

Sen. Sanders FY2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Interlace Commons	This project is a partnership of Interlace Commons, Land Care Learning, and Middlebury College to develop a program to combine important agricultural research with community events that will bring people together to support and strengthen our local farms. With this funding, farms across the state will be enrolled in a soil health research network and host educational outreach events on farms throughout Vermont.	Bristol VT	\$500,000
Vermont Program for Quality Health Care	This project would help promote equitable access to culturally competent telehealth services by identifying under-served geographic regions, priority individuals, and associated health care providers for rapid deployment of telehealth equipment, basic digital literacy, and technical assistance.	Montpelier VT	\$500,000
Alburgh Family Clubhouse	The funding will enable the Alburgh Family Clubhouse to build 40 child care slots – 10 infant, 10 toddler, 20 pre-school. Afterschool programming will also be provided in partnership with the nearby Alburgh Public Library.	Alburgh VT	\$189,000
Town of Castleton	Funds would be directed to the Town of Castleton for the construction of a full size elevator in the Castleton Free Library, ensuring full accessibility to the library and ADA compliance.	Castleton VT	\$125,000

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Community College of Vermont	Partnership for Educational Opportunities for Incarcerated Vermonters and Corrections Officers through the Community College of Vermont	Statewide	\$4,500,000

Energy and Water Development

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
University of Vermont	Following the discontinuation of the Regional Test Center in Williston, Vermont in 2020, Sandia National Labs donated a solar research array to the University of Vermont. With the requested funding, the Burlington Electric Department, in partnership with the University of Vermont, will conduct the permitting, design, equipment purchase and construction of the solar array at its new location at Burlington Electric Department (BED), where it will serve students from the University of Vermont and Vermont Technical College (VTC).	Burlington, Chittenden County VT	\$150,000
Vermont Department of Public Service	Using \$500,000 of the requested funding, the Vermont Department of Public Service will establish no fewer than 10 sustainable energy projects located at Vermont elementary, middle, and high schools, with an emphasis on schools with a high percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch. With the remaining \$500,000, the Vermont Department of Public Service will develop, build, and administer 10 sustainable energy projects at state and municipal, buildings, including, but not limited to town halls and public libraries.	Montpelier, Washington County VT	\$1,000,000
Vermont Public Power Supply Authority	The project would allow Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) and its 11 municipal and cooperative members to assist commercial and residential customers make the transformation from fossil fuel to electric use and other cleaner energy sources. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a way that minimizes impacts on Vermont's electric rates. This funding will also allow VPPSA members – many of whom are small, rural utilities – to test out financing options like a revolving loan fund and on-bill financing via VPPSA. This financial assistance is anticipated to be especially important to their many rural, low- and moderate-income customers for whom up-front costs are a significant barriers. Based in Washington County, VPPSA is centrally located and well-positioned to provide assistance to a wide array of Vermonters and energy projects, including the expansion of electrification for the support of electric vehicles.	Waterbury Center VT	\$1,000,000
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	With the requested funding, HEAT Squad, a service of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, will do extensive outreach and education to expand clean heating options, such as heat pumps and advanced wood heat, in the Northeast Kingdom region of Vermont to reduce emissions, save people money, and keep energy dollars local. This funding would allow Vermont's innovative HEAT Squad to continue and expand their work.	West Rutland, Rutland County VT	\$500,000

Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	To create a resilient community microgrid encompassing a 36-unit neighborhood for low- and moderate-income families in Randolph, Vermont, which would be a first-of-its-kind demonstration of energy resiliency using direct-current (DC) technology at this scale	Randolph, VT	\$750,000
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Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Addison County Community Trust	<p>Addison County Community Trust (ACCT) is a well-established regional nonprofit housing developer, which owns and operates permanently affordable housing for low-income and vulnerable Vermonters, including seniors and people with disabilities. ACCT is embarking on a ten-year plan to redevelop its aging manufactured housing infrastructure in multiple communities, which were originally developed in the 1960s and are well past the end of their useful lifespan. The first three projects in the plan are community septic systems for Lindale and Brookside Mobile Home Parks, which include 67 and 48 homes respectively, as well as a new pump house at Vaughn’s Mobile Home Park, which includes nine units, three of which are Zero Energy Modular homes. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because, without this funding these communities are facing closures that would result in hundreds of low-income Vermonters being displaced in the middle of an affordable housing crisis. Further, funding for these three projects will reduce the need for rent increases on the lots, which the low-income residents of these manufactured housing communities can ill afford.</p>	Addison County, VT	\$500,000
City of Barre	<p>This project, will replace a gravity fed wastewater ejector station with a submersible and energy-efficient wastewater pump station that will address service delivery concerns and sustainability of waste water systems. Specifically, the upgrade will increase Million Gallons per Day (MDG) capacity by 73 percent, improve service for residential customers, allow development of up to 32 subdivisions, support State of Vermont investments in the Washington County Railroad, retain 8 businesses in the community, as well as retain 320 jobs. The current system poses risks to public and environmental health, as it is located approximately 4 feet from the Washington County Railroad and a mere 13 yards from the Stevens Branch River, which feeds the Winooski River. In the event of failure, sewage overflow would have adverse impacts on drinking water, ecosystems, recreation in downstream communities, and disrupts rail service during cleanup. The new system is expected to be located across the street, away from the river and train tracks. This state and local project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will address a critical wastewater need while also protecting human and environmental health. Planning assistance for this project is on Vermont’s forecasted Draft FY21 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP). While the entire project is not on the IUP yet, it is an important project that will address a number of challenges for a relatively small amount of federal investment.</p>	Barre, VT	\$143,000

Town of Bethel	<p>The Town of Bethel's plan to upgrade its drinking water infrastructure is on Vermont's Draft FY21 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP), and will replace a galvanized water line with a lead component. While undertaking this major infrastructure project, which will involve removing part of a road and repaving, the town will also improve stormwater problems by adding a new stormwater drain and eight new storm drain basins. Lastly, the town will improve fire suppression capabilities by installing two new fire hydrants. This project will ensure access to safe drinking water, improve water quality by reducing phosphorus via stormwater runoff, improve fire safety, and encourage economic development in the Town of Bethel. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help a small, rural town ensure its residents have safe drinking water, while simultaneously improving fire safety and hazardous drainage issues</p>	Bethel, VT	\$600,000
Milton Mobile Home Cooperative (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	<p>The Milton Mobile Home Cooperative (MMHC) is a nonprofit, limited equity, 100-unit manufactured housing community. The community was built in the late 1960s and was purchased by the residents in 2012. This low-income community is currently at 100 percent occupancy and seldom has vacancies. MMHC is a critical source of affordable homeownership in Chittenden County, which has one of the highest costs of living in the state. With the requested funding, MMHC would execute a long-planned water and sewer project, which is fully designed and permitted, with multiple additional funding commitments in place. Without this federal funding, the financial viability and community health of this critical homeownership opportunity in Milton, Vermont is at risk. MMHC member-owners understand their role in this project and have voted to borrow at their maximum capacity to realize this project. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve wastewater treatment and delivery of safe drinking water, while stabilizing lot rents for low-income, elderly, and disabled residents.</p>	Chittenden County, VT	\$841,000
Town of Montgomery	<p>This project, which is on Vermont's current (FY20) and draft (FY21) Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans (IUPs), will construct basic public wastewater infrastructure in Montgomery's Village Centers to replace existing failing on-lot septic systems and resolve a significant environmental and public health risks. The federally-designated Wild and Scenic Trout River runs through Montgomery, and 40% of on-site septic systems in the village are in direct conflict with the Town's water system's source water protection area. Further, 19 existing systems within the service area have been identified as troubled or failing. Currently, 92 percent of systems in the service area are on small lots without suitable replacement options that would meet state requirements, restricting growth and suppressing property values. Banks will not finance homes or commercial enterprises on these lots due</p>	Montgomery, VT	\$2,800,000

