

Better Connections Grant Program



Agency of Transportation & Agency of Commerce & Community Development

BETTER CONNECTIONS PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

By providing resources and state assistance, the Program encourages municipalities to proactively coordinate land use decisions with transportation investments that build community resilience, with a particular emphasis on projects that support the implementation of innovative transportation and land use concepts. The Program works in partnership with municipalities and other stakeholders to accomplish the following objectives:

- Provides safe, multi-modal and resilient transportation system that supports the Vermont economy
- Supports downtown and village economic development and revitalization efforts
- Leads directly to project implementation

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

1. Are located within (or adjacent to) a state designated downtown, village center, neighborhood development area, new town center or growth center.
2. Demonstrate a local commitment to the project (as represented by the commitment of in-kind staff services, an overmatch of local funds, strong community and partner support (evidenced through letters of support) or complementary local activities or initiatives).
3. Demonstrate coordination and integration with planned capital investments (i.e. alignment with capital projects identified in the regional and/or municipal plan, municipal capital plan or the VTrans Capital Program).
4. Demonstrate community readiness and capacity to actively manage the planning process and implement the plan recommendations quickly.
5. Represent inter-municipal efforts

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