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FY 2017 INVESTMENT IN VERMONT	
\$228,082,350	
ADDISON	\$3,272,908
BENNINGTON	\$58,595,576
CALEDONIA	\$7,219,494
CHITTENDEN	\$25,856,998
ESSEX	\$763,691
FRANKLIN	\$21,847,643
GRAND ISLE	\$2,178,709
LAMOILLE	\$3,854,581
ORANGE	\$13,616,484
ORLEANS	\$2,820,007
RUTLAND	\$28,021,194
WASHINGTON	\$10,310,674
WINDHAM	\$8,935,494
WINDSOR	\$22,362,004
REAP ZONE	\$5,530,515
STATEWIDE OR MULTIPLE COUNTIES	\$2,388,988
RENTAL ASSISTANCE – STATEWIDE	\$10,507,391

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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ADDISON COUNTY
\$3,272,908**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Vergennes	Top G, LLC	Funds to install a 15kW wind turbine. The proposed system is expected to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 4 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 5,236.00
Middlebury	Middlebury Studio School	Purchase a new kiln and pugmill for Middlebury Studio School. The clay program is central to the Middlebury Studio School. The old kiln is beyond repair and will soon be unusable. The school is also in need for a pugmill, which will allow them to efficiently recycle unfired clay for their growing art programs.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 4,500.00
Weybridge	Monument Farms Three Gen. LLC	Methane digester.	Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 249.72
Vergennes	Dubois Energy LLC	Methane digester.	Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 565.60
					\$ 10,551.32

ADDISON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$ 444,775.00
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	14	\$ 2,804,215.00
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$ 13,366.43
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$0
		\$3,262,356

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
BENNINGTON COUNTY
\$58,595,576**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Pownal	Hoosic River Hydro LLC	Funds will be used to refurbish an existing hydroelectric dam, enabling it to generate 3,100,000 kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 286 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grants	2017	\$ 300,000
Bennington	BC Campus Holdings, LLC	Funds to aquire properties from Bennington College and renovate one of the leased buildings as part of a strategic plan that will assist the college in expanding its student enrollment. It currently serves 785 students and employs several hundred faculty and staff and is an economic driver in Bennington County. The project's direct impact of adding students along with the indirect impact of additional faculty, staff, and visitors is anticipated to have a significant cumulative economic effect on the Bennington community.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 47,575,000
Bennington	BC Campus Holdings, LLC	See above.	Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan	2017	\$ 5,000,000
Manchester	Renewable Fuels of Vermont		Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 157
					\$ 52,875,157

HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	5	\$ 657,900.00
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	36	#####
Housing Repair Grants	1	\$ 7,500.00

Housing Repair Loans		2	\$ 10,499.00
			\$5,720,419

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
CALEDONIA COUNTY
\$7,219,494**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Hardwick	Kaufman, Bruce S	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 12.4 kW solar array. This project will realize \$2,613 per year in savings, and will replace 14,518kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grants	2017	\$ 12,110
Johnsbury	Vermont Sun, Ltd.	Funds to purchase a 12.48kW ground-mounted solar PV system. The net metered system is expected to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 2 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 14,087
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	The project will upgrade the wastewater facility. The treatment facility was constructed in 1990 and is in dire need of upgrades so that it can remain operational and continue to serve the town. Some of the upgrades include improving digesters, replacing pumps, replacing force main discharge piping, and separating stormwater and wastewater collection systems.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 2,928,000
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	The project is for water system improvements. Water mains in the project area were installed in the early 1900s and have a history of mineral buildup and breaks. The three fire hydrants in the project area were tested and failed to meet the supply recommended by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating. Water mains and new hydrants will be installed to provide customers with sufficient fire protection services and improved water quality.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 235,000
Lyndon	Vermont State Colleges System	The USDA Rural Development grant will help the Vermont State Colleges System create a distance learning network to connect Northern Vermont University, comprised of Johnson State College and Lyndon State College, to Sinte Gleska University, Lower Brule Community College and Ihanktonwan Community College in South Dakota and to 28 Vermont high schools. A mix of fixed and mobile video conferencing technology will increase course offerings to students, such as dual-credit college courses. It also will provide increased professional development opportunities for instructors and extend these opportunities to individuals in	Distance Learning and Telemedicine	2017	\$ 388,988
					\$ 3,578,185

CALEDONIA COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	6	\$ 827,630.00
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	23	\$ 2,738,479.00
Housing Repair Grants	7	\$ 52,500.00
Housing Repair Loans	2	\$ 22,700.00
		\$3,641,309

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
CHITTENDEN COUNTY
\$25,856,998**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Winooski	Jefdo LLC	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 55.9 kW solar array.	Rural Energy for America Program Grants	2017	\$ 4,156
Richmond	Town of Richmond	The project will extend the wastewater service. After the wastewater service is extended, private system issues and failures will be eliminated. Extension of the sewer service area to the gateway and Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park with approximately 2 miles of new low pressure sewer will add 14 new connections and 161 additional users to the system.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 1,543,000
Richmond	Town of Richmond	The project will extend the water service. Once the water service is extended, full fire flows will be available along with significant quantities of high quality drinking water. Water storage issues will be eliminated and all residents will have access to as much water as needed at any time at reasonable rates. The additional one mile of distribution main with hydrants will extend full fire protection to a high density residential area.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 957,000
Saint Albans	City of St. Albans	The project is for a wastewater treatment plant upgrade that will replace the aging 31-year old components to reduce failures and frequent costly repairs and extend the useful life to maintain long-term reliability and consistent compliance with the city's Discharge Permit. The City will be one of the first communities to implement phosphorus improvements to comply with a lower phosphorus limit mandated under the Lake Champlain Phosphorous Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Vermont Act 64, related to improving quality of state waters. The project also optimizes energy and operational efficiency and incorporates green project elements and other sustainability measures. The City comprises of two square miles within the Town of St. Albans and has a population of 6,918. The sewer collection system serves the City of St. Albans and extends into the Town of St. Albans.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 7,717,000
Saint Albans	City of St. Albans	See above.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 2,949,000
					\$ 13,170,156.00

CHITTENDEN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	4	\$ 693,300
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	53	\$ 11,961,742
Housing Repair Grants	3	\$ 17,500
Housing Repair Loans	2	\$ 14,300

		\$12,686,842
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**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ESSEX COUNTY**

\$763,691

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Canaan	Canaan Fire District No 1	Funds will be used for water system upgrades to Canaan Fire District No. 1 water system that provides both water and fire protection to approximately 375 customers. Recent changes in the border security have made it more difficult to monitor the wells that historically served the system and to perform needed maintenance. This project will allow wells to be located in the town as well as replace water mains, install a radio telemetry system, and water meters for accurate usage, equitable billing, and better leak detection.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 233,000.00
Canaan	Canaan Fire District No 1	See above.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 189,400.00
					\$422,400

ESSEX COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	0	\$0
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	3	\$ 324,341.00
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$ 15,000.00
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$ 1,950.00
		\$341,291

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

\$21,847,643

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Berkshire	East Berkshire Fire District No 1	The project is for water system improvements for the Town of Berkshire. This fire district was recently formed to take over a deficient water system in order to address drinking water public health issues. The system is under state order to correct the deficiencies. Filtering and disinfection upgrades will safeguard and improve drinking water quality. The project also includes replacing the deteriorating storage tank roof and replacing distribution mains. These upgrades will provide the required filtration and disinfection to meet water quality standards and provide high quality water to the customers.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 698,000
Berkshire	East Berkshire Fire District No 1	See above.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 2,040,500
Swanton	Champlain Housing Trust, Inc.	Funds will be used for a cost overrun for water and wastewater improvements to a 16-unit mobile home park in Swanton, VT. The cost overrun is due to bids coming in over the original budget. The park provides affordable housing for low-income residents. The project will construct replacement water distribution mains and upgrade source water and effluent wastewater pump stations. The water system has been cited for deficiencies by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division. The deficiencies include excessive leakage due to the deterioration of the galvanized piping and the lack of standby power to keep the system pressurized during power outages. This project will improve the health and safety of the water and wastewater systems and ensure that the residents continue to have an affordable place to live.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 63,412
Enosburg	Kane's Cow Power LLC	Methane digester.	Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 335
					\$ 2,802,247

FRANKLIN COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	5	\$ 904,600
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	98	\$ 18,045,796
Housing Repair Grants	10	\$ 69,100

Housing Repair Loans		3	\$	25,900
				\$19,045,396

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

\$2,178,709

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
					\$0

GRAND ISLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	2	302000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	10	1871709
Housing Repair Grants	1	5000
Housing Repair Loans	0	0
		\$2,178,709

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
LAMOILLE COUNTY
\$3,854,581**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Morrisville	Cooperative Development Institute, Inc.	Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to the Morrisville Food Co-op (MoCo) to guide and support them through the final stages of implementation to open the store.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 30,000
					\$ 30,000

LAMOILLE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	3	\$ 399,500
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	21	\$ 3,401,082
Housing Repair Grants	3	\$ 12,326
Housing Repair Loans	3	\$ 11,673
		\$3,824,581

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ORANGE COUNTY**

\$13,616,484

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Corinth	Juniper Chase	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 9.3 kW solar array. This project will realize \$2,223 per year in savings, and will replace 11,700kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 8,137
Corinth	Juniper Chase	Funds will be used to perform an energy audit as well as to purchase and install insulation, high-performance windows and doors, and new exterior siding. This project will realize \$4,299 per year in savings, and will reduce energy use by 72,328 kWh (73%) per year, which is enough electricity to power 6 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 19,513
Bradford	Enhanced Living, Inc.	To construct a 50-bed/32-unit assisted living and memory care facility in Bradford. The 32-unit homelike community is organized into distinct, but connected neighborhoods for assisted living and memory care residents. Each assisted living neighborhood contains one and two bedroom apartments, augmented by shared living, dining, and activity areas. The memory care neighborhood consists of private and semiprivate rooms, with shared living, dining and activity areas similar to the character of a large home.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 6,902,590
Bradford	Enhanced Living, Inc.	See above	Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan	2017	\$ 3,000,000
Wells River	Village of Wells River	Funds will be used for a preliminary engineering evaluation of wastewater disposal alternatives. The village's wastewater collection system serves approximately 100 homes and businesses. Wastewater is pumped across the Connecticut River to Woodsville (NH) Fire District. Until 2005, there was an inter-municipal agreement between the two municipalities. Woodsville has recently doubled usage charges to the village creating a financial hardship on the village residents. The evaluation will provide feasibility and costs of alternative means of wastewater disposal and an assessment of its current relationship and obligations as a contributor to the Woodsville wastewater treatment facility.	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households	2017	\$ 25,318

		Funds will be used for a cost overrun due to bids coming in over what was originally budgeted. The project includes replacement of the existing water storage tank that was constructed in the late 1800's. The existing tank has exceeded its useful life, is undersized, and has significantly less volume than recommended by ISO and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The project also includes upgrading many of the undersized water mains and distribution lines, replacing the well pump house, upgrading controls and disinfection, and necessary piping improvements. The water system that currently serves Wells River was originally constructed in the early 1900's and much of the original system is still in service.			
Wells River	Village of Wells River		Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 254,120
					\$10,209,678

ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	4	\$ 470,480.00
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	19	\$ 2,929,426.00
Housing Repair Grants	0	\$0
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$ 6,900.00
		\$3,406,806

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
ORLEANS COUNTY
\$2,820,007**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Newport	Kingdom Brewing Llc	Funds will be used to make energy efficiency improvements with the purchase and installation of a chiller. This project will realize \$18,091 per year in savings, and will replace 198,701kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 18 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 19,997
Lowell	Asa H. Searles Dbas Ellie'S Sugarhouse	Funds to installing new energy efficient equipment at a maple syrup production operation. This new system will reduce energy consumption by 67%, saving enough energy to equate to the amount of electricity it takes to power 5 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 6,327
Glover	Highland Lodge 2016 LLC	Funds will be used to purchase the Highland Lodge in Greensboro and return it to robust and viable operations as an inn and a community gathering place. The new owner will purchase at least 70% of food locally, including granola, dairy, artisan cheese, eggs, meat, maple and produce. The project will add revenue to several local farms and value added food producers, in many cases further leveraging past Rural Development funding.	Business and Industry	2017	\$ 760,000
Derby	Gilman Housing Trust, Inc.	Funds will be used to perform a wastewater facilities planning study for the wastewater system in the Shattuck Hill Mobile Home Park located in Derby, VT. The existing wastewater disposal system in the Park serves 48 homes and consists of in-ground holding tanks and leach fields. A 2012 examination of the system found that most of the systems were under varying degrees of stress and would need to be upgraded or replaced at some time in the not too distant future.	Water and Waste Disposal Pre-Development Planning Grant	2017	\$ 3,682
Newport	Gilman Housing Trust, Inc.	Funds will be used for ground floor improvements at a the Newport Senior Housing facility that will house Gilman Housing Trust's three key services, namely the Homeownership Center, Gilman Property Management, and Support and Services at Home. This project provides essential services to residents of the Northeast Kingdom REAP Zone that includes the counties of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans, which have the lowest median household incomes in the state.	Community Facilities Direct Loan (SECD)	2017	\$ 52,626

Newport	Town of Newport	The project is for water system improvements. Capacity limitations have necessitated the hauling of water from adjacent municipalities causing a financial burden on the community. The presence of elevated levels of arsenic and manganese in new wells requires the inclusion of a treatment system in order to meet water quality standards. The project will correct a health and sanitary problem and provide customers with water that meets water quality standards.	Water and Waste Disposal Loan	2017	\$ 283,000
Troy	Chaput Family Farms	Methane digester.	Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 194
					\$ 1,125,826

ORLEANS COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	4	\$ 329,800
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	12	\$ 1,283,434
Housing Repair Grants	12	\$ 66,302
Housing Repair Loans	8	\$ 14,645
		\$1,694,181

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
RUTLAND COUNTY
\$28,021,194**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Brandon	Lawes Agricultural Services Inc.	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 67.28 kW solar array. This project will realize \$11,517 per year in savings, and will replace 82,261 kWh (100%) per year, which is enough electricity to power 7 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 42,620
Danby	Yoder, Ryan N	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 6.6 kW solar array as well as a micro-hydroelectric facility. This project will realize \$2,053 per year in savings, and will generate 19,556kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 8,707
Castleton	Applewood Manor Bed And Breakfast	Funds to install an outdoor wood furnace at a lodging establishment. The proposed system is replacing an oil-fired furnace and will save over 2,100 gallons of #2 fuel oil annually.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 3,810
Rutland	Town of Poultney	Funds to purchase a new pumper fire truck for the Poultney Fire Department. The truck will replace a 1994 model and provide greater tank volume with a 1,500 gallon water tank and a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. The residents and businesses of the small rural town, as well as the students of Poultney's Green Mountain College, will be safer with the increased reliability and capacity of the new truck.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 195,000
Rutland	Town of Poultney	See above.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 50,000
West Rutland	The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center	Funds to replace the 40+ year old forklift used by the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center to transport large blocks of marble and other materials within their studio. Students from elementary to college, as well as members of the local community around Rutland attend classes to better understand the history of the local marble industry and learn traditional techniques of modeling and carving stone into works of art.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2017	\$ 10,000
Rutland	The College of St. Joseph	Purchase a 32 unit apartment complex that will house between 96-120 students. This new dormitory space will address the lack of sufficient housing on campus that has created several hardships for the College.	Community Facility Direct Loan (SECD)	2017	\$ 2,400,000

Poultney	GMC Campus Holdings, LLC	Acquisition of certain properties from Green Mountain College as part of a strategic plan that will assist the college in focusing on the core mission of student education and stabilizing debt payments. The acquisition will enable the college to strategically separate operational functions and increase operational efficiencies, dramatically reducing unnecessary expense liabilities. This project will allow the College to remain a significant employer and an economic engine of over \$6 million annually in the rural western Vermont Town of Poultney. GMC Campus Holdings is a wholly owned subsidiary of Green Mountain College and the facilities will in turn be leased back to the College.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 19,500,000
Rutland	Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	Purchase rooftop solar panels for Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc. (BROC). BROC provides assistance and services for low-income individuals and families in Rutland and Bennington counties, Vermont. The solar panel installation on their Rutland facility will help the organization to save \$4,500 in operational costs annually. BROC intends to reinvest these savings in enhancing the housing, social services and economic opportunity services that it provides to Rutland area residents.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 25,300
Rutland	Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	See above.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 24,000
Wallingford	Wallingford Housing	Funds utilized to preserve multi-family housing units.	Housing Preservation and Revitalization Program	2017	\$ 335,887
Clarendon	VT Wood Pellet Co. LLC	Wood pellet production.	Assistance Program	2017	\$ 1,102
Rutland	Rutland Economic Development Corporation	Rural Development funds will be used to provide financial assistance to small businesses for the purposes of increasing employment opportunities as well as encouraging employee training and workforce development in Rutland County. The funds will assist an estimated 7 rural businesses retain and/or create 37 full time equivalent jobs.	Intermediary Relending Program	2017	\$ 350,000
					\$22,946,426

**RUTLAND COUNTY
HOUSING PROGRAMS**

Single Family Direct Loans	2	\$ 234,500
Guaranteed Loans	35	\$ 4,823,284
Housing Repair Grants	3	\$ 12,114
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$ 4,870
		\$5,074,768

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY
\$10,310,674**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Barre	Bear Roots Farm LLC	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 14.1 kW solar array. This project will realize \$2,869 per year in savings, and will replace 17,037kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 11,906
Waitsfield	Green Mountain Harvest, Llc	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a 100 kW solar array. This project will realize \$30,769 per year in savings, and will replace 160,757 kWh (58%) per year, which is enough electricity to power 14 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 34,380
Warren	Pitcher Inn Partners LLC	Rural Development funds will be used to purchase the Pitcher Inn in the center of historic Warren. Four additional suites will be added to the adjacent former innkeeper's house, expanding the business by about 36%. The project will save 14 jobs and create 10 new jobs.	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	2017	\$ 2,400,000
Waitsfield	The Center For Whole Communities	Rural Development funds will be used to hire videographer, graphic designers, and writers to create media to increase the economic vitality of the communities involved by marketing the their makers and growers.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 29,500
Barre	Barre Historical Society	Funds will be used to purchase equipment to make Rise Up Bakery functional. Rise Up Bakery, which is located in a renovated historical 1913 bakery, once functional will become a community bakery, available for lease and to be used for workshops, culinary training, and employment as a start-up bakery. This project anticipates creating 4 new positions in wood-baking bread.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 30,000
Montpelier	Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation	Funds will be used to provide financing and technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs to expand microenterprises, with a specific priority of assisting companies that develop new value added products produced in Vermont.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Loan)	2017	\$ 500,000
Montpelier	Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation	See above.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Grant)	2017	\$ 75,000
Barre	Community Capital Of Vermont	Funds will be used to capitalize a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund to make microloans to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises statewide with an emphasis on unserved/underserved communities of the state.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Loan)	2017	\$ 500,000
Barre	Community Capital Of Vermont	See above.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Grant)	2017	\$105,000
Barre	Mark A. Booth	Funds to install new energy efficient equipment at a maple syrup production operation. This new system will reduce energy consumption by almost 95%, saving the equivalent amount of electricity it takes to power 17 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 10,242

		Funds will be use for technical assistance and training to produce six backyard composting workshops to residents in CVSWMD's 19 member towns; develop three community composting sites, including four training workshops in partnership with the Vermont Community Garden Network; produce two Zero Waste Events Kits and a digital library of technical assistance guides designed to eliminate the land filling of food waste at events; and facilitate food scrap and recyclables diversion from the waste stream at the largest event of the year in CVSWMD service area.			
Montpelier	Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District		Solid Waste Management Grants	2017	\$ 144,091
					\$ 3,840,119

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	7	\$ 1,132,530
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	34	\$ 5,274,521
Housing Repair Grants	8	\$ 50,005
Housing Repair Loans	3	\$ 13,499
		\$6,470,555

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WINDHAM COUNTY
\$8,935,494**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Rockingham	Ampersand Brockway Mills Hydro Llc	Funds will be used for the purchase of an air compression system to assist in removing obstructions to water flow. This project will increase production by 45,000kWh per year, which is enough electricity to power 4 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 3,487
Brattleboro	Post Oil Solutions Inc.	Rural Business Development Grant Funds will be used to complete a feasibility study to determine the viability of relocating the Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market which has outgrown its current location. Information and analysis from the study, and the support of community stakeholders and partners will assist in establishing a realistic plan thus continuing support of new and emerging small businesses, local farmers, and fostering entrepreneurial efforts of businesses and farmers by offering direct access to customers. This project will provide 2 part-time positions as well as the hiring of a consultant to complete the project.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 14,000
Putney	Sandglass Theater	Rural Business Development Grant Funds will be used to complete a strategic, transition and sustainability plan for Sandglass Theater located in Putney. With these plans it is anticipated that additional jobs for young artists and administrators will be made available thereby boosting the local economy through visitors attending performances, trainings, festivals and events.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 21,000
Brattleboro	Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation	Rural Development Loan and Grant funds will be used to provide financing and technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs to increase economic activity, economic prosperity, and job opportunity in Southern Vermont.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Loan)	2017	\$ 400,000
Brattleboro	Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation	See above.	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (Grant)	2017	\$ 100,000
Brattleboro	Women's Community Center, Inc.	Funds for the purchase and renovation of a facility. The proposed facility will house the administrative offices of the Women's Community Center, Inc. and provide additional emergency shelter space for domestic violence survivors with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. Support and counseling will be provided, as well as around-the-clock on-site staff .	Community Facility Direct Loan	2017	\$ 375,750
Brattleboro	Women's Community Center, Inc.	See above.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 50,000

Rockingham	Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc.	Expand the Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (SEVT) facility in Rockingham to renovate office space and add a mechanics bay, bus wash, a bay to accommodate the parts room, mechanics bathroom, storage, and a small mechanical room. The facility improvements will save energy and operational costs by using efficient and modern fixtures, recycle water and reduce sewer discharges, provide cost savings by doing on-site fueling, and extend the vehicles useful life by providing additional indoor storage space. This will allow SEVT to continue serving over 30 rural southern Vermont towns in a financially sustainable manner.	Community Facility Direct Loan	2017	\$ 1,500,000
Brattleboro	Holton Home, Inc.	Funds for the purchase of equipment for the expansion of their Bradley House facility, a non-profit licensed Level III Residential Care Home which serves seniors in Brattleboro. This project will include purchasing kitchen equipment for an updated commercial kitchen and serving facility, and chairs for the dining room and living room that are adapted for elderly needs. This grant accompanies a large renovation and expansion project for the overall facility, and will increase the facility from 28 to 36 units.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2017	\$ 27,300
Brattleboro	Holton Home, Inc.	See above.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 7,700
Brattleboro	Retreat Farm, LTD	For the purchase of indoor and outdoor equipment for the Children's Farm and Forest section of the Retreat Farm facility. This will include items such as bookshelves, tables and chairs, books, manipulatives, a small greenhouse, outdoor play equipment, and outdoor winter gear. Local schools, camps, and community members in Brattleboro will be able to connect to Vermont's farming heritage through hands-on farming experiences with animals and gardens, guided workshops, educational play, and exploration on the interpretive trails.	Community Facilities Grant (SECD)	2017	\$ 12,020
Brattleboro	Town of Brattleboro School District	Purchase of a bio-fuel (wood pellet) boiler that will be installed at the Green Street School in Brattleboro. This will replace the outdated heating system with one that is energy efficient and uses renewable fuel, generating annual energy cost savings of \$7,000. The school is a Kindergarten-6th grade facility that serves approximately 170 families.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 50,000
Brattleboro	Friends of Brattleboro Music Center, Inc.	Purchase music practice and performance equipment and furniture for the new Brattleboro Music Center (BMC) facility in Brattleboro. BMC, a non-profit bringing music to the children of Brattleboro School District and the community at large, recently purchased a new facility with expanded educational and performance space. The BMC runs the BMC Music School, the Music in the Schools program, the Windham Orchestra, Brattleboro Concert Choir, Blanche Moysse Chorale, Northern Roots Traditional Music Festival, and Chamber Music Series.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2017	\$ 26,670

Brattleboro	Friends of Brattleboro Music Center, Inc.	See above.	Economic Impact Initiative Grant	2017	\$ 11,700
Brattleboro	Friends of Brattleboro Music Center, Inc.	See above.	Community Facilities Grant	2017	\$ 11,630
Rockingham	Village of Saxtons River	The project will upgrade the existing wastewater treatment facility. The facility, originally constructed in 1972, has aging components and high operational costs resulting from essential repairs. The project will build a new facility with updated systems and some redundancy built in. This is a large infrastructure investment for a small community of 565 residents and additional funds were needed for the increased project cost after bids.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	2017	\$ 503,000
Westminster	Southeastern VT Community Action	To revitalize single family homes.	Housing Preservation Grant	2017	\$ 116,668
Westminster	Westminster Energy Group		Biofuel Assistance Program	2017	\$ 773
					\$3,231,698

WINDHAM COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	22	\$ 2,890,129
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	19	\$ 2,793,057
Housing Repair Grants	4	\$ 14,100
Housing Repair Loans	1	\$ 6,510
		\$5,703,796

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
WINDSOR COUNTY
\$22,362,004**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Hartford	Green Mountain Economic Development Corp	Rural Development funds will be used to start a small revolving loan fund in the Upper Valley region of East Central Vermont. The funds will assist small businesses negatively impacted by natural disasters.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 10,000
Hartford	Green Mountain Economic Development Corp	Rural Development funds will be used to start a small revolving loan fund in the Upper Valley region of East Central Vermont. The funds will assist small businesses negatively impacted by natural disasters.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 20,000
Brownsville	West Windsor Moonlighters	Rural Business Development Grant Funds will be used to purchase a 2017 Snow- Rabbit snowmobile trail groomer. Groomer will be used to groom 34 miles of class 1 trails in Windsor County. Purchase of this equipment will provide safe quality trails for riders, thereby increase usage of trail and visits to local merchants along the trails route by local trail users and visitors alike.	Rural Business Development Grants	2017	\$ 30,000
Hartford	Jericho Valvu Farm	Funds to install a 18.27kW roof-mounted solar PV system at a rural farm. The proposed system is expected to displace all of the operation's electrical usage, generating enough electricity to power the equivalent of just under 2 homes.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 13,669
Norwich	Nancy Larowe Dba Hogwash Farm	Funds to install a 7.6kW roof-mounted solar PV system at a rural farm. The proposed system is expected to displace almost 83% of the operation's electrical usage, generating enough electricity to power the equivalent of 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 7,654
Royalton	South Royalton Food Cooperative	Funds to purchase an 8.32kW ground-mounted solar PV system. The net metered system is expected to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 1 home.	Rural Energy for America Program Grant	2017	\$ 9,475
Windsor	VLS Campus Holdings, LLC	Funds will be used by Vermont Law School (VLS) Campus Holdings LLC to assist VLS to fully implement infrastructure in support of its strategic plan. VLS Campus Holdings, LLC will procure a long-term lease from VLS for the entire campus. VLS is an independent, nationally recognized environmental law school that trains students pursuing Juris Doctor and other advanced degrees. Supporting the strategic plan will propel VLS into new programs necessary for future growth and will benefit students through flexible programming options and the potential to reduce their overall education cost.	Community Facilities Direct Loan	2017	\$ 17,000,000

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WINDSOR COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	9	\$ 1,432,000
Single Family Guaranteed Loans	27	\$ 3,814,806
Housing Repair Grants	4	\$ 24,400
Housing Repair Loans	0	\$ -
		\$5,271,206

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
RURAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP (REAP) ZONE - MULTIPLE COUNTIES
\$5,530,515**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	Amount
St. Johnsbury	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Inc.	Restoration of priceless artwork and a new HVAC system at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in St. Johnsbury. Albert Beierstadt's masterpiece of the American West, "The Domes of Yosemite" painting will be repaired and restored as well as many of the picture frames in the gallery. In order to preserve the priceless works in the gallery, the old steam radiators will be replaced which will better regulate the gallery's temperature and humidity. Constructed in 1871, the Athenaeum is the largest public library in the region and has the most comprehensive collections. It is the only arts-based National Historic Landmark in Vermont and its gallery is considered to be the oldest unaltered gallery in the United States. It serves as the town's community center where individuals, families and groups can meet. The facility is located in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, a designated Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone.	Community Facilities Grant	\$50,000
Charleston	Town of Charleston	Purchase a new truck for the Town of Charleston Highway Department. The town currently does not have a reliable truck to plow or maintain the roads. These funds will allow the town to purchase a truck that will ensure the safety of highway employees as well as provide proper road maintenance for safe travel within the community. Newport is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically depressed area of the state.	Community Facilities Grant	\$31,900

St. Johnsbury	Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	Finance technologies that will bring new teaching and broadcast opportunities to the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium located in St. Johnsbury. The technological upgrades include state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment which will help the Museum provide a community service of great value to area businesses and community members. These upgrades will also expand the educational services by bringing its STEM-based classes (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) into rural classrooms for those schools that simply cannot afford a field trip to the Museum. St. Johnsbury is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically depressed area of the state.	Community Facilities Grant	\$50,000
Hardwick	Heartbeet Lifesharing Corporation	Purchase of a new vehicle for Heartbeet Lifesharing Corporation located in Hardwick. The vehicle will replace an existing one that has almost 200,000 miles on it. Heartbeet is a residential therapeutic community serving adults with developmental disabilities. It is an important component of their program to involve the residents in the broader community of Hardwick. The new vehicle will provide a safe and reliable form of transportation for their residents. Hardwick is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically depressed area of the state.	Community Facilities Grant	\$12,400
Lyndon Center	Lyndon Institute, Inc.	Purchase two wood pellet boilers and storage bins to replace the current unreliable fuel oil boilers that heat Prescott House and Daniels Hall at Lyndon Institute located in the village of Lyndon Center. Founded in 1871, it has been deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Institute is a private school and an essential education resource to the community as it serves as the local high school for the majority of the families in the Lyndon area. This project meets the school's goal to increase its use of renewable fuel sources wherever possible. Lyndon is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically depressed area of the state.	Community Facilities Grant	\$14,800

St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	Purchase two new Automated External Defibrillator machines for the Town of St. Johnsbury, VT Fire Department. The current equipment has reached its useful life and replacement is necessary in providing sufficient life saving, emergency treatment as well as meet state protocols. St. Johnsbury is a community of approximately 8,000 people and is comprised of 38 square miles. It is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically depressed area of the state.	Community Facilities Grant	\$35,300
Hardwick	Center for an Agricultural Economy, Ltd.	Construction of a timber frame pavilion which will serve as a seasonal outdoor, permanent shelter, community festival location and education trail kiosk. The project encompasses the creation of one third of a mile of a nature trail system including wetlands preservation and educational features, including 400 feet of universally accessible trails. The network will provide two natural and historical information kiosk displays and five trail signs displaying information about the historic granite industry. The combination of the kiosks and markers around the property will create an industrial heritage park.	Community Facilities Grant	\$50,000
Barton	Barton Village, Inc.	Purchase of a new emergency generator for the Village of Barton. The existing generator frequently breaks down and with this new generator the village will be able to provide emergency shelter to its residents with the use of a functioning kitchen that can be used to feed those that are there for shelter.	Community Facilities Grant	\$37,500
Troy	Troy School District	Funds utilized to make safety and efficiency improvements for the Troy School District at the North Troy School.	Community Facilities Grant	\$55,200
Newport	City of Newport	Funds utilized for the City of Newport's purchase of an excavator. The city needs this equipment in order to meet its labor and equipment commitments to two upcoming projects - both of which are anticipated to be economic drivers for the city.	Community Facilities Grant	\$79,625

Newport	Town of Newport	The project is for water system improvements. The water system has been struggling with source capacity. Capacity limitations have necessitated the hauling of water from adjacent municipalities causing a financial burden on the community. To address this issue two new bedrock wells will be installed. The presence of elevated levels of arsenic and manganese in the new wells requires the inclusion of a treatment system in order to meet water quality standards. The project will correct a health and sanitary problem and provide customers with water that meets water quality standards. Newport is located in a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, an economically	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	\$412,600
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	The project will upgrade the wastewater facility. The treatment facility was constructed in 1990 and is in dire need of upgrades so that it can remain operational and continue to serve the town. Some of the upgrades include improving digesters, replacing pumps, replacing force main discharge piping and separating stormwater and wastewater collection systems.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	\$2,392,000
St. Johnsbury	Town of St. Johnsbury	The project is for water system improvements. Water mains in the project area were installed in the early 1900s and have a history of mineral buildup and breaks. The three fire hydrants in the project area were tested and failed to meet the supply recommended by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating. Water mains and new hydrants will be installed to provide customers with sufficient fire protection services and improved water quality.	Water and Waste Disposal Grant	\$195,000
Hardwick	Center For An Agricultural Economy Ltd	Funds will be used in conjunction with Vermont Food Venture Center for marketing and food safety training for local farms, food businesses and food hub. This project will assist 30 farmers and small businesses and providing business planning, technical assistance, in-depth/long- term food safety and marketing.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$48,626

Barre	Community Capital Of Vermont	Funds will be used to provide a low-interest loan to Community Capital of VT for the specific purposes of creating and retaining jobs and enhancing the working landscape in the REAP Zone of VT (Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties). Emphasis will be on below-to-moderate income and underrepresented group borrowers. A projected 12 small businesses will be assisted and at least 12 jobs are projected for creation. A projected 36 jobs will be retained.	Intermediary Relending Program	\$250,000
Craftsbury	Forestille Foundation Inc.	Funds will be used to purchase commercial grade kitchen equipment for the Craftsbury Public House (historical building) for reopening of a restaurant & pub. Not only will the kitchen be used for the restaurant/pub, it will also provide culinary workshops and focus on local food sourcing. Opening of this restaurant in historic Craftsbury will provide the only local establishment for meeting/relaxing/conversing in the town. This project is expected to assist 1 business and	Rural Business Development Grants	\$99,999
Burke	Northeast Kingdom Travel And Tourism Association	Funds will be used to complete a Regional Marketing Initiative in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (REAP Zone). The two phases include: 1 - maintain the regional assets already developed including the website www.travelthekingdom.com , update social media platforms, e- newsletters and provide access to Cultural Host and NEK Ambassador training programs and regional advertising. 2 - Develop a business plan and marketing materials for "food tours" of the NEK, focusing on attracting visitors from the Boston and New York marketplace. Partners throughout the NEK will assist with the project. Without NEKTTA's previously established regional marketing assets, small and emerging businesses may lose clientele. This project will create/save 17 jobs.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$71,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corp	Funds will be used to hire professional consultants to work with identified businesses on their marketing initiatives. The technical assistance provided will directly support small businesses in the region. This project is expected to assist 20 businesses and anticipates the creation/retention of 21 FTE's.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$99,999
St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corp	Funds will be used to establish the Business Growth revolving loan fund that will further diversify the financial solutions to regional businesses in the REAP Zone.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$99,999

