

# Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

## 1998-2021 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

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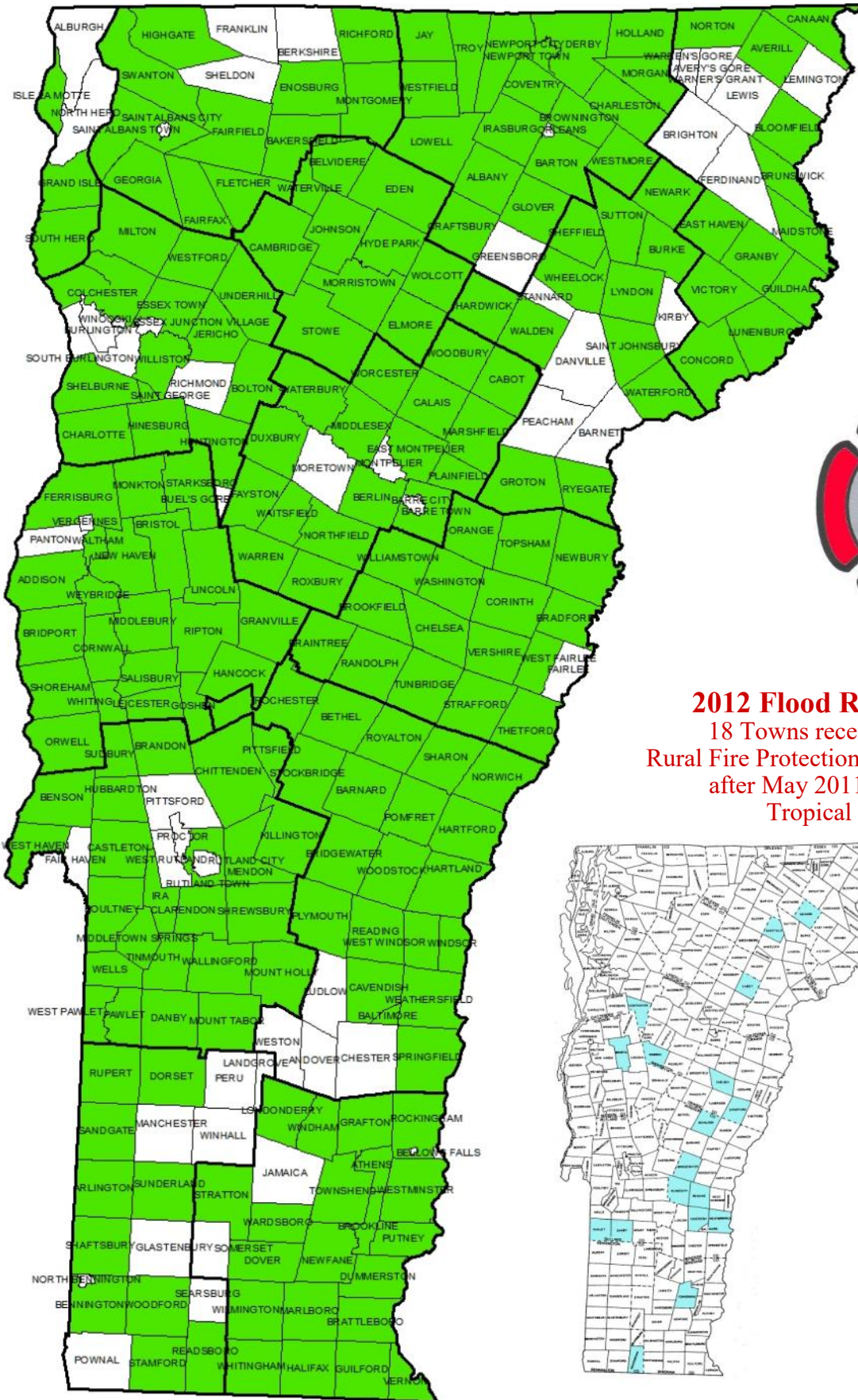
The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.





