state/local/tribal government or private nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.
 - It must be located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau.
 - Organized on a permanent basis for educational or aesthetic purposes; must own tangible objects and make them available to the public through exhibition and/or research on a regular basis.
 - Must employ at least one full-time person who is responsible for relating the institution's governance, administration, programming, and collections management.
 - It must be possible for assessors to review all its collections and facilities in a two-day site visit.
- Deadline: Please visit the website for information.
- Contact: American Institute for Conservation/Foundation for Advancement in Conservation
727 15th St., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.
E-mail: cap@culturalheritage.org
- Internet: <https://www.culturalheritage.org/resources/collections-care/cap>

8. Internal Revenue Service - Disabled Access Tax Credit

Federal tax credit of 50% of eligible access expenditures (architectural adaptations, equipment purchases 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 \$1,000,000 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

9. Lake Champlain Basin Program – Opportunities for Action Grants and Champlain Valle National Heritage Partnership Grants

Funding to support projects that improve knowledge of the Lake Champlain Basin and inform management of its natural and cultural resources, with Local Implementation grants, program grants, educator mini-grants, and professional development mini-grants.

- 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: <https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/request-for-proposals-rfps/>

10. National Endowment for the Humanities - Preservation and Access Grants

- Deadline: Pre-application webinars available. Check website below for announcements concerning this grant program.
- Contact: Division of Preservation and Access Team, National Endowment for the Humanities.
Telephone: (202) 606-8570
E-mail:preservation@neh.gov
- Internet: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/listing>

11. National Endowment for the Humanities - Preservation and Access: Education and Training

This program supports the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections. Thoughts of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound records and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. Funding projects training at all stages of development, from early curriculum development to advanced implementation, to help staff obtain the knowledge and skilled need to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections.

- Range: Up to \$350,000
- Deadline: Check website.
- Contact: Division of Preservation and Access Team, National Endowment for the Humanities.
Telephone: (202) 606-8570
E-mail:preservation@neh.gov
- Internet: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training>

12. National Trust for Historic Preservation – National Trust Preservation Funds

Grants encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for preservation projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Available funds include:

- Battlefield Preservation Fund
 - Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors
 - Emergency/Intervention Funding
 - Hart Family Fund for Small Towns
 - Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation
 - Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund
 - And [More!](#)
- Eligibility: Must be either a public agency, 501(c) (3), or other nonprofit organization. Membership to organizational level forum members or Main Street America members of the National Trust required upon award.
 - Deadlines: Check Website.
 - Contact: Applicants should complete the general preservation fund grant application, which is available on the website.
 - Telephone: 202-588-6000
 - Email: grants@savingplaces.org
 - Internet: <http://savingplaces.org/grants>

13. Preservation Trust of Vermont – Grants and Funding

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has several grant programs to support the historic preservation work being undertaken by local organizations and communities. Available funds include:

- Bruhn Revitalization Grants
 - Essential Character and Service Grants
 - Northeast Heritage Economy Program
 - 1772 Foundation Grants
 - Community Supported Enterprises Grant
 - Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants
 - Barn Grants
 - Preservation Grants
 - Village Revitalization Initiative
- Range: Check website for details
 - Deadline: Ongoing

- Contact: Preservation Trust of Vermont
90 Main Street, Suite 304
Montpelier, VT 05602

Telephone: (802) 658-6647
Email: [Contact Us](#)
- Internet: <https://ptvermont.org/help/grants/>

14. Society for Industrial Archeology: Eric DeLony Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant Fund

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 must be received by March 1 to be considered for that year.
- Contact: Society for Industrial Archeology, Department of Social Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931-1295
Telephone: 906-487-1889
E-mail: sia@siahq.org
- Internet: <https://www.sia-web.org/activities/preservation-grants/>

15. The 1772 Foundation - Historic Properties Redevelopment Programs (Revolving Funds)

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

- Feasibility Studies for establishing preservation organizations which are considering starting historic properties redevelopment programs
- Grants to increase the capacity of existing historic properties redevelopment programs
- Eligibility: Organizations must have a 501(c)(3) designation

- Deadline: Check website for details
- Contact: 1772 Foundation with letters of intention
Email: maryanthony@1772foundation.org
- Internet: <http://www.1772foundation.org>

16. Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund

Grants to support restoration, protection, and enhancement of the rivers, wetlands, and shorelands within the Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River and the Connecticut River.

