

ROXBURY VILLAGE CENTER REVITALIZATION

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES RECREATION, CONNECTIONS, COMMUNITY

Recreation Trail Expansion

Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Planning Grants for recreation trail expansion

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

Recreational Trails Program (20% match)

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/recreational-trails-program>.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities: epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities.

The Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Program offers grants with no match requirements for projects that create measurable success supporting and growing their local economies through leveraging outdoor recreation. VOREC listed under Playground opportunities as well.

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/recreationgrants/vorec-community-grant-program>.

Vermont Community Foundation has a Spark Grant program that may be relevant to some of the action ideas identified. Learn more at <https://vermontcf.org/funds/spark/>.

The Department of Health offers Healthy Community Design resources that may be relevant. Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/physical-activity-nutrition/community>.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund supports the development of public outdoor recreation opportunities across Vermont, with a focus on creating parks and open spaces, enhancing recreation areas and facilities, and protecting wilderness areas and forests. Learn more at <https://fpr.vermont.gov/land-and-water-conservationfund>. Applications require a 50% match.

The State of Vermont has a Recreational Facilities Grant, which requires matching funds for shovel-ready projects. Learn more at <https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>.

The Vermont Natural Resources Council has small grants that can help with community engagement. Find information here: <https://vnrc.org/small-grants-for-smart-growth/>.

Master Planning efforts for multi-modal transportation options (sidewalks, paths)

Better Connections Program

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

Regional Economic Development and Recreational Facilities Grants (match)

Funded annually through the Capital Appropriations and State Bonding Act, to qualify for one of the Building Communities Grants, an applicant must be a non-profit organization, regional economic development organization or municipality

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

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VERMONT OUTDOOR FITNESS FUNDING SOURCES

<i>Funding Name</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Max Award</i>	<i>Eligible Entities</i>	<i>Focus</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
<i>National Fitness Campaign (MVP Health Care)</i>	VT & Nationwide	Grant (Fitness)	Cost of Fitness Court	Communities, municipalities, schools	Outdoor fitness court	Rolling
<i>VT Governor's Council Outdoor Fitness & Sports</i>	Vermont	State Grant	\$8,000	Municipalities, nonprofits, underserved	Outdoor fitness & sports access	Annually (June)
<i>VLCT Outdoor Fitness Courts Funding</i>	Vermont	State/Private Grant	Not specified	Municipalities, parks, low/mod income areas	Outdoor fitness courts	Rolling
<i>AARP Community Challenge</i>	Federal	Grant	\$2,000-\$50,000	Municipalities, nonprofits, low-income communities	Pop-up outdoor fitness & community health	Quarterly
<i>CDC Community Health and Obesity Prevention Grants</i>	Federal	Grant	\$25,000-\$100,000	Nonprofits, local health depts, community orgs	Community fitness, obesity/diabetes prevention	Typically Q1
<i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Communities</i>	Federal/Foundation	Grant	\$50,000-\$200,000	Community orgs, local govts, health agencies	Active living infrastructure	Annual (varies)
<i>NIH Community-based Childhood Obesity Prevention</i>	Federal	Grant	Up to \$250,000+	Universities, nonprofits, public institutions	Child obesity prevention through physical activity	Varies
<i>Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)</i>	Federal	Matching Grant	Up to \$2M	Municipalities, nonprofits, state agencies	Outdoor recreation & fitness facilities	TBD/Fall
<i>T-Mobile Hometown Grants</i>	Federal/Corporate	Grant	Up to \$50,000	Communities, municipalities	Outdoor fitness and community spaces	Quarterly (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)
<i>USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant</i>	Vermont & Rural	Grant/Loan	Up to 100%	Municipalities, schools, districts	Outdoor facility equipment	Biannual rounds
<i>National Inclusion Project</i>	Federal	Nonprofit Grant	Varies	Camps, schools, parks	Inclusive fitness access	Rolling