	to the inability of borrowers to afford replacement systems, disproportionately affecting lower-income families. Engaged community leadership has already successfully leveraged federal, state, and local resources, but this additionally congressionally-directed spending is needed to make this project viable. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will have significant economic, environmental, and public health benefits for the area residents by improving failing water infrastructure while creating or retaining over 100 jobs.		
Pittsford Village Farm	The nonprofit Pittsford Village Farm (PVF) features two historic structures, an 18th century farmhouse and 19th century barn. The buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2018, after extensive community engagement, a nonprofit organization was formed and charged with creating a community gathering space including a child care center. With the requested funding, PVF will conduct preconstruction activities including: architectural, structural, and electrical plans; civil engineering design for site modifications, roadwork, parking and drainage; and other various required studies and consultants including Environmental Review, Historic Preservation Review, and Archeology Review. The majority of this funding will be used for the initial phase of restoration in the western part of the building that will house the child care center. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it restores a farm in the center of a rural village that is on the National Historic Register, and because it provides a child care center that is needed for the community to flourish.	Pittsford, VT	\$400,000
Townshend Historical Society	The West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge was built in 1910 by Townshend farmer-turned-stonemason James Otis Follett and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is at the heart of the West Townshend Historic District. At a span of 37 feet, it is Follett's longest bridge in Townshend. While its stone arch remains structurally sound and it remains open to traffic, the bridge is in urgent need of repair. Erosion over its 111 year lifespan caused by weather events, snow plowing, water runoff, and, most recently, increased use by heavy trucks and equipment, threatens its stability and will ultimately lead to structural failure and closure. Repair and restoration will include removal of the present parapets and road bed materials, and the dismantling and rebuilding the spandrel walls using the same dry stone masonry techniques as used by the original builder. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will preserve a historic structure that is an important part of the history and heritage of Vermont, while preserving this important transportation route.	Townshend, VT	\$221,000

Homeland Security

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Windham Regional Commission	To develop resiliency zones that would mitigate risks to Windham County's Energy Community Lifeline	Windham County, VT	\$151,000

Transportation Housing, Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (request also submitted by Rep. Welch)	This funding will allow for the relocation of Tri-Park Cooperative homes that are located in a flood plain. With a total of 333 mobile home lots that house over 800 low- and moderate-income residents, Tri-Park in Brattleboro is Vermont's largest and longest operating resident-owned manufactured housing cooperative. Tri-Park's residents, infrastructure, and finances were severely damaged by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and remain at risk today. Many needed repairs and improvements have yet to be made due to a lack of resources.	Brattleboro	\$1,277,000
Champlain Housing Trust	This funding will allow Champlain Housing Trust (CHT) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) Howard Plant Post 782, located in Burlington Vermont, to build a new, four-story building to serve as a location for both the veteran's service center and permanently affordable rental housing, including apartments reserved for homeless veterans. The service center will expand programs to assist combat veterans with post-deployment reintegration, camaraderie, and assistance with obtaining VA health care and benefits. Further, the center will house a computer lab for professional and personal development training, a multipurpose room to be used for veteran-focused events, and therapeutic programs spaces.	Burlington	\$1,000,000
Cooperative Development Institute	This funding will allow the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) to support the purchase and conversion of Breezy Acres and Hillcrest Manufactured Housing Communities in Colchester, Vermont to a limited equity cooperative by their residents. Together, the two communities are home to a total of 235 low- and moderate-income households. Without this funding, debt service would force mobile home lot rents to rise to \$530-\$550 per lot per month, the highest lot rents in the state and decidedly unaffordable for this low-income community.	Colchester	\$1,300,000

Vermont Agency of Transportation (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	This funding will support the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT), a four-season transportation and recreational trail that was initially established in 2013 by a congressionally-directed appropriation secured by Senator Sanders. Specifically, this investment will fund community projects to improve the function of the trail including but not limited to trail infrastructure, such as trailheads, picnic areas, kiosks, and connections to downtowns; signage; art and history installations; marketing efforts; and ambassador programs. Additionally, this investment will fund a study and 10-year overarching master plan for the trail, which will include a recommendation as to whether the trail should ultimately become a state park.	Statewide	\$2,000,000
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	This funding will allow the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to offer increased down payment assistance to community land trusts and shared equity homeownership programs. It will also provide access to funding for solar and energy efficiency upgrades, rehabilitation funding, and technical assistance to support the marketing of homeownership opportunities to historically and currently underserved communities. Homeownership grant funds provided by VHCB subsidize the cost of purchasing a home, helping the initial purchaser as well as future generations of homebuyers. In exchange for the purchase subsidy, the purchaser agrees to share increases in equity with the next buyer at resale, ensuring perpetual affordability. Working in partnership with Vermont's nonprofit housing network, VHCB has funded shared equity grants for over 1,300 homes and has assisted 1,862 households through the program.	Statewide	\$1,575,000
Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity	This funding will support the United Church of Underhill and Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity's partnership in purchasing a nine-acre parcel of land behind the church and building approximately ten permanently affordable, shared equity homes. The project will bring new, affordable homeownership opportunities to a town where most homes are not affordable. In addition	Underhill	\$200,000

