

Funding Opportunities for Vermont Municipalities

Funding Source	Details	Amount/Due Date	Web Address/Contact
Division for Historic Preservation Barn Grant Program	Restore and repair historic agricultural buildings	50/50 matching grants \$10,000 maximum	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/financial/barn.html
Division for Historic Preservation Historic Preservation Grants	Preserve and repair buildings that will promote the public's awareness and appreciation of Vermont's cultural heritage	50/50 matching grants \$15,000 maximum	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/financial/hp.html
Division for Historic Preservation Certified Local Gov't (CLG) Program	To help local governments integrate historic preservation concerns with local planning decisions.	Once certified, a local government becomes eligible to apply for federal historic preservation grant money that is available only to CLGs.	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/programs/clg.html
Lake Champlain Basin Program Local Implementation and Education Grants	Projects to implement the <i>Opportunities for Action</i> (phosphorus reduction, nuisance species, outreach, cultural heritage sites)	In 2004, 40 projects for a total of \$175,545 (range \$1,000 - \$10,000)	http://www.lcbp.org/grants.htm
National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant and Loan Programs	Redevelopment of historic buildings	Various	National Trust for Historic Preservation 617-523-0885, nero@nthp.org http://www.nthp.org/

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Preservation Trust of VT Preservation Grant Program	Funds for non-profit organizations to rehabilitate historic buildings.	In 2004, 25 projects for a total of \$750,000	www.ptvermont.org paul@ptvermont.org
Preservation Trust of VT Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants	Building condition assessments and consultation	\$500	http://www.ptvermont.org/sincerbeaux_fund.htm Ann Cousins, Field Representative ann@ptvermont.org
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development	Variety of programs for businesses, wastewater, community development		http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/
VTrans Enhancements Program		\$15,000 - \$400,000 Letter of intent due 6/6/06 to RPC, applications due 8/18/06	http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsHomePage.htm
VTrans Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S)	Promote walking and biking to school	New program with applications expected spring 2006. The earliest that municipalities could apply for infrastructure funds is early 2007.	http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm Jon Kaplan, jon.kaplan@state.vt.us
Vermont Water Quality Grants	River Corridor Restoration & Protection, Nonpoint Source Control, Watersheds, Aquatic Nuisance Species		http://www.vtwaterquality.org/grants.htm
VT Dept. of Commerce & Community Development Downtown Program	Provides technical assistance to help communities develop strategies for downtown revitalization.	Various programs	http://www.historicvermont.org/programs/downtown.html

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VT Dept. of Commerce & Community Development Municipal Planning Grant Program	Supports municipal planning by funding technical assistance	In FY '06, \$858,173 Individual town maximum is \$15,000, multiple towns, \$25,000	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Admin/Grants.htm
VT Dept. of Commerce & Community Development Vermont Community Development Program Planning and Implementation Grants	Economic development, housing, public facilities, public services that directly benefit persons of low/mod income, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need.	Wide range of funding, multiple rounds annually	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/index.htm
VT Forest, Parks & Rec Recreation Trails Grant Program	Development and maintenance of trails	Mini grants, \$500 Grants, \$20,000 maximum \$400,000 available for FY 06	http://www.vtfpr.org/recgrant/trgrant.cfm
VT Forest, Parks & Rec Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF)	Create parks and open spaces, protect wilderness and forests, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities	\$200,000 available for FY 06 50/50 match	http://www.vtfpr.org/reclwcf/index.cfm
VT Forest, Parks & Rec Trees for Local Communities	To develop and implement local urban and community forestry programs	\$400-4,000 \$65,0000 available for FY 06	http://www.vtfpr.org/urban/for_urbcomm_grants.cfm

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Capital Grants for Nonprofit and Community Facilities (From VANPO)

Negotiations between House and Senate conferees are cordial, but moving slowly. The Senate proposal would fund the various "Building Communities" grants programs at for a total of \$1.1 million, while the House proposal is somewhat lower (see chart below). In conference, the House has proposed to accept the Senate numbers in this area, in direct exchange for the Senate's concurrence with the House recommendation of \$460K for transitional housing (the "Northern Lights" project). Senator Scott, chair of the Senate negotiating team, indicated that he preferred to propose a total package, within which he offered \$100K for the "Northern Lights" project.

Because the House has offered to accept the Senate proposal on "Building Communities" grants, we are hopeful that the Senate proposal in that area will eventually be ratified by the Conference Committee. However, it's important to keep the pressure on conferees. **Please contact your Senators or Representatives on the conference committee and urge them to agree to the Senate proposal for the "Building Communities Grants."**

Program	FY06	Gov Proposed FY07	House Passed FY07	Senate Institutions
Cultural Facilities	\$200K	\$50K	\$100K	\$200K
Human Services Facilities	\$200K	\$75K	\$150K	\$200K
Recreational & Educational Facilities	\$200K	\$100K	\$150K	\$200K
Historic Preservation	\$200K	\$150K	\$150K	\$150K
Historic Barns	\$100K	\$150K	\$100K	\$150K
Broadband	\$150	\$200K	\$200K	\$200K
Total	\$1,050	\$725	\$850	\$1,100,000

Source: Vermont Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (VANPO) Policy Update, 4/21/06