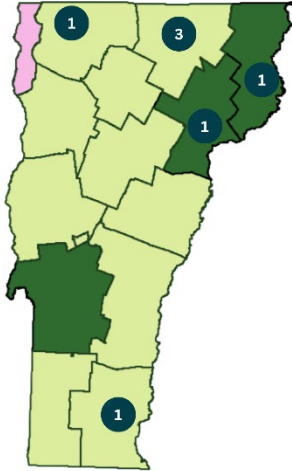




State of Vermont 2026 Catalyst Program Awards



2026 Applicant Summary		
	Spring Round	Fall Round
Total Number of Applicants	17	
Total Funds Requested	\$11,612,358.96	
Total Number of Awards	7	
Total Funds Awarded	\$7,628,856.21	

Spring 2026 Awards

Caledonia County (CD-01)

Award to: Town of Danville Town Hall

Project: The Town of Danville has been awarded \$444,955.00 to construct a smart-growth municipal parking lot with 29 spaces, EV charging, transit access, and safe connections to the village business block. The lot complements a funded shared-use path and new sidewalk linking the renovated 1871 Train Depot, the LVRT crossing, and the Village Green. With 30% designs and cost estimates complete, the project will enhance trail connectivity, visitor accommodations, and economic vitality for a small rural community.

Grant Amount: \$444,955.00

Total Project Amount: \$556,194.00

Essex County (CD-01)

Award to: Canaan Fire District #2

Project: Canaan Fire District #2 has been awarded \$545,572.21 to replace failing asbestos cement and galvanized distribution mains along River Road, the system's primary transmission line. The project improves drinking water reliability, maintains adequate pressure and fire protection, and reduces costly leaks that threaten public health and local businesses. With Vermont Bond Bank design funding secured, construction will protect service for Beecher Falls and West Stewartstown customers while stabilizing future operations.

Grant Amount: \$545,572.21

Total Project Amount: \$689,117.26

Franklin County (CD-01)

Award to: Swanton Village

Project: Swanton Village has been awarded \$1,638,329.00 to advance a multi-category transportation and stormwater infrastructure transformation that calms traffic, improves multimodal access, and enhances downtown public space. The project addresses a High Crash

Zone at the convergence of major routes, builds on completed studies and secured funding, and closes a critical shortfall to implement priority designs. Outcomes include safer circulation, better parking management, stormwater treatment, and stronger village-center placemaking.

Grant Amount: \$1,638,329.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,833,194.00

Orleans County (CD-01)

Award to: Vermont Agency of Transportation

Project: The Vermont Agency of Transportation has been awarded \$500,000.00 to acquire the Newport Railyard—approximately 52 acres with 11 sidings, mainline track, and multiple facilities—and designate freight operating rights. The project enables state investments to realize the yard's full economic potential at the junction of two short-line railroads, serving bulk shippers in rural Vermont. Acquisition is anticipated July 2026–June 2027, positioning the facility for expanded freight activity and regional job growth.

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$625,000.00

Award to: City of Newport

Project: The City of Newport has been awarded \$3,000,000.00 for a \$3,750,000 project to replace undersized downtown water and sewer lines and implement multi-modal streetscape improvements enabling planned housing and commercial growth. Objectives include replacing 1,200 linear feet of mains, reconstructing the roadway, and adding bike lanes, shade trees, sidewalk upgrades, and outdoor community spaces to strengthen climate resilience and livability. The City will advance engineering, permitting, and phased construction with anticipated completion in 2027–2029 as part of a broader downtown redevelopment strategy.

Grant Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,750,000.00

Award to: Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Inc.

Project: Northeastern Vermont Development Association has been awarded \$500,000.00 to acquire the long-vacant "pit" on Main Street in Newport City, Vermont—an essential downtown parcel whose blighted condition has suppressed investment since EB-5-related projects failed to materialize. Securing site control enables pre-development planning, infrastructure staging, and private partnership solicitation to restore jobs, commerce, and tax base in the city's core. This strategic acquisition advances basic public infrastructure goals by stabilizing a pivotal block and catalyzing subsequent construction.

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Windham County (CD-01)

Award to: Vernon Advent Christian Home, Inc.

Project: Vernon Advent Christian Homes has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to modernize capital facilities by replacing an aging skilled nursing building and rehabilitating assisted living capacity on a multi-building campus. The objectives are to reduce structural cost pressures, improve operational efficiency under current regulatory and reimbursement conditions, and preserve 104 licensed elder-care units that anchor approximately 100 year-round jobs. By stabilizing a tri-state service hub along the Connecticut River corridor, the project sustains critical healthcare employment and long-term access to care.

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$5,594,663.00

