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City of Winooski Awarded \$450,000 Northern Border Regional Commission Grant

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The City of Winooski is proud to announce that the [Northern Border Regional Commission](#) (NBRC) has awarded the City a \$450,000 grant through their Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment program to support the [Main Street Revitalization Project](#). This grant will reduce the project cost to taxpayers in Winooski by approximately \$600,000 in debt and interest.

The NBRC is a Federal-State partnership for economic and community investment. In Vermont, NBRC approved 44 awards totaling \$7,762,245 between 2010 and 2017. These important investments in local infrastructure help reduce poverty, unemployment, and outmigration throughout the region and will help the City's efforts to expand revitalization beyond our vibrant Downtown.

On Wednesday, August 14th, Mayor Kristine Lott and Community and Economic Development Officer, Heather Carrington, received the award at a ceremony in Springfield Vermont. The Mayor, City Council, and Staff would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Bernie Sanders, Congressman Peter Welch, Governor Phil Scott, Deputy Secretary Ted Brady, Tim Tierney of the Agency of Commerce/Community Development, and NBRC Executive Director Rich Grogan for their kind words and acknowledgment of the important work happening in Winooski.

"Because of this funding, Winooski will continue to successfully revitalize. Winooski is Vermont's Opportunity City – we are thrilled that the NBRC's mission aligns with our goals towards this end. In addition to the long-term vibrancy this grant provides our residents and visitors, we are very pleased to be able to leverage this outside funding to make Winooski's tax dollars go farther. This grant helps us get closer to achieving the revitalization of Main Street while reducing the financial impact on residents."

– Mayor Kristine Lott



"New infrastructure is essential to realize the community's vision for the full buildout of Main Street. The City will dedicate the grant funds to install 0.75 miles of new municipally-owned underground infrastructure to house electric power transmission lines and telecommunications equipment. Undergrounding these utilities will significantly improve the aesthetic of the streetscape and will maximize the development potential of Main Street as envisioned in our Form Based Code zoning. "

- Jessie Baker, City Manager

"This grant funding will significantly contribute to the affordability, vibrancy and economic sustainability of Winooski. By undergrounding the utility lines we can clear the way to fully implementing the vision of our form-based code. To date, redeveloped properties within form-based code zoning have resulted in seven times the prior residential density on individual properties as well as the development of new commercial space. This grant funding helps ensure the necessary underground infrastructure to support over 100 new housing units and 10,000 sf of commercial space in the first 3 years."

- Heather Carrington, Community and Economic Development Officer

To learn more about the Main Street Revitalization project, visit winooski.vt.gov/mainstreet. To learn more about the NBRC, visit nbrc.gov

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