

Southern Vermont CEDS 2022 Project Submission Phase

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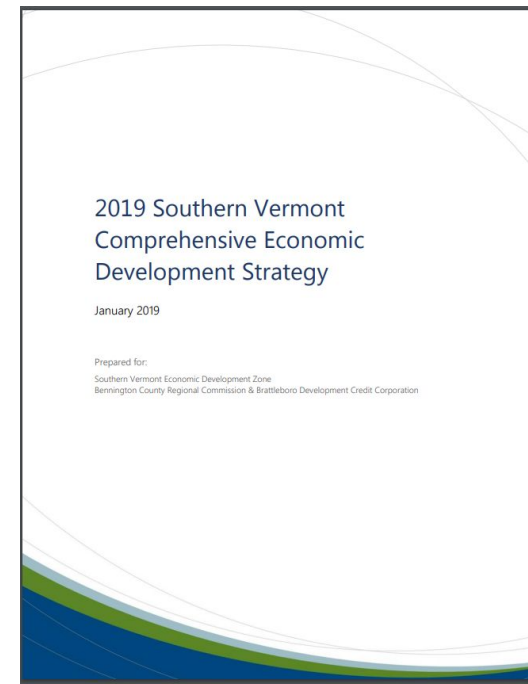
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Advancing Southern Vermont

What is a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

- Comprehensive Regional Plan addresses the following areas:
 - Economy
 - Population
 - Geography
 - Workforce Development
 - Transportation Access
 - Resources
 - Environment
- View the CEDS and review the process at:

<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/2019-southern-vermont-zone-ceds/>



CEDS Objectives

Objective 1: Increase our Population

- Attract more people to live in Southern Vermont to participate in the community, the workforce, and support the business and civic environment.

Objective 2: Expand our Business Infrastructure

- Create an environment that will encourage more jobs and opportunities in Southern Vermont

CEDS Objectives

Objective 3: Improve our Physical Infrastructure

- Make the critical infrastructure improvements so that Southern Vermont is resident and business ready

Objective 4: Enhance our Social Infrastructure

- Improve quality of life and stability for residents

Objective 5: Strengthen our Economic Development Capacity

- Enhance the ability for economic development professionals and partners to play a role in implementation

Fast Facts

- Year 4 of Southern Vermont CEDS
- Who it involves
 - **Regional Economic Development Group** (Bennington County)
 - **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies** (Windham County)
- SoVermont Project Ranking Committee being assembled
- Vital Projects will be announced Spring 2022
- Submissions: 224 projects submitted since 2019

Pandemic Project Response

- ARPA for towns: \$22 million
- PPP for businesses: \$200 million
- ACCD Economic Recovery: \$40.4 million
- And more to come!
 - More interest
 - More funding
 - More people
 - More stories
 - More initiatives
 - More coverage

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an article from Manchester Journal. The article title is "\$1.76B in PPP loans flows into Vermont; millions to Bennington, Windham counties". The author is Brandon Canevari, Vermont News and Media correspondent, and the article was updated on August 18, 2021. The article is part of a 3-page series. Below the text, there is a video player showing a construction worker in a white hard hat and safety vest working on a building's exterior. To the right of the video is a "ShopLocal" advertisement for "Shires Business Spotlight".

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an article from Bennington Banner. The article title is "Out of state buyers change the landscape on real estate market". The author is Bob Audette, Brattleboro Reformer, and the article was published on August 17, 2021. Below the text, there is a map of Vermont titled "Residential Property Sold to Out-of-State Buyers in 2020". The map shows the number of transactions where the buyer listed an out-of-state mailing address, with different colors representing the number of transactions in each region.

2021 Vital Projects

- **Bennington Recreation Center Head Start/Early Head Start Addition** - Town of Bennington
- **Developing new markets and infrastructure to support Vermont farms and food producers** - Food Connects
- **Community Facilities Technical Assistance** - Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
- **Dorset Theatre Festival Outdoor Season at Southern Vermont Arts Center** - Dorset Theatre Festival
- **DVFiber** - Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD)
- **Intersecting Recreation, Environmental Education, and Food Security at Lake Paran** - Paran Recreations
- **Pipelines & Pathways Program** - Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
- **Southern Vermont Communication Union District** - SoVT Executive Committee
- **The North Barn** - Retreat Farm
- **Whitingham Sewer Infrastructure** - Town of Whitingham

What is the value of submitting my project?

- Indicates to federal agencies that your project is aligned with the region's plan to grow the economy. Some federal grantors require a CEDS to be in place
- Informs state and regional partners about your project which may help increase access to technical assistance and awareness of financial resources assistance.
- CEDS Projects: Then and Now
<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/ceds-projects-then-now/>

Why the timeline has changed?

- Calendar-year timing has new importance
 - Northern Border Regional Commission
 - ARPA Municipal Projects
 - USDA Project Pipeline
 - ACCD Project Reporting
- Better alignment for resource referrals

How to Submit a Project

Projects will be prioritized and ranked based on how each project advances the CEDS objectives, as well as:

- readiness to begin,
- partners,
- and investments made.

*Southern Vermont CEDS webpage
and Project Submission Forms:*

www.SoVermontZone.com/CEDS

CEDS Project Timeline

- Projects Submission Period: October 1-November 30, 2021
- Proposals are due no later than Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm
- Project Review/Ranking Period: Winter 2021/2022
- Project Ranking Released: Spring 2022

Questions to Look Out For

- ARPA Funding:

If this is a municipally funded project which will be implemented by the Town, please indicate if the intention is to use ARPA funds.

This is a municipally funded project which will be implemented by the town with the intention of using ARPA funds

- Shovel Ready?:

Is your project ready to begin or already underway? *

Yes

No

New Project vs Project Update

New Project Submission Form:

You will use this form if you submitted your project to the 2014 Windham Region CEDS and/or never submitted a project to any CEDS

Please check here if your project was previously submitted and included in the 2014 Windham Region CEDS (2014-2018 project submissions).

My project was previously included in the 2014 Windham Region CEDS

If your project was submitted and included in the 2019 Southern Vermont CEDS (2019-2021 project submissions) then you should be using the Project Update form, which you can find here:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/2q6b654bb7N3c>

Project Update Form:

You will use this form if you submitted your project in 2019, 2020, and/or 2021 to the Southern Vermont CEDS

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How do I remember if I've submitted before?

A list of all 2019, 2020, and 2021 projects can be found at the bottom of the follow webpage:

<https://www.vermontzone.com/ceds-projects>

I can't find a copy of my last submission. Where can I get a copy?

Email slang@brattleborodevelopment.com and she'll email you a document that has all project submissions

Questions and Comments

Contact for Questions

For information on CEDS Projects visit,

www.SoVermontZone.com/CEDS

For inquiries, questions and clarifications, contact:

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