St. Johnsbury	Northern Community Investment Corp	Funds will be used to help small businesses secure the technical assistance they need to sustain, thrive, and grow.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$75,000
St. Johnsbury	Northern Forest Center Inc.	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to the tourism industry in the Northeast Kingdom. The project will research the assets and strategies of the industry and area, producing a regional tourism marketing plan. Funds will also be used to conduct a business training workshop. This project will assist 13 Chambers of Commerce and a minimum of 50 small and emerging businesses through training.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$26,738
Burlington	Permanent Fund For VT Children	Funds will be used for a feasibility study for St. Johnsbury Shared Services for a shared cooperative network for the child care industry.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$72,821
St. Johnsbury	St. Johnsbury, Town Of	Funds will be used to complete a public safety facility assessment and feasibility study to determine whether the Town of St. Johnsbury should build, relocate, or repair the current facility in order to meet the safety needs of the Town (Police, Fire, Ambulance).	Rural Business Development Grants	\$60,000
Craftsbury	The Art House Inc. Galloway-Kane, Ceilidh	Funds will be used for the Creative Incubator Space that will cultivate business growth and development by purchasing high-tech equipment and leading business development trainings at CIS.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$58,947
Montpelier	Vermont Council On Rural Development	Funds will be used to assist in the restructuring of the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) Collaborative with a strategic planning process to evaluate and design the most effective organizational structure. Vermont Council on Rural Development will assist with the strategic planning process and the implementation of the new visions, mission and structure to best achieve the objectives for which the Collaborative was designed. The focus and emphasis will be the community and economic development of the Kingdom and systematically advance collaborative planning by leading NEK stakeholders to improve the delivery of services, providing staff support and guidance to advance the community as a whole. This grant is expected to create 1 position.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$45,116

Newport	Vermont Farm -To-School, Inc.	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to increase local food sales by aggregating and distributing local products to retail grocery stores and implementing a consumer education marketing campaign for small farmers in the Northeast Kingdom. This project anticipates assisting 10 businesses/farmers and creating/retaining as many as 20 FTE's.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$98,157
Montpelier	VT Council On The Arts Inc.	Funds will be used to complete a feasibility study to evaluate the Northeast Kingdom's creative economy. The project will convene individuals and communities, research existing regional assets and potential opportunities, and produce a workable plan that will, when enacted, increase jobs and capacities in the Northeast Kingdom's creative sector.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$25,000
Montpelier	VT Housing & Conservation Board	Funds will be used for the growth and development of working lands businesses in NEK programs that will provide business planning assistance to NEK working lands businesses.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$96,700
Lyndonville	VT State Colleges	Funds will be used to develop a comprehensive branding campaign and marketing outreach plan promoting workforce education.	Rural Business Development Grants	\$47,000
Newport	Parkview Newport LP	Multi-Family Housing revitalization.	Section 515 New Construction	\$75,000
Derby	Gilman Housing Trust	Multi-Family Housing revitalization.	Section 515 New Construction	\$470,065
St. Johnsbury	Northeast Employment and Training Organization	Repair of low-income single family homes.	Housing Preservation Grant	\$116,668
				\$5,353,160

REAP Zone HOUSING PROGRAMS		
Single Family Direct Loans	1	\$145,300
Housing Repair Grants	2	\$15,000
Housing Repair Loans	3	\$17,055

		\$177,355
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The Northeast Kingdom was designated as a Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone, one of only five in the country, in 2000. This was a result of tenacious effort of Senator Leahy and his staff with support from Vermont's Congressional delegation and many Vermont partners. The designation offers the Northeast Kingdom access to additional federal funding for business development, job creation, housing, and water and sewer infrastructure projects from USDA Rural Development and adds priority points to applications for other funding sources. In the 2008 Farm Bill, Senator Leahy with support from Vermont congressional delegation secured a critical extension of the REAP Zone until 2013. As a result of this small but important preference in Federal law the counties of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans will continue to have greater access to important USDA Rural Development programs.

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN
MULTIPLE COUNTIES OR STATEWIDE
\$2,388,988**

Town/City of Project	Project Name	Description	Program	FY	Amount
Montpelier	Vt Community Ln Fnd	Rural Development funds will be used to provide low-interest loans to Vermont Community Loan Fund for the specific purposes of creating and retaining jobs throughout the entire state of Vermont with emphasis on low-to-moderate income and underrepresented group borrowers. Proposed: 258 full-time and 66 part time jobs to be created, 78 businesses assisted.	Intermediary Relending Program		\$1,000,000
Montpelier	Vermont Small Business Development Corporation	Rural Development funds will be used to provide low-interest loans to small and low income business owners, including agricultural entities, for purposes of business and community development as well as job creation and retention throughout the state of Vermont. The funds will assist and estimated 6 rural businesses retain and/or create 19 full time equivalent jobs.	Intermediary Relending Program	2017	\$1,000,000