

Northern Border Regional Commission

State of Vermont 2024 Catalyst Program Awards



2024 Applicant SummarySpring RoundFall RoundTotal Number of Applicants17Total Funds Requested\$15,486,088.18Total Number of Awards8Total Funds Awarded\$7,940,182.12

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2024 Spring Awards

Addison County

Spring Award to: The Otter Creek Child Center, Inc.

Project: Construction of a 13,000 square foot childcare center. In a partnership with College Street Children's Center this facility in Middlebury will accommodate 139 children aged six weeks to five years.

Location of Project: Addison County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$397,806.16 Total Project Amount: \$795,612.32

Spring Award to: Town of Middlebury Project: Construction of an additional water storage tank to meet the demands of a growing population and fire flow capabilities. Location of Project: Addison County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00 Total Project Amount: \$3,750,000.00

Bennington County

Spring Award to: Town of Bennington
Project: Redevelopment of a former high school to bring 100,000 square feet into use with a mix of housing, commercial space, and community recreation facilities.
Location of Project: Bennington County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Total Project Amount: \$6,333,558.00

Grand Isle County

Spring Award to: Town of South Hero Project: Restore and renovate South Hero's historic 1816 Old White Meeting House as a multi-purpose community center for year-round community use. Location of Project: Grand Isle County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$500,000.00 Total Project Amount: \$1,276,500.00

Spring Award to: Alburgh Family Clubhouse Project: Construction and operation of a non-profit, full year, early care and education program in a new, state-of-the-art childcare facility with space for 62 children from birth to Grade 5. Location of Project: Grand Isle County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$166,505.96 Total Project Amount: \$335,809.66

Orleans County

Spring Award to: Craftsbury Saplings Project: Construction of a new 7,000 square foot childcare center that will allow them to increase capacity from 19 to 54 children. Location of Project: Orleans County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00 Total Project Amount: \$5,262,642.00

Rutland County

Spring Award to: Paramount Center, Inc.
Project: The Richardson Building's top two floors will be totally renovated into two, 4,000 square foot multi-use venues with ancillary support spaces.
Location of Project: Rutland County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Total Project Amount: \$3,340,945.00

Washington County

Spring Award to: City of Barre
Project: Complete engineering, permitting and infrastructure of a residential development for a range of housing from affordable to market rate. Anticipated up to 128 units could be developed.
Location of Project: Washington County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$2,875,870.00
Total Project Amount: \$6,375,870.00

2024 Fall Awards

Chittenden County

Fall Award to: Town of Essex
Project: Planning and design to support the expansion of water and sewer infrastructure throughout the Essex Town Center area where proposed municipal facilities, fire station, library, and community space are planned.
Location of Project: Chittenden County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$500,000
Total Project Amount: \$1,596,816.00

Essex County

Fall Award to: Northeast Kingdom Community Action
Project: Convert a vacant facility, previously utilized as a health clinic, into a childcare center providing 8-10 new early childhood education spots.
Location of Project: Essex County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$62,888.00
Total Project Amount: \$208,961.00

Lamoille County

Fall Award to: Salvation Farms Project: Establish a 6,100 square foot Surplus Crop Processing Center & Food Hub. Location of Project: Lamoille County (CD-01) Grant Amount: \$469,621.30 Total Project Amount: \$1,007,412.85

Orange County

Fall Award to: Orange County Parent Child Center
Project: Funding for furniture, playground equipment, classroom supplies, as well as start-up operations costs towards launching the early childhood education program.
Location of Project: Orange County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$379,124.82
Total Project Amount: \$819,731.20

Windham County

Fall Award to: Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center
Project: Replace two aging, inefficient structures with a new energy-efficient facility that will increase patient privacy and enhance accessibility.
Location of Project: Windham County (CD-01)
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Total Project Amount: \$21,307,704.00

Multi-County

Fall Award to: Vermont Council on Rural Development

Project: Provide nine rural communities with targeted, holistic capacity building services and support for long-term economic development success. This project will scale up services to meet the overwhelming demand for facilitated community-led prioritization, technical assistance, leadership coaching, and resource guiding.

Location of Project: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$472,192.28

Total Project Amount: \$774,085.71