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Office of the Secretary of State awards over \$95,000 in accessibility grants

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MONTPELIER00 Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos is pleased to announce that 18 municipal projects across the state will receive funding to help make polling places accessible. \$95,217 in grants will be awarded to town and city offices and schools.

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The federal funds, which come from the Department of Health and Human Services under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), are intended to improve voting opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Since 2003, a total of \$607,982 in grants has been awarded under this annual program.

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Approved this round are:

Barre City, \$7849.13 for automatic door opening push pads.

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Barre Town, \$3,803.62 for a new entry door and automatic opener.

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Benson, \$5,000.00 for paving and 3 handicapped parking spaces.

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Cabot, \$5,095.00 for new doors and automatic push plate opener.

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Chelsea, \$2,000.00 to repair handicapped ramp.

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East Montpelier Elementary School Board, \$5,080.00 for automatic door openers.

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Huntington, Approx. \$5,000 (to be determined) to replace handicapped ramp.

Marlboro, \$3,686.00 to replace ramp and mark handicapped parking space.

New Haven, \$8,500.00 to replace platform lift.

North Hero, \$4,875.00 to provide covered entryway.

Orange, \$1,064.00 to provide lighting and magnifiers.

Randolph, \$5,800.00 to improve lighting.

St. Johnsbury, \$7,000.00 to replace ramp, handicapped parking signs.

Salisbury, \$5,000.00 to repave parking area, walkway; mark a handicapped parking space.

South Burlington, \$15,000 to install new entry doors and automatic opener, increase handicapped parking spaces, improve curbing.

Stamford, \$825.00 to improve lighting.

Sunderland Elementary School, \$5,000 to replace the walkway.

Westmore, \$5,000 to expand, pave parking area; add more handicapped parking spaces.

