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Explore 14 Ways to Fund Local Projects

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Looking for funding to move a municipal project forward? VLCT's **Open Funding Opportunities** webpage has been updated with 14 opportunities covering a wide range of community needs:

- **Municipal Planning Grants** – funds municipal plans, bylaws, studies, and other local planning work.
- **Winter Placemaking Grant** – supports projects focused on reinventing an indoor or outdoor public space in ways that enhance the lives of people age 50plus.
- **Historic Preservation Grants** – supports work on municipal buildings, historical society buildings, granges, town halls, opera houses, and other historic structures.
- **State Barn Grants** – helps rehabilitate the historic agricultural buildings that are a symbol of Vermont's rural landscape.
- **Better Roads** – funds completion of Road Erosion Inventories (REI) reassessments on hydrologically connected road segments.
- **Municipal Park and Ride Program** – funds engineering and construction of small Park and Ride facilities.

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- **Invest in VT** – provides low-interest loans for housing, housing infrastructure, job creation, and affordability projects.
- **Creative Aging Grants** – supports arts instruction and social connection for Vermonters age 60 and older.
- **Rapid Response Grants** – provides up to $1,000 for small community humanities projects.
- **2026 Vermont Reads** – supports projects centered on *Charity and Sylvia* and its themes.
- **Public Waterfront Access Improvement Projects** – supports improving public access to waterfront recreation opportunities in the Lake Champlain Basin.
- **Clean Water Planning and Implementation Grants** – funds water quality projects in the Lake Champlain basin that reduce pollution to the Lake.
- **Aquatic Organism Passage Restoration** – supports restoring stream connectivity, improving aquatic passage and habitat, and strengthening river ecosystems.
- **Land Conservation for Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems** – supports acquisition of land or conservation easements.
- **Ricochet Out Front™ Technical Rescue Gear** – provides technical rescue gear to selected fire and emergency service departments.

Application deadlines, award amounts, match requirements, and eligible applicants vary by program. Some deadlines are approaching soon, so visit our **Open Funding Opportunities** webpage to review the details and find other funding that may fit your community's plans.

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