

Creative Communities Program Priority Projects

By Community

Bellows Falls / Rockingham

- Provide Year-round Access to Local Foods
- Revitalize “The Island”
- Support a Strong Restaurant Culture

Hardwick

- Create a Business Incubator and Arts Space
- Develop the Future of the Town House
- Expand Recreation in the Hardwick Lake Area
- Spruce Up Downtown Hardwick

Lake Champlain Islands

- Develop Trails to Tour Local Farms, Arts, and Other Islands Highlights
- Expand Options for Indoor Community Space
- Form a Task Force on Increasing Off-Season Activity

Manchester

- Create the Infrastructure for State-of-the-Art Communications Technology
- Establish a Local Foods Retail Center
- Establish Manchester as a Leader in Sustainability and Green Business

Middlebury

- Establish a Business Incubator
- Establish Middlebury as a Pioneer in Alternative Energy Production and Management
- Found a Community Creative Economy Umbrella Association
- Make Better Use of the River

Plainfield

- Establish Plainfield as a Learning Community
- Form a Local Creative Economy Association
- Make Downtown Plainfield More Welcoming to Pedestrians

Randolph

- Create Stronger Collaborations Around the Creative Economy with an Ongoing Process to Support Creative Economy Projects
- Improve Internet Access
- Promote Environmental Initiatives that Define Randolph as a Green Community

Richmond

- Develop and Market a Richmond Trails System
- Form an Alliance for Creative Development of Existing Properties
- Hold a Harvest Festival to Celebrate Local Agriculture

Rutland

- Advance Rutland as a Recreation Center
- Build a Central Open Air Mall on Center Street
- Rutland as an Arts and Culture Destination
- “Sustainable Rutland” – A Model City

St. Albans

- Bring Arts and Community Projects to Taylor Park
- Organize Evening Events to Bring Activity Downtown after Dark
- Build an Arts Center
- Promote the Digital Culture through a St. Albans Technology Service Provider

St. Johnsbury

- Develop an Eastern Avenue Park (Including Farmers’ Market Site)
- Highlight Local Cultural Organizations
- Improve St. Johnsbury’s Web Presence

Windsor

- Begin a Public Relations Campaign
- Create an Arts Incubator
- Form a Local Leadership Group