



Program Overview

The Better Connections program aims to improve state interagency coordination by providing targeted assistance and funding to **awarded communities** to align state and local investments to increase transportation options, improve water quality, public health, and economic vitality in Vermont's community centers. The interagency program provides targeted assistance to: 1.) Help communities identify and prioritize their goals and projects; 2.) Develop an action-oriented roadmap to achieve the goals and move projects forward; 3.) Link the communities to a growing network of public and philanthropic partners to help them implement their priority projects. Municipalities annually compete for approximately \$260,000 in projects funds.

Website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections>

By the Numbers [2015 - 2020]

\$2.3 M
in grant
funds requested

\$1.1 M
in grant
funds awarded

\$155,000
in local
match funds

15
better connections
grants awarded

Grant Recipients

- 2015 - Warren/Waitsfield, Vergennes and West Rutland/Town of Rutland
- 2016 - Chester, Montpelier, and Springfield
- 2017 - Brighton, St. Albans, and Windsor
- 2018 - Danville, Enosburgh, and Hyde Park
- 2019 - Fairlee, Middlebury, and Northfield



“The Better Connections program is critical because it is one of the few funding sources that gives people the resources to really engage the community and build consensus. People have always wanted to do it but there haven’t been the resources.”

Jason Rasmussen, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission



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