	<p>to new affordable housing, the project will also conserve approximately two acres of open space for recreation, gardens, and other community purposes.</p>		
<p>Vermont Agency of Transportation</p>	<p>This funding will support a project to remedy accessibility deficiencies at the White River Junction Rail Station by reconstructing the platform to conform to all ADA access requirements. The White River Junction Rail Station is Vermont's second busiest Amtrak station and serves as a rail gateway to eastern Vermont. Over 13,500 passengers use the station annually to reach the bi-state Vermont-New Hampshire micropolitan area of over 200,000 people. However, it is not currently compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.</p>	<p>White River Junction</p>	<p>\$800,000</p>

Financial Services and General Government

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Vermont Employee Ownership Center	This funding will allow VEOC to intensify its outreach activities by increasing staffing so more business owners are aware of employee ownership opportunities as they consider succession plans.	Statewide VT	\$158,000
Nulhegan Abenaki Nation	This project will appoint a cultural preservation educator and coordinator to the Nulhegan Abenaki Nation.	Statewide VT	\$350,000
Vermont Farmer Veteran Coalition	With the requested funding the Vermont Farmer Veteran Coalition will provide workshops and technical assistance to farmers throughout Vermont who are military retirees and veterans.	Statewide VT	\$100,000
Vermont Center for Women & Enterprise	With the requested funding, the Vermont Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) will fund a technical assistance provider position that was first created during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic with one-time funding from the CARES Act.	Statewide VT	\$200,000
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program (VFFVP) will assist 50 farmers with business coaching to help improve businesses, grow, identify new markets, and transition their farm business to the next generation.	Statewide VT	\$250,000

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Camp Johnson (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	This project would allow the Vermont National Guard to construct a new facility to house their Family Programs at the Vermont National Guard Headquarters of Camp Johnson in Colchester, VT.	Colchester VT	\$4,665,000

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Rewarded
Community Health (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	These funds would be used to purchase needed dental equipment to allow Community Health, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Rutland and southern Addison Counties, to reestablish access to pediatric dental services through a new clinic, which is nearing completion. Through the purchase of this equipment, Community Health would be well-suited to work with the schools in the region to provide needed oral health care services to students.	Rutland and southern Addison Regions VT	\$149,000
Community Health	These funds would support the addition of a Public Health Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant to deliver oral health care services in schools through Community Health, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Rutland and southern Addison Counties.	Rutland and southern Addison Regions VT	\$160,000
Lamoille Health Partners	Lamoille Health Partners, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Lamoille County, will set up a new fixed dental chair in four elementary schools in their service area, predominately in the western section of Lamoille County for a total of four new dental chairs. The services provided would include the Tooth Tutor education program, as well as and direct services, including hygiene visits, sealants, x-rays, tele-exams, silver diamine fluoride applications, and treatment planning. LHP staff would refer patients to their dental home, or the Lamoille Health Family Dentistry practice as applicable.	Lamoille County VT	\$200,000
Mountain Health Center	Mountain Health Center, the Federally Qualified Health Center serving Addison County, will engage the local schools to identify opportunities to collaborate. Leveraging their mobile unit, they would then send a hygienist to provide education (Tooth Tutor) and direct services (hygiene visit, sealants, x-rays, tele-exam, silver diamine fluoride application, and treatment planning). Mountain Health Center staff would refer patients to their dental home, or the Mountain Health Center dental practice as applicable.	Addison County VT	\$46,000