- Range: This fund awards grants of all sizes. Grants amounting to less than \$10,000 may undergo a shorter application process.
- Eligibility: Must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a municipality or other subdivision of government. Organizations that do not have public charity status may apply for grants if another public charity acts as a fiscal sponsor.
- Deadlines: Check website for details regarding concept paper and application deadlines.
- Contact: Ben Amsden, Senior Program Officer, Lakes and North Country Regions
Telephone: (603) 225-6641 ext 225
E-mail: Ben.Amsden@nhcf.org
- Internet: <http://www.nhcf.org/>

17. USDA Rural Development - Community Facility Loans and Grants

USDA Rural Development, Community Facility Program, provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include health care facilities, public town halls/courthouses/street improvements, community services such as child care centers and transitional housing, public safety like fire departments, police stations, fire trucks and public works vehicle or equipment.

- Eligibility: Public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes. Non-profit corporations and public bodies serving communities of less than 20,000 population.
- Deadlines: Check website for details
- Contact: Shaun.Fielder@usda.gov (Counties Covered: Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Franklin, Orange, Chittenden, Grand Isle, Washington)
Alexander.Gauthier@usda.gov (Counties Covered Rutland, Windsor, Bennington, Windham, Addison)
- Internet: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

18. 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: Up to \$300,000 (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: Check website for details.
- 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
- Internet: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>

19. 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 (50% match required)
- Deadline: Check website for application dates
- Contact:

Address: Vermont Arts Council 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001

Telephone: (802) 828-3291

Email: info@vermontartscouncil.org

Internet: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants>

20. Vermont Community Foundation

The Vermont Community Foundation administers several 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. Funding opportunities available for:

- Issue or People-Based Grants
 - Opportunity Gap community Impact Grants
 - Nonprofit Capacity Building and Urgent Needs Grants
 - Partner Grant Programs
 - Regional Place-Based Grants
- 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
 - Internet: <http://www.vermontcf.org/nonprofitsgrants/availablegrants.aspx>

21. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Downtown Transportation Fund

Funding supports revitalization efforts in designated Downtowns. 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 \$200,000 (20% match required).
- Eligibility:
 - Municipalities with a [State Designated Downtown District](#).
 - Municipalities with a [State Designated Village Center that have participated in the Better Connections Program](#).
 - Municipalities with a Designated Village Center in Chittenden County that have completed a comprehensive downtown/village center/community area planning process with public input, comparable to the Better Connections Program.
- Deadlines: Annually every January
- Contact: Gary Holloway, Vermont Downtown Program, Department of Housing and Community Development
One National Life Drive – 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
E-mail: gary.holloway@svermont.gov

Telephone: (802) 522-2444

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

22. 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
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development
One National Life Drive – 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
Telephone: (802) 828-3047
E-mail: caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

23. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Municipal Planning Grant Program

Grants encouraging and supporting planning and revitalization for local municipalities.

- Range: Check website for details
- 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: Check website for details
- Contact: Jenni Lavoie, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development,
Telephone: (802) 828-1948
E-mail: jenni.lavoie@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>

24. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development - Downtowns

The Vermont Downtown Program is a [Main Street America™](#) Coordinating Program that helps support community revitalization while preserving the historic character and enhance the future of medium to large-sized historic

centers. Since 1999 Downtown Designation has provided communities with financial incentives, training and technical assistance supporting local efforts to restore historic buildings, improve housing, design walkable communities and encourage economic development by incentivizing public and private investments.

