



TOWN OF CONCORD

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Town of Concord Awarded \$6,930 State Planning Grant to Study Recreation-Based Tourism in Concord

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CONCORD, VT – The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) awarded \$6,930 to the Town of Concord in state Municipal Planning Grant funds to develop a strategic plan to increase tourist traffic in Concord and support business development by focusing on how best to link existing trail systems, including the Kingdom Trails biking network. The plan to boost recreation-based tourism in Concord successfully competed against 69 communities and was one of 38 funded.

“Focusing on opportunities to develop business and community growth in Concord is important for the future of our town,” indicated Cynthia Stuart, Chairperson of the Concord Planning & Zoning Board.

Concord will have a year and a half to complete this project.

“These grants support diverse, locally-driven projects that address a range of issues from housing and economic development to taking steps to reduce future flood damages,” said Josh Hanford, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Awarded annually and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Municipal Planning Grant program supports local community revitalization and planning initiatives. Since 1998, the program has provided over \$11 million to 234 cities and towns across Vermont to help breathe new life into communities, plan for future growth and development and improve our quality of life. Follow the below link below to learn more.

<http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant>