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FY 2015 INVESTMENT IN VERMONT  
\$181,525,031

ADDISON	\$5,434,700
BENNINGTON	\$5,923,911
CALEDONIA	\$4,442,944
CHITTENDEN	\$18,459,483
ESSEX	\$1,125,142
FRANKLIN	\$19,341,752
GRAND ISLE	\$1,821,015
LAMOILLE	\$4,328,650
ORANGE	\$3,037,808
ORLEANS	\$6,189,526
RUTLAND	\$10,002,351
WASHINGTON	\$15,853,720
WINDHAM	\$15,885,424
WINDSOR	\$6,679,058
REAP ZONE	\$6,757,858
STATEWIDE MULTI-COUNTY	\$47,642,000
RENTAL ASSISTANCE – STATEWIDE	\$8,599,689

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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
ADDISON COUNTY  
\$5,434,700**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bristol	The Last Resort Farm	To install a 14.6kW solar photovoltaic array at the Last Resort Farm. The system will provide 108% of the operation's electricity needs.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$7,988
Hancock	Town of Hancock	To upgrade the municipal building's entry, restrooms, and parking to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$31,400
Middlebury	Michael D. Quinn (Maple Syrup)	This project will install a high efficiency evaporator and flue pan that are estimated to reduce energy usage by 55%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$5,231
Orwell	Stonewood Farm, Inc.	For working capital to cover processing expenses including labor, packaging and supplies, promotion and distribution, and other operating costs of value added turkeys.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$245,897
Vergennes	Dubois Energy LLC	Anaerobic Digester	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$227
Weybridge	Monument Farms Three Gen LLC	Anaerobic Digester	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$721
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$291,464</b>

<b>ADDISON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	4	\$578,040
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	26	\$4,565,196
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	0	\$0
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,143,236</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
BENNINGTON COUNTY  
\$5,923,911**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bennington	Applegate Housing Limited Partnership	To install a wood chip boiler system that will replace the current oil heating system at a multi-family housing project. More than 35,000 gallons of fuel oil will no longer be consumed each year by this apartment complex, at an annual cost savings in excess of \$85,000.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$300,000
Bennington	Silver Street	To rehabilitate the 36 unit family complex with 22 units of rental assistance which provides affordable housing to very low and low residents.	Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization	2015	\$836,707
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$1,136,707</b>

<b>BENNINGTON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	5	\$835,100
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	30	\$3,939,174
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	2	\$12,930
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,787,204</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
CALEDONIA COUNTY  
\$4,442,944**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Barnet	Calvin Willard, dba Willard Forestry	To install new equipment at the recipient's sugarhouse which will reduce energy consumption by 85%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$14,614
Barnet	Shane Stevenson dba Stevenson's Sugar House	To install new equipment at the Recipient's sugarhouse which will reduce energy consumption by 90%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$13,753

St. Johnsbury	Catamount Film and Arts Company	To purchase and install 80 solar panels, LED interior lights, water heater, and air conditioning units. The conversion to renewable energy and energy efficient equipment and components will allow the facility to operate more efficiently and result in cost and environmental benefits.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$48,700
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	To upgrade the wastewater system. The facilities are approximately twenty-two years old and at the end of their useful life. Replacing the primary pumps is critical to avoiding complete system failure.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2015	\$747,000
Sutton	Town of Sutton	Water system improvements are needed due to high nitrate levels. The project includes a new treatment and storage building, nitrate removal treatment, and connecting the new building to the existing system. This project will eliminate a health concern and bring the system into compliance with state standards.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2015	\$123,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$947,067</b>

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<b>CALEDONIA COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	2	\$190,990
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	29	\$3,250,532
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	4	\$22,950
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	3	\$31,405
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,495,877</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
CHITTENDEN COUNTY  
\$18,459,483**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Addison	Champlain Valley Farm	To enhance a mid-tier value chain focused on naturally raised niche pork for wholesaling to regional markets. Working capital funds will be used for marketing and processing of processed pork products including sausages and bacon. Champlain Valley Farm is partnering with three other Vermont family farms to market pork to Black River Meats, a wholesaling and distribution partner, who will market the finished product to institutional food service, restaurants, and grocers.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$250,000
Bristol	Four Hills Farm	To install a brazed plate chiller which will reduce the electricity needed to chill milk by 23%, saving the farm over \$30,000 annually.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$38,987
Burlington	Vermont Software Developers' Alliance	To develop a recruiting and marketing plan to quantify and consolidate opportunities, bring partners together, develop the messaging and identify multiple approaches to communicate tech job openings and opportunities in Vermont. The goal is to expand Vermont's tech workforce.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$50,000
Richmond	Untapped, LLC	To develop gummy blocks for use as an athletic energy fuel with pure maple syrup as the sweetening base.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$49,999
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$388,986</b>

<b>CHITTENDEN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	10	\$1,879,140
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	77	\$16,159,962
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	4	\$23,900
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	1	\$7,495
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$18,070,497</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
ESSEX COUNTY**

**\$1,125,142**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Canaan	Canaan Fire District No. 2	To drill a new water main under the Connecticut River between Beecher Falls, VT and Stewartstown, NH to be connected to the existing main in Vermont and New Hampshire. The project is necessary to maintain service during the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Street bridge rehabilitation.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2015	\$199,000
Lunenburg	Lunenburg Fire District No. 2	To complete waste disposal system improvements to include upgrades to select manholes, pipelines, and the main pump station with a new above ground package pump station, wet well, and an emergency generator as well as force main replacement. The improvements will bring this portion of the system into compliance with state standards and improve public safety.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2015	\$142,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$341,000</b>

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<b>ESSEX COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	1	\$42,500
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	7	\$734,142
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	1	\$7,500
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$784,142</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**\$19,341,752**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Enosburg Falls	Kane's Cow Power LLC	Anaerobic Digester	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$1,086
Franklin	Howmars Farm	To install a 34.2kW solar photovoltaic system that will displace all of the farm's electricity usage. It is estimated that this project will generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 5 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$25,725
Georgia	Rick's Performance and Machining LLC	To install a 151kW grid-tied solar photovoltaic array with trackers. Electricity generated from this project, to be used by local residential, municipal and commercial customers, is expected to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 23 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$101,700
St. Albans	Gregory Bouchard dba Bouchard Family Dairy	To install a reverse osmosis system for the farm's maple syrup operation that is estimated to reduce energy usage by 79%. The proposed system is projected to save enough energy to equate to the amount of electricity it takes to power 4 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$12,444
Swanton	R.J. Fournier & Sons Farm, Inc.	To install a 41.6kW solar photovoltaic system which will provide 100% of the farm's electrical needs.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$24,729
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$165,684</b>

<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	3	\$391,225
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	105	\$18,764,543
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	1	\$7,500
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	1	\$12,800
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,176,068</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
GRAND ISLE COUNTY**

**\$1,821,015**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alburgh	Alburgh Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	To purchase two 12-head electrocardiogram (EKG) machines. These portable devices will allow instant, on-site recordings of the heart's electrical activity for patients who may be experiencing heart problems and provide faster and more effective treatment when patients reach the hospital.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$15,000</b>

<b>GRAND ISLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	1	\$225,000
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	10	\$1,581,015
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	0	\$0
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,806,015</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
LAMOILLE COUNTY**

**\$4,328,650**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hyde Park	Charles L. Davis dba Davis Hill Farm	To install new equipment at the recipient's sugarhouse which will reduce energy consumption by 80%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$3,477
Wolcott	Ronnie Leroux dba Darkwing Enterprises	To install a reverse osmosis system that is estimated to reduce energy usage by 73%. The proposed system is projected to save enough energy to equate to the amount of electricity it takes to power the 5 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$16,836
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$20,313</b>

<b>LAMOILLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	3	\$291,745
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	26	\$3,998,292
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	2	\$5,300
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	1	\$13,000
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,308,337</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
ORANGE COUNTY**

**\$3,037,808**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Chelsea	Nicholas L. Zigelbaum dba Longest Acre Farm	To install a 3.42kW solar photovoltaic array which will provide over 130% of the recipient's electricity needs.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$4,697
Randolph	Silloway Maple, LLP	To purchase and install a reverse osmosis system to increase energy efficiency in maple syrup production by 50%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$7,938
Strafford	Willis Phelps dba Phelps Family Sugaring	To install new equipment at the recipient's sugarhouse which will reduce energy consumption by almost 70%.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$5,981
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$18,616</b>

<b>ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	3	\$504,100
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	17	\$2,499,692
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	1	\$1,125
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	1	\$14,275
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,019,192</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
ORLEANS COUNTY  
\$6,189,526**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Barton	Barton Solar, LLC	To purchase and install a 1.89 MW Solar system that will generate 2,945,575 kWh of renewable energy annually to the Vermont electric grid.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$500,000
Craftsbury	Pete's Greens Inc.	To install a 150kW solar photovoltaic system at Pete's Greens. The system will generate 80% of the growing business's electricity.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$73,291
Glover	Sweet Rowen Farmstead, LLC	Rural Development funds will be used for food safety/ consulting; food labeling consulting and the development of nutritional labels; as well as the hiring of a plant manager and employee training.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$24,661
Greensboro	Eureka Satellite, LLC (Jasper Hill Farm)	To install a 169.3kW roof-mounted, grid-tied solar photovoltaic array.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$109,443
North Troy	Chaput Family Farms	Anaerobic Digester	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$168
North Troy	Randall Family Farm	To install a 49.9kW solar PV system that will generate all of the farm's electricity needs.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$32,187
Westfield	Westfield Fire District No. 1	To construct an iron and manganese removal system for the water system. Water tests have failed due to unsafe levels of iron and manganese. This projects eliminates the health concern and provides customers with an adequate supply of potable water.	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	2015	\$137,789
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$877,539</b>

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<b>ORLEANS COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	2	\$319,423
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	39	\$4,959,146
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	3	\$15,000
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	2	\$18,418
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,311,987</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
RUTLAND COUNTY  
\$10,002,351**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Bensen	Green Lantern Development LLC	To install a 500kW solar photovoltaic array. Electricity generated from this project, to be used by local residential, municipal and commercial customers, is expected to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 78 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$77,134
Brandon	Brandon Fire District No. 1	To update a portion of aging and undersized water distribution line, hydrants and associated appurtenances in the Town of Brandon. Recently, Brandon has experienced an increase in water line breaks and water loss due to the aging infrastructure. The improvements will bring this portion of the distribution system into compliance with state standards and improve public safety.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2015	\$2,564,000
Clarendon	VT Wood Pellet Co. LLC	Wood pellet manufacturing.	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$1,142
Poultney	Town of Poultney	To build an addition to the existing library, allowing this well-used building to provide more space for programming, meetings, books and other media. The project will expand the children's area, add a teen room, and create a new programming room for library events.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$248,000
Proctor	Preservation Trust of Vermont	To purchase the VT Marble Museum building to preserve the historic building and its collection which is a key component to Proctor's economic redevelopment plan.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$175,000
Rutland	Paramount Center, Inc.	To replace portions of the Paramount Center's heating system and perform other energy efficient upgrades such as insulation resulting in cost savings and allowing them to continue providing the high caliber of cultural events.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$12,800
Rutland	Paramount Center, Inc.	See above.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$6,900
Rutland	Paramount Center, Inc.	To upgrade the Paramount Center's website and ticketing system. The upgrade of the website will present the theater in a highly visible way and the enhanced ticketing system will enable patron to easily purchase tickets on desktops, tablets or smart phones.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$12,500
Rutland	Paramount Center, Inc.	To purchase a solar array and production equipment. The solar array will supply up to 14% of the facility's energy needs and will allow the historic Main Street theater to join the Rutland Solar City movement towards renewable energy. The production equipment will replace frequently rented spotlights and other essential equipment.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$18,500
Rutland	Paramount Center, Inc.	See above.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$22,600
Wells	Larson Farm	To supply working capital for converting cow milk to pasteurized cream lined bottled milk, yogurt and gelato.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$49,999

West Rutland	Town of West Rutland	To proceed with the construction of the sewer main extension project. This project will have both public health and economic benefits and meet regulatory requirements.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2015	\$165,493
West Rutland	Town of West Rutland	To proceed with the construction of the water main extension project. The project will alleviate a health and sanitation problem.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$36,474
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$3,390,542</b>

<b>RUTLAND COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	8	\$1,165,600
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	45	\$5,443,149
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	1	\$3,060
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
		\$6,611,809

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
\$15,853,720**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Barre	Barre 2000 and Beyond Inc. d/b/a The Barre Partnership	To hire a manager to market and manage the retail incubator space in the Wheelock Office Building in downtown Barre, VT. The manager will be responsible for: creating a legal entity, marketing, organization of weekend events, and develop additional "retail incubator" space for the Barre Antiques Collaborative.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$35,000
Barre	Central Vermont Community Television	To purchase a TelVue B1000 HyperCaster IP (Internet Protocol) Broadcast Server for broadcasting up to twenty independent digital channels. Provide training to key Central VT Community Television personnel. The IP Broadcast server will provide an efficient and cost-effective means for multiple Vermont operators to produce and share content through the use of a shared cloud service.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$33,000
Berlin	Montessori School of Central Vermont, Inc.	To purchase and renovate a former Knights of Columbus building located in Barre, VT. The use of green/renewable building materials and energy efficiency systems will be a priority in this project.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$1,406,600
Berlin	Town of Berlin	Rural Development funds will allow the project to proceed to construction as scheduled and provide the residents with safe, affordable and potable water.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$307,074
East Montpelier	Washington Electric Cooperative	To build or improve 46 miles of line and make other system improvements including smart grid projects.	Rural Electric Program	2015	\$7,000,000
Plainfield	Elmhill, Inc.	To upgrade portions of the Maplehill School facility for increased energy efficiency resulting in energy costs savings. The school offers students an alternative to the traditional school experience through an individually tailored learning environment.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$10,700
Plainfield	Elmhill, Inc.	See above.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$61,700
Waterbury	Vermont GreenWood Resources, LLC	To carry out a feasibility study on turning wood products into value added wood products such as kiln dried firewood, bole chips, pellet feedstock, and/or microchips.	Value-Added Producer Grant	2015	\$13,870
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$8,867,944</b>

<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$277,000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	44	\$6,679,226
Housing Repair Grants	7	\$29,550
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
Labor Housing Loans	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,985,776</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
WINDHAM COUNTY  
\$15,885,424**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Bellows Falls	Bellows Falls Village Corporation	Update and refurbish the wastewater treatment facility which is over 25 years old. When complete, the facility will have improved long-term reliability, reduced repair costs, and optimized processes for energy and operational efficiency.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2015	\$7,250,000
Brattleboro	Food Connects, Inc.	To purchase a refrigerated truck to expand existing food delivery routes and establish new delivery routes to grow new markets in and around Windham County with a focus on Springfield and Rockingham, VT.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$38,000
Brattleboro	The Strolling of the Heifers, Inc.	To renovate the existing facility for more effective year-round programming to support the local foods economy.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$50,000
Brattleboro	The Strolling of the Heifers, Inc.	See above.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$133,700
Brattleboro	Turning Point of Windham County	Subsequent loan for cost overruns to complete the renovations to the Brattleboro facility.	Community Facility Guaranteed Loan	2015	\$65,000
Brattleboro	Northeast Recycling Council	To implement the "Food Recovery Hierarchy", a food management and waste reduction and diversion program, through training sessions, webinars and educational resource materials serving five rural Vermont towns.	Solid Waste Management Grant	2015	\$67,000
Townshend	Big Picture Farm, LLC	To provide working capital to expand the processing, packaging, and promotion of farmstead goat milk truffles.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$124,280
Townshend	Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center, Inc.	To replace the roof on the Grace Cottage Hospital building at the Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center, Inc., a regional healthcare provider serving over 14 rural towns. This project will reduce oil usage, increase energy efficiency, and lower operating expenses for the critical access hospital.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$600,000
Westminster	Westminster Energy Group LLC	Anaerobic Digester	Biofuel Assistance Program	2015	\$132
Westminster	Westminster Meats, LLC	To provide working capital for processing hogs, lambs and beef cattle into smoked sausage, complete marketing and sales.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$49,999
Whitingham	The Corse Farm Dairy LLC	To install a 32.3kW solar photovoltaic system which will provide 130% of the farm's electrical needs.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$23,917
Wilmington	Town of Wilmington	To refurbish the Wilmington Wastewater Treatment Facility. The project includes new controls, primary treatment equipment and components, new controls building and upgrades to the existing controls building and to the office/lab building.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant	2015	\$2,130,000
Windham	Windham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.	To purchase a new 2000 gallon super tanker fire truck. This tanker will have a poly tank that will not rust and last indefinitely. The new vehicle will replace a 34 year old tanker that is rusting out and no longer dependable for providing critical fire suppression service.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$192,700
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$10,724,728</b>

<b>WINDHAM COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	11	\$1,621,800

<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	24	\$3,505,336
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	3	\$15,240
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	3	\$18,320
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,160,696</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
WINDSOR COUNTY  
\$6,679,058**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ludlow	Village of Ludlow	To provide a preliminary study and cost effective solution to explore and determine how much of the proposed water and waste disposal systems upgrades are required for the village.	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant	2015	\$30,000
Perkinsville	Northeast Community Solar, LLC	To assist farmers, agricultural producers, and rural small businesses to develop renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements to their operations. This project involves creating a 150 kW solar facility in Pawlet, VT. The system is expected to generate over 230,000 kWh per year.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2015	\$155,376
Rochester	Pierce Hall Community Center, Inc.	To repair and replace 29 windows in the Pierce Hall Community Center, which will protect the interior from weather and increase the energy efficiency of the facility. Pierce Hall is used by over 20 local organizations to host events, productions, and other community needs.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$10,500
Rochester	North Hollow Farm, LLC	Rural Development funds will be used to cost share one year's worth of operating expenses associated with increasing production of livestock to grow market share by 63 percent.	Value Added Producer Grant	2015	\$161,204
Royalton	Town of Royalton	To build a new town office building, allowing for a fully accessible location for all town functions.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$600,000
Royalton	Town of Royalton	To purchase furnishings and updated systems for the new town office building, including: security, fire, and computer systems. The building will integrate the police department which was previously located separately.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$2,700
Royalton	Town of Royalton	See above.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$9,400
Royalton	Town of Royalton	See above.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2015	\$37,900
White River Junction	Vital Communities, Inc.	To provide a variety of technical and marketing assistance as well as educational gatherings that will engage beginning farmers and closely assist seasoned farmers with skills development. Host farmer events and maintain farmer discussion lists and events calendar.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$15,500
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$1,022,580</b>

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
RURAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP (REAP) ZONE - MULTIPLE COUNTIES  
\$6,757,858**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Barton	Barton Village, Inc.	To purchase a skid steer tractor with snow blower to be used primarily for snow removal on sidewalks and public parking areas. This project will allow for better sidewalk maintenance and improve accessibility and safety.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$34,400
Brownington	Town of Brownington	Purchase tools, equipment, and furnishings for the recently constructed town garage that houses the town vehicles. This project will start to build the inventory needed to accommodate staff and proper maintenance of the Town vehicles that are critical in providing safe roads for this community.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$12,100
Brownington	Town of Brownington	Purchase a 2015 plow truck for maintaining roads. The Town has leased trucks for many years. Escalating costs and lack of internal controls that has hindered the safe keeping of roads led to the decision to purchase.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$50,000
Burke	Burke Town School District	To construct an outside learning playground for the preschoolers. The playground area will have different stations that will allow the children to learn while playing.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$2,600
Burke	Burke Town School District	To purchase and install an 80kW generator that will provide emergency power to the campus during power outages. The generator would also keep the new pellet boilers working in cold weather as well as all the refrigerators and freezers. It will also allow the school to be an emergency shelter for the town.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$19,200
Canaan	Town of Canaan	To complete the upgrades to the waste disposal system that serves both Canaan and Stewartstown, New Hampshire.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$54,000
Canaan	Canaan Fire District No. 2	To drill a new water main under the Connecticut River between Beecher Falls, VT and Stewartstown, NH to be connected to the existing main in Vermont and New Hampshire. The main attached to the Bridge Street bridge will be abandoned. The project is necessary to maintain service during the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Street bridge rehabilitation.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$161,000
Charleston	Town of Charleston	To purchase kitchen and food service equipment to outfit a start-up general store in the Town of Charleston. The new store will start a viable local business with 3 new FTE jobs, create a purveyor and proponent of the area's emerging local food network, and foster a viable town center.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$17,454
Craftsbury	Sterling College	To upgrade the kitchen to support processing of raw fruit and vegetables and improved baking equipment. The equipment will be used to support low resource businesses in development of recipes and production steps for value added food products by providing kitchen space and students to assist with the process.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$91,674
Derby	Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club	To purchase a 2016 Tucker Model DI-2000E126-5-173 with extended 4 door cab groomer to support local businesses (retail, gasoline, restaurant, grocery, convenience stores and bed breakfasts) and promote tourism along the 62 miles of class 1 heavy tracked snow machine trails in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$73,572

Derby Line	Haskell Free Library, Inc.	To improve to the theater portion of the library. The Haskell Free Library is a fully operating library and opera house. This project will allow for critical upgrades to meet fire codes by replacing the stage curtain and upgrading outdated electrical and electronic components. The intent of the project is to bring the theater professional grade and attract more performers and provide enhanced cultural opportunities in the community.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$8,000
East Charleston	NorthWoods Stewardship Center	To construct a single story, wood frame bunkhouse capable of sleeping up to 20 people. The year-round, handicapped accessible facility will be used for overnight educational events. This project will help in advancing the NorthWoods's mission of "Connecting people and place through science, education and action."	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$50,000
Hardwick	Heartbeet Life Sharing Corporation	To purchase a new Kubota tractor to replace an older model that is no longer dependable. Heartbeet is a residential therapeutic community serving adults with developmental disabilities. This new tractor will help the residents of Heartbeet continue to produce their own food and also produce food that is sold to the local community.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$7,100
Hardwick	The Center for Agricultural Economy	To expand and grow the market opportunity for wholesale, institutional and retail markets, particularly for value-added farm products. Funds will provide small farms with access to light processing of local fruits and vegetables for year-round sale to small grocers, grocers' associations, coops and distributors through the VT Food Venture Center expanding the sale of local foods so that farmers have a fair and viable price returned to them and institutions and wholesale markets can access local foods for their consumers.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$111,781
Island Pond	Island Pond Community Service, Inc.	To replace old kitchen equipment with new energy efficient, full functioning equipment and replace the kitchen flooring. The facility arranges about 50 congregate, hot meals per delivery day and delivers over 110 hot meals-on-wheels per delivery day as well as frozen meals on non-delivery days.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$9,300
Jay	Country Riders Snowmobile Club	To purchase a 2015 Tucker Model DI-2000D126-5-173 with regular cab groomer to support local businesses (retail, gasoline, restaurant, grocery, convenience stores and bed breakfasts) and promote tourism along the 126 miles of snow machine trails linking towns 12 Vermont towns.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$76,832
Hardwick	Lamoille Housing Partnership	To develop a new affordable housing complex in Hardwick. A portion of which will become rental housing in high performance modular homes. There will be 12-14 units of affordable housing produced by this project.	Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization	2015	\$1,650,000
Lunenburg	Lunenburg Fire District No. 2	To complete waste disposal system improvements to include upgrades to select manholes, pipelines, and the main pump station with a new above ground package pump station, wet well, and emergency generator as well as force main replacement. The improvements will bring this portion of the system into compliance with	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$420,000
Lyndon	Darling Inn	Rural Development funds will be used to rehabilitate the historic Darling Inn. The complex is providing 28 units of elderly affordable housing to very low and low residents in Lyndonville, VT. It is also the site of the community meals and meals on wheels programs.	Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization	2015	\$300,000
Lyndon	Town of Lyndon	To install a new odor control system for the sludge treatment system. The original odor control system was installed in 2003 and was removed from the facility in 2013. This new system will replace the temporary system which has proven to be inadequate.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$110,000

Multi County/ REAP Zone	Gilman Housing Trust, Inc. dba Rural Edge	Rural Development funds will be used to help 15 single family homes of very low-income residents update and correct health and safety hazards in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties.	Housing Preservation Grant	2015	\$100,000
Multi-County/ REAP Zone	Employment and Training Organization,	To preserve and weatherize 20 single family homes for very low-income residents in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties, Vermont.	Housing Preservation Grant	2015	\$150,000
Multi-County/ REAP Zone	Vermont Council on Independent Living	To conduct repairs and rehabilitation in 10 single family homes of very low-income residents, and 7 single family homes of low-income residents in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties.	Housing Preservation Grant	2015	\$100,000
Newport	Newport City Renaissance Corporation	To develop an integrated promotional campaign specifically to attract Canadian shoppers and businesses to Newport, VT.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$78,098
Newport	North Country Supervisory Union	To increase the production, sale, and consumption of local food by providing technical assistance to ten small and emerging farmers geared toward the increase in the production of local food for wholesale markets, increase procurement of local foods by school, institutions, and independent grocers, and increase demand for local food by consumers.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$137,197
Sheffield	Sheffield-Wheelock Volunteer Fire Department	To purchase a storage trailer for department equipment.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$2,800
St. Johnsbury	Catamount Film and Arts Company	To purchase and install 80 solar panels (to be located at a solar panel farm in Groton, VT), LED interior lights, water heater, and air conditioning units. The conversion to renewable energy and energy efficient equipment and components will allow the facility to operate more efficiently and result in cost and environmental benefits.	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$50,000
St. Johnsbury	Catamount Film and Arts Company	To redesign the Catamount Film and Arts website and on-line ticketing service system to include upgrades that allow efficient access by smart phones, and other mobile devices, as well as social media platforms providing purchasing ability to various services such as tickets to performances.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$41,892
St. Johnsbury	Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	To purchase a pole-mounted 36-panel solar array. This project addresses the two goals of the museum's Solar Science Project which are to install meaningful solar capacity and to use the solar panels as an educational tool to inspire interest in student	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$37,300
St. Johnsbury	Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce	To create an online business assistance guide as well as upgrades to the Northeast Kingdom Chamber website. The business assistance guide will make it significantly easier for companies to find necessary services and resources needed to start, expand, attract and retain customers, and finance a business.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$32,162
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corporation	To provide a low-interest loan to this non-profit economic development organization to relend for business and community development in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom REAP Zone.	Intermediary Relending Program	2015	\$1,000,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corporation	fund geared toward stimulating growth and diversification using an affordable startup funding solution. This program will stimulate innovative employment development; add value to business and community projects that strengthen employment	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$272,703

St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corporation	Provide specialized technical assistance and professional consulting to private small and emerging business to assist in growth, expansion, and create employment opportunities.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$182,189
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	To upgrade the wastewater system. The facilities are approximately twenty-two years old and at the end of their useful life. Replacing the primary pumps is critical to avoiding complete system failure.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$603,000
Sutton	Town of Sutton	To carry out water system improvements needed due to high nitrate levels. The project includes a new treatment and storage building, nitrate removal treatment, and connecting the new building to the existing system. This project will eliminate a health concern and bring the system into compliance with state standards.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2015	\$334,000
Troy	Jay Peak Area Chamber of	To create an enhanced activities map to help promote recreation and local businesses throughout Orleans	Rural Business Development	2015	\$73,163
Troy	Troy School District	To upgrade the playground at the school that serves pre-K-8. This project is part of a larger effort to	Community Facility Grant	2015	\$21,500
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$6,475,017</b>

<b>REAP Zone HOUSING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Single Family Direct Loans</b>	2	\$261,000
<b>Single Family Guaranteed Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Housing Repair Grants</b>	3	\$17,493
<b>Housing Repair Loans</b>	1	\$4,348
<b>Labor Housing Loans</b>	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$282,841</b>

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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN  
MULTIPLE COUNTIES OR STATEWIDE  
\$47,642,000**

<b>Town/City of Project</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District	To develop a program to help residents and businesses comply with Act 148 which bans recyclables from landfills. CVSWMD proposes to develop an educational outreach and training series targeting nine of the most rural member towns in Caledonia, Orange and Washington Counties.	Solid Waste Management Grant	2015	\$89,000
	Champlain Housing Trust	To assist ten low and very-low income households reduce the cost of repair and rehabilitation, to correct health and safety hazards, and/or comply with applicable development standards or codes.	Housing Preservation Grant	2015	\$25,000
	Deerfield Valley Transit Association, Inc.	To consolidate the Deerfield Valley Transit Authority's operations into one state-of-the-art bus maintenance and administrative facility and reduce costs and create a more efficient and safe work environment.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2015	\$400,000
	RESOURCE A Nonprofit Community Enterprise, Inc.	To expand outreach and technical assistance to businesses, nonprofits, and SWM entities to ensure successful implementation of VT's 3 new recycling laws. Project will serve over 30 specifically targeted rural communities surrounding Morrisville, VT and Barre, and specific eligible towns in Chittenden and Addison counties.	Solid Waste Management Grant	2015	\$83,000
	Southeastern Vermont Community Action	To continue, expand, and enhance the Emergency Home Repair Program (EHRP). EHRP provides and brokers emergency home repairs, weatherization, service coordination for low-income residents of southeastern Vermont.	Housing Preservation Grant	2015	\$25,000
	Vermont Energy Improvement Initiative	Vermont Energy Investment Corporation will make flexible, low interest capital available to Vermonters across the business, municipal, and residential sectors to support a broad range of energy improvement projects.	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program	2015	\$46,000,000
	Vermont Small Business Development Corporation	To provide a source of flexible, low interest capital to support small and emerging businesses across Vermont.	Intermediary Relending Program	2015	\$1,000,000
	Vermont Trail and Greenways Council	To conduct an economic impact study of organized trail based recreation covering ATV use, hiking, mountain biking, and Nordic skiing to raise awareness of the recreational presence and financial impact throughout Vermont. The study will focus on systems that are managed by the Kingdom Trails Association; Catamount Trails Association; Green Mountain Club; and the VT All-Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association.	Rural Business Development Grant	2015	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>2015</b>	<b>\$47,642,000</b>