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VERMONT PLAYGROUND FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Name	Region	Type	Max Award	Eligible Entities	Focus	Deadline
Vermont LWCF	Statewide	Matching Grant	50% match	Municipalities, schools	Park/play, land	2026 approx
Rec Trails Grants	Statewide	Matching (20%)	\$7.5K-50K	Municipalities, nonprofits	Trails, accessible facilities	Annual
VTrans Enhancement	Statewide	Matching (20%)	Varies	Municipalities, RPCs	Sidewalks, bikepaths	June
TAP Program	Statewide	Matching (20%)	\$600K	Municipalities, schools	Ped/bike infrastructure	June
BGS Recreational Facilities	Statewide	Grant	\$25K	Municipalities, nonprofits	Shovel?ready recreation	10-Sep
VCF Capacity Building	Statewide	Consultant Grant	\$5K	Nonprofits	Planning/grant prep	Rolling
VCF Spark	Statewide	Small Grant	\$5K	Nonprofits	Inclusive community spaces	Apr-May
Ben & Jerry's Foundation	VT only	Small Grant	\$2K	Nonprofits	Youth/low?income projects	Rolling
Lintilhac Foundation	VT only	Foundation Grant	\$5-30K	Nonprofits	Conservation, rec. development	Quarterly
VNRC Smart Growth	Statewide	Small Grant	\$2.5K	Municipalities, nonprofits	Planning/public spaces	Rolling
VOREC Grants	Statewide	Grant	\$20K/\$50K	Municipalities, nonprofits	Rec infrastructure	Fall
VHCB Recreation Conservation	VT	Grant/loan	Varies	Municipalities, land trusts	Land & rec facilities	Rolling
OSI Recreation Grants	Regional	Grants/Loans	Varies	Public agencies	Land access & infrastructure	Rolling
VHCB REDD	VT	Support Grant	Varies	Nonprofits	Grant development help	Rolling
VCLIF Trails Loan	VT	Loan	Varies	Nonprofits	Recreation infrastructure debt	Rolling

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State and Federal Programs

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation – LWCF Grants

Type: Matching grant (up to 50%)

Scope: Outdoor recreation facility development (parks, playgrounds), land acquisition, surfacing

Deadline: Varies (typically even-numbered years; next expected 2026) (vermont.grantwatch.com, vrpa.org)

Vermont Recreation Trails Grants

Type: Matching grant (20% match)

Scope: Trail and trailhead facilities, including accessible trails adjacent to schools/parks

Award Range: \$7,500–\$50,000

Deadline: Annually; pre-app required (vict.org, vrpa.org)

Agency of Transportation Enhancement Grants (VTrans)

Type: Matching (20%)

Scope: Sidewalks, bikepaths, pedestrian amenities around parks/schools

Deadline: [June annually \(construction cycle\); design element begins earlier \(\[vrpa.org\]\(http://vrpa.org\)\)](#)

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Type: Matching (20%)

Scope: Pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure tied to schools/parks, safe routes

Max Award: \$600,000

Deadline: June annually (vict.org, proplaygrounds.com)

Vermont Buildings & General Services – Recreational Facilities Program

Type: Grant with cash match

Max Award: \$25,000

Scope: Capital costs for shovel-ready recreational projects

Deadline: [September 10 annually \(\[vict.org\]\(http://vict.org\)\)](#)

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Regional Foundation & Non-Profit Grants

Vermont Community Foundation Capacity Building Grant

Type: Consultant support grant

Max Award: \$5,000

Scope: Supports planning, fundraising, grant prep for recreation projects

Deadline: [Rolling \(vermonttgc.org\)](http://vermonttgc.org)

Vermont Community Foundation Spark – Connecting Community

Type: Small project grant

Award Range: \$500–\$5,000

Scope: Inclusive, accessible community space projects (parks, trails)

Deadline: April–May annually (en.wikipedia.org, vlct.org)

Ben & Jerry’s Foundation – Vermont Community Action/Equity Grants

Type: Small grant (community support)

Max Award: \$2,000

Scope: Youth and low?Income community initiatives (can include playground improvements)

Deadline: Monthly reviews; rolling consideration (vlct.org, aaastateofplay.com)

Lintilhac Foundation

Type: Regional foundation

Award Range: \$5,000–\$30,000

Scope: Conservation, sustainable recreation, land use projects

Deadlines: Mar 15, Jun 15, Sep 15, Dec 15 annually (peacefulplaygrounds.com, vlct.org)

Vermont Natural Resources Council – Smart Growth Grants

Type: Small grant

Award Range: \$500–\$2,500

Scope: Advocacy, community planning, public space improvements

Deadline: Rolling (vlct.org, vermonttgc.org)

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Federal and Regional Programs

VOREC Community Grant Program

Type: Grant (no match required)

Scope: Outdoor recreation, economic development, equity enhancements

Award: Development \$20K; implementation \$50K

Deadline: Typically fall annually (vlct.org)

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) – Outdoor Recreation Lands Conservation

Type: Land acquisition/development grants

Scope: Recreation land conservation, predevelopment planning, engineering

Deadline: Rolling/notified via VHCB (en.wikipedia.org, vlct.org)

Additional Support

[VHCB REDI Program: Offers funding for grant-writing capacity building \(vermonttgc.org\)](http://vermonttgc.org)

[Vermont Community Loan Fund – Trails Loans: Low-interest loans for trail and recreation infrastructure \(vermonttgc.org\)](http://vermonttgc.org)

[Open Space Institute \(OSI\): Offers grants or loans supporting recreation land protection and public access infrastructure \(en.wikipedia.org\)](http://en.wikipedia.org)

Reimagine the Village School Building

First Children's Finance is a potential funding resource for childcare businesses or those in development. <https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/vermont/>

The US Economic Development Administration, in the past has been a strong partner on projects that create jobs. A conversation with Economic Development Representative, Katherine Trapani, would be a good next step to better understand the programs that may have funding to support Roxbury in the future. She can be reached at 215-514-6572 or ktrapani@eda.gov.

Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program supports projects that have an economic development emphasis. Learn more at <https://www.nbrc.gov/>.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is available to help set up initial meetings or provide contacts at the US Economic Development Administration and the Northern Border Regional Commission. Contact Eli Toohey at toohey@cvregion.com.

The Vermont Community Development Program could potentially be a resource depending on the end use of the buildings. Learn more at <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp> and contact Resource Team member Julia Connell at Julia.Connell@vermont.gov.

USDA can be a funding resource for a Rural Business Development Grant for business planning (see previous action recommendation) and has an additional community facilities program that can provide grant funding through grants and loans. Learn more at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/communityfacilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/vt>

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) has a Rural Economic Development Initiative, or REDI program, which can pay for grant writers once you've identified funding sources. Learn more at <https://vhcb.org/redj> and contact Mariah Noth at mariah@vhcb.org or 802-828-1098.

VCRD will write letters of support for grant applications. Contact Alyssa Johnson at alyssa@vtrural.org.

VCRD has some seed funding through our Northern Border Regional Commission grant funding that could be used for modest one time expenses to help support the work of the task force. Contact Alyssa Johnson at alyssa@vtrural.org or 802-222-6896.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission have lists of potential funding opportunities that are searchable by topic. See <https://www.vlct.org/resource/openfunding-opportunities/> and <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/funding-opportunities/>

Efficiency VT provides services like energy assessments, financial support, and energy-use project support, including for commercial projects. Learn more at <https://www.encyvermont.com/services>.

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POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES From What's Next Roxbury report Vermont Council on Rural Development

Community Connection

VCRD's Community Leadership in Action Guide has a section on "Communicating with the Community" and a chapter on "Expand and Improve Community Communications" with ideas and resources relevant to this topic: <https://www.vtrural.org/guide/>.

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Vermont Community Foundation could be a funding partner. They offer the Spark Connecting Communities grant program, which provides grants of \$500-\$3,000 for "grassroots work that builds social capital." Learn more at <https://vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/spark-connecting-community/>.

An Arts Impact Grant from the Vermont Arts Council may be applicable to some of your work. These grants support organizations, municipalities, and schools in their efforts to create a more vibrant quality of life by providing equal and abundant access to the arts. Learn more at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/organizations/arts-impact> and contact Michele Bailey at 802.402.4614 and mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org.

What's Next Middlesex and Revitalizing Waterbury have some examples of local communication resources: <https://www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org/> and <https://www.revitalizingwaterbury.org/>.

Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services has matching grant programs for Recreation Facilities and Regional Economic development projects. Learn more at <https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/buildingcommunities-grants> and contact Judy Bruneau at judy.bruneau@vermont.gov or (802) 828-3519.

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There are several talented facilitation experts who might be able to help members of the Roxbury community practice holding difficult conversations and move from disagreements to productive conflict. These include the Center for Real Dialogue, Susan Clark, and many others. Contact VCRD staff for more information and to make a connection with someone.

VTrans has a Better Roads program and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Program both of which offer grants that may support road and sidewalk improvements to address walkability, connectivity of different parts of town, or flooding and erosion. Coordinate with the Planning Commission or Selectboard and reach out to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, see Eli Toohey's contact in the Visiting Team section at the end of this report. Learn more at: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads> and <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a great resource for all things related to land use, planning, community or wild spaces, roads, infrastructure, and more. For example, along with the Selectboard, they would be a partner on any future municipal planning work. Find Eli Toohey's contact in the Visiting Team section at the end of this report.

The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation can be a resource for engaging with businesses and employers and for large grant funding. CVEDC supports local organizations with projects to boost the local economy and resources for new businesses or existing businesses that are working on growth or sustainability. To find out more, contact Melissa Bounty at mbounty@centralvermont.org.

For youth and community engagement, there are several local and regional organizations with ties to Roxbury, these include: Norwich University; Windridge Camp; Central Vermont Career Center; and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. Reach out to Lauren Brady at VCRD, lauren@vtrural.org, or Breck Knauft at VYCC, breck.knauft@vycc.org for advice on how best to engage these groups.

Capstone Community Action is the regional community action organization and provides family services, housing, food, and heat resources, and so much more. They may be a good partner or advisor for the local Neighbors Helping Neighbors group. For more background about their services and supports, contact Linda Anderson at landerson@capstonevt.org



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