## 1998-2021 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipients

**215 Towns** were awarded **981** dry hydrant grants up to **\$10,000** totaling over **\$2M** funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety



## 2012 Flood Recovery Grants

18 Towns received 28 grants for Rural Fire Protection Repair & Replacement after May 2011 flood damage & Tropical Storm Irene



Bridgewater - (3) \$3,139  
 Bristol - (2) \$3,150  
 Cabot - (1) \$2,800  
 Cavendish - (1) \$1,500  
 Chelsea - (1) \$300  
 Danby - (2) \$7,310  
 Huntington - (1) \$3,166  
 Newark - (2) \$5,948  
 West Pawlet - (2) \$2,831  
 Plymouth - (2) \$2,972  
 Reading - (3) \$6,992  
 Readsboro - (1) \$1,250  
 Royalton - (1) \$7,860  
 Sheffield - (1) \$1,437  
 Strafford - (1) \$2,491  
 Townshend - (1) \$2,014  
 Warren - (2) \$8,984  
 Weathersfield - (1) \$483

**\$64,627 Total**

# 1998-2021 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipient Numbers

215 Towns were awarded 1 or more dry hydrant grant(s) funded by

Vermont State Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety

## Addison (20T) 85 Grants

Addison - 7  
Bridport - 6  
Bristol - 13  
Cornwall - 2  
Ferrisburg - 2  
Goshen - 1  
Granville - 3  
Hancock - 4  
Leicester - 1  
Lincoln - 2  
Middlebury - 3  
Monkton - 6  
New Haven - 17  
Orwell - 9  
Ripton - 4  
Salisbury - 2  
Shoreham - 2  
Starksboro - 7  
Waltham - 1  
Weybridge - 3  
Whiting - 3

## Bennington (12T) 44 Grants

Arlington - 1  
Bennington - 2  
Dorset - 1  
Manchester - 1  
Pownal - 4  
Readsboro - 7  
Rupert - 7  
Sandgate - 12  
Shaftsburg - 3  
Stamford - 3  
Sunderland - 1  
Woodford - 3

## Caledonia (14T) 56 Grants

Burke - 5  
Danville - 4  
Groton - 4  
Hardwick - 1  
Lyndon - 3  
Newark - 3  
Peacham - 1  
Ryegate - 7  
Sheffield - 2  
St. Johnsbury - 6  
Sutton - 4  
Walden - 5  
Waterford - 10  
Wheelock - 5

## Chittenden (13T) 40 Grants

Bolton - 3  
Charlotte - 7  
Colchester - 1  
Essex - 2  
Hinesburg - 2  
Huntington - 5  
Jericho - 1  
Milton - 1  
St. George - 1  
Shelburne - 4  
Underhill - 1  
Westford - 13  
Williston - 2

## Essex (12T) 26 Grants

Averill - 2  
Brunswick - 1  
Bloomfield - 1  
Canaan - 5  
Concord - 3  
East Haven - 1  
Granby - 1  
Guildhall - 1  
Lunenburg (Gilman) - 3  
Maidstone - 5  
Norton - 2  
Victory - 1

## Franklin (12T) 47 Grants

Bakersfield - 5  
Enosburg - 9  
Fairfax - 2  
Fairfield - 6  
Fletcher - 3  
Georgia - 4  
Highgate - 5  
Montgomery - 7  
Richford - 3  
Sheldon - 6  
St. Albans - 2  
Swanton - 1

## Grand Isle (3T) 5 Grants

Grand Isle - 1  
Isle La Motte - 2  
South Hero - 2

## Lamoille (10T) 66 Grants

Belvidere - 3  
Cambridge - 13  
Eden - 8  
Elmore - 5  
Hyde Park - 15  
Johnson - 6  
Morristown - 6  
Stowe - 7  
Waterville - 2  
Wolcott - 5

## Orange (17T) 86 Grants

Bradford - 6  
Braintree - 2  
Brookfield - 2  
Chelsea - 7  
Corinth - 6  
Newbury - 5  
Orange - 7  
Randolph - 2  
Rochester - 1  
Strafford - 8  
Thetford - 4  
Topsham - 9  
Tunbridge - 5  
Vershire - 10  
Washington - 6  
West Fairlee - 4  
Williamstown - 3

## Orleans (19T) 85 Grants

Albany - 6  
Barton - 2  
Brownington (Orleans) - 8  
Charleston - 7  
Coventry - 8  
Craftsbury - 15  
Derby - 1  
Glover - 2  
Greensboro - 7  
Holland - 5  
Irasburg - 5  
Jay - 1  
Lowell - 8  
Morgan - 2  
Newport - 2  
Newport City - 3  
Troy - 1  
Westfield - 3  
Westmore - 3

## Rutland (24T) 123 Grants

Benson - 5  
Brandon - 3  
Castleton - 2  
Chittenden - 4  
Clarendon - 5  
Danby - 9  
Hubbardton - 1  
Ira - 2  
Mendon - 3  
Mount Holly - 10  
Mount Tabor - 1  
Middletown Springs - 7  
Pawlet - 6  
Pittsfield - 4  
Poultney - 6  
Rutland (Town) - 4  
Sherburne (Killington) - 11  
Shrewsbury - 8  
Sudbury - 3  
Tinnmouth - 5  
Wallingford - 1  
Wells - 9  
West Haven - 4  
West Pawlet - 15

## Washington (17T) 74 Grants

Barre (Town) - 2  
Berlin - 5  
Cabot - 11  
Calais - 8  
Duxbury - 1  
East Montpelier - 5  
Fayston - 1  
Marshfield - 9  
Middlesex - 4  
Northfield - 4  
Plainfield - 5  
Roxbury - 6  
Waitsfield - 2  
Warren - 1  
Waterbury - 3  
Woodbury - 4  
Worcester - 5

## Windham (21T) 76 Grants

Athens - 3  
Brattleboro - 2  
Brookline - 2  
Dover - 6  
Dummerston - 8  
Grafton - 3  
Guilford - 1  
Halifax - 3  
Londonderry - 6  
Marlboro - 4  
Newfane (Broadbrook) - 5  
Putney - 5  
Townshend - 9  
Rockingham - 3  
Stratton - 2  
Vernon - 1  
Wardsboro - 3  
Westminster - 3  
Whitingham - 4  
Wilmington - 9  
Windham - 2

## Windsor (20T) 106 Grants

Baltimore - 1  
Barnard - 1  
Bethel - 8  
Bridgewater - 15  
Cavendish - 6  
Hartford - 7  
Hartland - 7  
Norwich - 11  
Plymouth - 6  
Pomfret - 10  
Reading - 11  
Rochester - 1  
Royalton - 4  
Sharon - 2  
Springfield - 4  
Stockbridge - 6  
Weathersfield - 8  
West Windsor - 3  
Windsor - 2  
Woodstock - 3

## 981 Rural Fire Protection Grants State wide



### Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Walter Bothfeld Jr., Cabot Fire Department  
Hayley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT  
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation Dept.

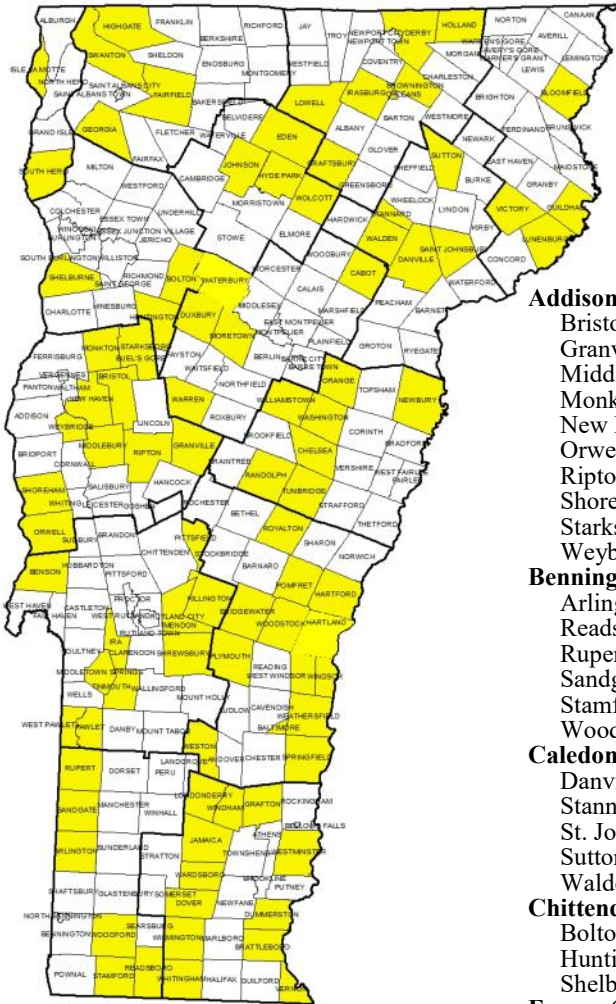
*"As we continue to expand our water supply options, we are thankful to have this program..."*

Brian Schmidt, Assistant Fire Chief,  
Townshend Volunteer Fire Department



# 2000-2021 Special Cases Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

90 Towns were awarded 141 Grants up to \$10,000 totaling \$544,777 funded by the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation



## Addison - (10T)(11G) \$25,632

Bristol - \$1395  
Granville - \$3036 + \$2500  
Middlebury - \$970  
Monkton - \$5000  
New Haven - \$2628  
Orwell - \$2500  
Ripton - \$103  
Shoreham - \$2500  
Starksboro - \$2500  
Weybridge - \$2500

## Bennington - (6T)(9G) \$38,218

Arlington - \$415  
Readsboro - \$5937 + \$2,125  
Rupert - \$9086 + \$5927 + \$5003  
Sandgate - \$2500  
Stamford - \$2500  
Woodford - \$4725

## Caledonia - (5T)(6G) \$25,830

Danville - \$2500  
Stannard - \$1840  
St. Johnsbury - \$6490  
Sutton - \$10,000  
Walden - (2)\$2500

## Chittenden - (3T)(5G) \$13,389

Bolton - \$2500  
Huntington - (2)\$2500  
Shelburne - \$2500 + \$3389

## Essex - (4T)(4G) \$9,780

Bloomfield - \$883  
Guildhall - \$2500  
Lunenburg - \$4897  
Victory - \$1500

## Franklin - (4T)(4G) \$17,534

Fairfield - \$1500  
Georgia - \$3909  
Highgate - \$2125  
Swanton - \$10,000

## Grand Isle - (2T)(3G) \$11,885

Isle LaMotte - \$5000  
South Hero - \$5000 + \$1,885

## Lamoille - (4T)(8G) \$40,889

Eden - \$5889  
Hyde Park - \$10,000 + (2)\$2500  
Johnson - (2)\$2500  
Wolcott - (2)\$2500

## Orange - (6T)(7G) \$17,319

Newbury - \$2500  
Chelsea - \$2500  
Randolph - \$2076  
Tunbridge - \$2218  
Washington - \$490 + \$2500  
Williamstown - \$5035

## Orleans - (6T)(8G) \$22,290

Brownington - (2)\$2500  
Craftsbury - \$2500  
Derby - \$6074  
Holland - \$1875  
Irasburg - \$2500  
Lowell - \$4000 + \$341