Northern Counties Health Center	Northern Counties Health Care, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Essex, Orleans, and Caledonia Counties, would work with local schools in Northern Essex and Orleans counties to provide a combination of services in their local schools. These services will be a combination of school-based dental services, including the Tooth Tutor education program and hygiene visits and referrals; mental health and substance use treatment, including applicable referrals; and care coordination to ensure the children receive necessary services. Northern Counties will deploy services directly to the schools, including through the use of an existing mobile dental unit.	Essex, Orleans, and Caledonia Counties VT	\$200,000
Northern Tier Center for Health	This funding will be used by Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH) to coordinate with ten schools in their service area, encompassing an estimated 2,500 students, to provide much-needed oral health care education and direct dental services.	St. Albans, VT	\$199,000
Springfield Medical Care Systems	This funding would be used by Springfield Medical Care Systems to replace existing portable equipment that has reached end-of-life, enabling them to provide critically-needed oral health services to their patients.	Springfield, VT	\$50,000
Little Rivers Health Care	These funds will be used to enable Little Rivers Health Care (LRHC) to build a dental clinic in Wells River, VT to house two dentists, two hygienists, and support staff to deliver critically needed oral health care to approximately 3,500 patients.	Orange County, VT	\$1,334,000
SASH for ALL - Cathedral Square	This funding would enable Support and Services at Home (SASH), a proven population health model, to expand their model of providing home-based care coordination services to family housing, which will improve lives of children, reduce poverty, and lower health care costs.	Brattleboro, VT	\$395,000
North Country Supervisory Union	This funding will enable North Country Supervisory Union school district to establish a Family Center, which will serve as a central hub for resources and coordinated services for 2,700 students and their families throughout rural Vermont for improved student success.	Newport	\$458,000
Age Well VT	This funding will support Vermont's area agencies on aging and senior centers by enhancing their capacity and improving partnerships of older adult services providers across the state. This funding will increase access to supportive and nutrition services for Vermont's seniors, including fresh and local fruits and vegetables and wellness services like foot clinics and evidenced-based exercise classes.	Statewide VT	\$600,000

Winooski School District (request also submitted by Sen. Leahy)	This funding will expand the successful Winooski School District's School-Based Health Center to serve even more students and include a dental suite. This project will ensure more young people have access to health care without missing classes and without their parents missing work.	Winooski, VT	\$614,000
Vermont Adult Learning	This funding will be used by Vermont's Adult Education and Literacy providers to train 145 low-income individuals for careers in weatherization, solar panel installation, heat pump installation, commercial driving, allied health, and early childhood education. This training will ensure Vermont has the workforce needed in these key economic sectors while enabling individual Vermonters to succeed in these good-paying jobs.	Statewide VT	\$1,000,000
Windham County Dental Clinic	This funding will be used by the United Way of Windham County and the Windham County Dental Center in partnership with Vermont Technical College (VTC) to provide health professional education to dental therapy students for their preclinical and clinical training requirements, while simultaneously expanding the dental health care workforce that is so critically needed to care for patients.	Windham, VT	\$549,000
Vermont Care Network	This project would build off a proven model to develop six mental health urgent care programs for children across five regions of Vermont.	Statewide, VT	\$1,000,000
Vermont Afterschool	This funding will enable Vermont Afterschool to develop and implement youth-driven projects and increase safe, engaging out-of-school spaces for youth in five Vermont communities to improve education and student success.	Statewide	\$883,000
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	This funding will enable the establishment of a new childcare center on the former campus of Southern Vermont College, which will improve the lives of children served by the program, reduce poverty, and enable parents and guardians to enter or remain in the workforce.	Bennington, VT	\$77,000
Springfield School District, River Valley Tech Center	This funding will enable River Valley Technical Center to create 60 new childcare slots in three classrooms in the Springfield community in Vermont, which will improve the lives of children served by the program, reduce poverty, and enable parents and guardians to enter or remain in the workforce.	Springfield, VT	\$503,000
HealthHUB	This funding will improve access to basic dental health care for children and adults through the replacement of aging hygienist equipment, a larger mobile facility, and the equipment needed for a second operatory to improve access to critically-needed oral health care services.	Windsor County, VT	\$350,000
Vermont Recovery Network	This funding would enable the Vermont Recovery Network to increase and expand its strategic professional development, training, and employment assistance resources and expand and improve evidence-based peer recovery coaching programs state-	Statewide, VT	\$515,000

	wide as acritical means of reducing death due to accidental overdose and promoting short- and long-term successful recovery.		
Association of Africans Living in Vermont	This funding would be used by the Association of Africans Living in Vermont (AALV) to provide expanded social services to New Americans living in Vermont, which will improve the lives of children, reduce poverty, and improve family services.	Statewide, VT	\$220,000