- 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, 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
Telephone (802) 522-2444
E-mail gary.holloway@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/downtowns>

25. 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,
Telephone (802) 585-0061
E-mail: richard.amore@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/village-centers>

26. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Certified Local Government Program

Grants to support community efforts for local preservation activities such as resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, building feasibility studies. Project areas include:

- Survey
- National Register

- Preservation Planning
 - Information and Education
 - Pre-Development
 - Development (priority II)
- Range: Check website for federal appropriation; typical award is \$5,000 to \$10,000 (40% match required)
 - Eligibility: Municipalities that are Certified Local Governments through the State Historic Preservation Office.
 - Deadlines: Applications available October; Grant deadline December; Check website for details
 - Contact: Devin Colman, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation,
One National Life Drive, 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
Telephone: (802) 585-8426
Email: devin.colman@vermont.gov
 - Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/clg-grants>

27. Vermont Division for Historic Preservation - Historic Preservation Grants

State-funded Historic Preservation Grants to help municipalities and non-profit organizations repair and restoration of historic buildings that are a vital part of Vermont's downtowns, villages, and rural communities.

- Range: typical grant is \$1,000 - \$20,000 (50% match required)
- Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations; resource must be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Deadline: First Monday in October
- Contact: Caitlin Corkins, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation,
One National Life Drive, 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
Telephone: (802) 828-3047
Email: Caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/historic-preservation-grants>

28. 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 - 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501
Telephone: (802) 828-3047
E-mail: caitlin.corkins@vermont.gov
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

29. 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: Typical award is \$1,000 - \$15,000 (50% match required)
- Eligibility: Private individuals, municipalities, and non-profit organizations.
- Deadline: First Monday of November
- 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
- Internet: <http://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/barn-grants>

30. 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
- Internet: www.vhcb.org

31. 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; occasionally greater amounts (25% match required)
- Eligibility: Individuals and groups interested in cemetery preservation
- Deadlines: Applications must be in by May 15 for approval that year
- Contact: Dianne Leary, first VP and Grants Administrator
4670 Greenbush Road, Charlotte, VT 05445
Telephone: (802) 881-2754
E-mail: dleary123@yahoo.com
- Internet: <https://voca58.org/Grants.html>

32. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development – Community Recovery and Revitalization Program (CRRP)

The CRRP will provide funding for projects that spur economic recovery and revitalization in communities across the state. Eligible uses for these funds include capital improvements related to the renovation or creation of childcare and affordable housing for low and moderate income households, capital projects that assist nonprofits and small businesses in industries* most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and municipal water supply and wastewater projects that build housing or create jobs through business creation and expansion. These recovery funds are intended to retain and expand existing businesses and nonprofit organizations with a preference for projects that primarily serve BIPOC populations and projects located in regions and communities with declining or stagnant grand list values.

- Range: Awards will not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20% of total project cost (there is no award minimum). However, for childcare and affordable housing projects the percentage of total project cost will be equal to the percentage of low to moderate income households served relative to the total households served up to the lesser of 20% or \$1,000,000.
- Eligibility: Check website.

- Deadlines: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Contact: ACCD.CRRP@vermont.gov.
- Website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/community-recovery-and-revitalization-program>

33. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development – Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP)

The Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) offers grants up to \$50,000 per unit for repairs needed to bring vacant rental units up to Vermont Rental Housing Health Code guidelines, add new units to an existing building, or create an accessory dwelling unit on an owner-occupied property.

- Range: Up to \$30,000 - \$50,000 depending on the type of unit.
- Eligibility:
 - Units applying for rehabilitation must have been vacant for 90 days before application to VHIP.
 - Property owners are required to match at least 20% of the grant funds, with the option for an in-kind match for unbilled services or owned materials.
 - All VHIP participants must agree to rent units at or below HUD Fair Market Rents for the County for a minimum of five years (a fair market rent calculator is included at the bottom of this page).
 - VHIP participants rehabilitating rental units or creating new units in existing, rented buildings must work with Coordinated Entry Lead Organizations to find suitable renters for at least five years.*
 - *VHIP participants creating an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) are exempt from the requirement to work with the Coordinated Entry Lead Organization and may use their preferred selection criteria in accordance with Vermont's residential rental laws.
- Deadlines: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, apply through your local Homeownership Center (HOC)
- Contact: Your local HOC
 - [RuralEdge](#) - Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties
 - [Champlain Housing Trust](#) – Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties
 - [NeighborWorks of Western Vermont](#) – Addison, Bennington, and Rutland Counties
 - [Downstreet Housing & Community Development](#) –Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties
 - [Windham & Windsor Housing Trust](#) – Windham, and Windsor Counties
- Website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/vhip>