## Rutland - (10T)(21G) \$91,626

Benson - \$5000  
Chittenden - \$2500  
Ira - (2)\$5000 + \$3000  
Mendon - \$8400+\$5000+\$5000  
Middletown Springs - \$10000 + (2)\$2500  
Pawlet E&W - (2)\$2500 + \$6430 + \$9796+\$5000

Pittsfield - (2)\$2500  
Sherburne (Killington) - \$7500  
Shrewsbury - (2)\$2500 + \$1500  
Tinnmouth - \$2500

## Washington - (6T)(10G) \$39,833

Cabot - \$1186 + \$10,000+\$3750  
Duxbury - \$1897  
East Montpelier - \$2500  
Moretown - \$2500  
Plainfield - \$9000  
Warren - \$4000 + (2)\$2500  
Waterbury - \$5000

## Windham - (12T)(17G) \$84,624

Brattleboro - \$9,800  
Dover - (2)\$2500  
Dummerston - \$10,000 + \$2500  
Grafton - \$2500  
Jamaica - \$5000  
Londonderry - \$7372  
Vernon - \$4889  
Wardsboro - \$5000 + \$5276  
Westminster - (2)\$2500  
Whitingham - \$10,000  
Wilmington - \$2500+\$3954  
Windham - \$5833

## Windsor - (12T)(24G) \$95,928

Baltimore - \$1875 + \$5000  
Bridgewater - (2)\$2500 + \$4466  
Hartford - (2)\$2500 + \$3403  
Hartland - \$5000  
Plymouth - (2)\$2500 + \$4000 + \$4888  
Pomfret - \$2500  
Royalton - \$10,000 + \$7396  
Springfield - \$2500  
Weathersfield - (2)\$2500 + \$10,000 + \$5000  
Weston - \$2500  
West Windsor - \$2500  
Windsor - \$7400  
Woodstock - \$2500



West Pawlet - Loomis  
VT Route 149







# Rural Fire Protection projects in the ... And on-line!



**Steve Perkins**

Public group

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Craftsbury Fire Department, with aid from a Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force grant, recently completed an upgrade of 15 hydrant heads. This upgrade standardizes the type of connection at all dry hydrants in town, therefore reducing the number of fittings and time needed to make connections.



*"The pond had filled in with weeds and hydrant was not working. We were able to get to the pond cleaned out and a new hydrant installed...could not have been done without your support."*

Walter "Skip" Bothfeld Jr.  
Chief, Cabot Fire Department



**West Rutland Fire Department**  
Fire Station

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The West Rutland Fire Department was established in 1891 and since then, has continuously provided our Town with fire protection. The Department is s... See More

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West Rutland Fire Department

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The West Rutland Fire Department has installed a dry hydrant on Pleasant Street, near the Whipple Hollow Road intersection. This installation was made possible through a grant and technical support from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program. This dry hydrant provides us with year-round access to a reliable water supply, which greatly improves fire protection capabilities in the Whipple Hollow area.



Hartland Fire Dept & Rescue Squad

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Together with support from members of our community, volunteer firefighters, D&D excavation, and a grant through the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Task Force Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department on September 18, 2020 completed the repair and upgrade of a dry hydrant installed at 160 Hartland Hill Road. The repair and upgrade of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in rural portions of Hartland.

The Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in Hartland by installing dry hydrants and other RFP systems to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont RFP Task Force through the VACD provided assistance to the Fire Department in developing a plan to improve this water supply in Hartland.

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural area of Vermont. The Vermont RFP Task Force with the assistance of VACD administers the grant program. Hartland has used this program to assist with the majority of the dry hydrant installations and repairs in Hartland and strongly endorses the program's continuation.

Dry hydrants and other RFP systems are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6 to 8 inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions.

This is but one example of the service your fire department provides in preparation for the next alarm.

Sincerely,  
John Sanders, Chief  
Hartland Volunteer Fire Department

**RFP systems are reliable rural water supply sources year round!**



SUMMER-Albany



SPRING – Plymouth



WINTER-Sandgate



FALL-Putney