

<b>States</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
NH	Town of Colebrook	\$75,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install solar panels on the roof of the public works garage in Colebrook, New Hampshire, a community at 48 percent of the state's non-metro medium household income. The arrays are expected to offset 100 percent of the electricity used at the facility. This will provide approximately \$81,000 in savings over the next 25 years for the town operating costs. The project is an investment that will save Colebrook residents money by reducing municipal expenses. The project will generate carbon-free energy on site, and the energy savings will continue for the next 30 to 40 years.
NH	Granite United Way	\$75,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to re-pave the Whole Village Center parking lot, which is in disrepair. The center primarily services 19 towns, and the building houses 15 social service agencies that provided over 8,000 services last year. Additionally, 121 outside organizations used the facility for hosting meetings, assisting an additional 15,000 people. Whole Village operating funds will supply additional funding.
VT	Greensboro Hospital Association Inc	\$70,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund the replacement of the entire roof covering and drip edge surfaces for the Greensboro Nursing Home in Greensboro, Vermont. This 30-bed facility operated by the Greensboro Hospital Association Inc. is a rehabilitation and long-term care facility with a mission to provide high-quality care in a homelike environment. Services offered include physical, occupational and speech therapy. The roof replacement work will cover all portions of the 17,000 square foot roof area, and includes the removal and disposal of existing shingles, installation of waterproof underlayment, complete asphalt shingle replacement, and drip edge replacement. In recent years, wind storm-events have blown a number of shingles off certain sections of the roof and future leaks were a predicted issue. Greensboro Hospital Association, Inc. is providing some funding support for this project and has obtained other contributions from the town of Greensboro, State of Vermont, and Wisdom Connection Grant. This community investment by Rural Development will benefit all residents, visitors and the workforce of the Greensboro Nursing Home.

VT	Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District	\$36,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEK WMD) located in Lyndonville, Vermont to purchase a commercial grade polystyrene recycling machine. Polystyrene is commonly known as Styrofoam and is one of the most difficult plastics materials to recycle and it is regularly landfilled. Interestingly this is due to the fact waste Styrofoam product is such a lightweight material it is very inefficient to transport to a facility with recycling capabilities. NEK WMD will be the first solid waste facility in Vermont to be recycling this product. In the first year of use for the polystyrene recycling machine NEK WMD predicts it will recycle four tons of Styrofoam waste material. This recycled material will be sold to a commercial buyer to be used to produce foam insulation panel products.
VT	Town of Castleton	\$125,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to renovate the Castleton Free Library located in Castleton, Vermont. This renovation will offer improved services and accessibility for people who have mobility limitations. The project includes the addition of an elevator along with a handicap bathroom to the library's historic building built in 1930. The library's services are essential being the only remaining public library in the Town of Castleton and the surrounding area.
VT	Faith in Action Northern Communities	\$83,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a building and property in Cabot, Vermont, which Faith in Action Northern Community Partnership Inc. (also known as Faith in Action) currently rents. Faith in Action conducts food-shelf distribution and other community support services from this location. Residents of Cabot and from the surrounding communities frequently visit this facility, given unprecedented food cost increases in recent times. This project will provide Faith in Action ownership of the building, reduce the operating funds by eliminating what was previously allocated for rent fees, and enable them to purchase additional food supplies.

VT	Town of Hardwick	\$600,000	<p>This Rural Development investment will be used to renovate and expand the town's Jeudevine Memorial Library. The addition and renovation will create two new reading rooms, one each for children and teens, refurbish the adult reading room in the historic building, and create expanded staff and circulation space. Additionally, the expansion will create flexible, multi-purpose spaces, including a conference room and large meeting room that can be divided. This will not only accommodate library services and programming, which have grown exponentially over the last 15 years, but also other community events. At around 1,000 square feet, the current building is cramped and there is no accessible bathroom. The expansion will add nearly 5,000 square feet, allowing the library to continue to evolve into a true community hub. In the new space, library patrons can find a quiet nook for themselves, access the internet, and participate in intergenerational programs and community events around this cornerstone of the community.</p>
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