

SeVEDS Summary for Town Reports - 2019

Since 2012, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) has sought funding from every town in the Windham Region to support long-term economic development strategies that generate growth and prosperity. In 2018, thirteen towns funded SeVEDS, representing 75% of Windham residents. Every community is asked to fund at \$3 per capita. That funding has added staff capacity, allowed us to increase regional programming and the collective impact on the region's economy.

To address shared regional challenges like declining population, and to achieve regional goals like improving wages and opportunities for residents, a shared effort above and beyond the capacity of any individual community is required. The investment that municipalities make through SeVEDS demonstrates our region's commitment to creating a vibrant regional economy and healthy workforce. Municipal support for SeVEDS leverages state and federal funding, as well as funding from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), to support strategic planning and program implementation for projects designed to help the region reach the goals and objectives.

2018 Program and Project Highlights

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Annual Southern Vermont Career Expo
603 local Job seekers were helped through Career Expo and Rapid Response events.

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Intern Carley Wainright from Putney at The Richards Group
331 Colleges Students were connected to dozens of BDCC paid internships available this year.

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Pipelines & Pathways Program Begins
A new program to better engage high school students with local career opportunities started this year, with a full staff person now working within Windham's four high schools.

Stratups & Entrepreneurial Support



Small Businesses
729 Entrepreneurs benefited from small business and startup support through INSTIG8 workshops and events, one-on-one technical assistance, financing, and Incubator services.

*the people & partnerships
that create
IMPACT*

4,599

number of people who took part in BDCC & SeVEDS projects, programs, events, and trainings



51 town leaders who took part in 24 Southern Vermont Economy Project webinars, workshops, and the Broadband, Housing, and SoVermont Economic Summits



28 Board Members representing 13 towns in Windham County

186

Number of partner organizations



75% of Windham residents who fund the work of SeVEDS through 12 town budgets



681 Vermont Young Professionals creating a vibrant community here at 14 SoVTYP events including the annual gala with over 300 attendees



1,054

Workers Connected to New Opportunities

119

Employers participating in Workforce Center of Excellence visits and events

603

Job seekers helped through Career Expo and Rapid Response events

11

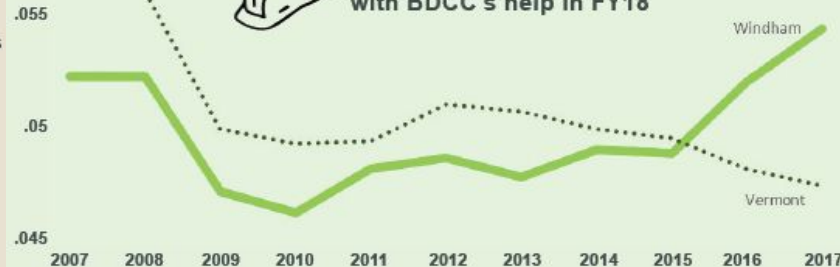
Vermont Training Program visits, 2 awards, \$125k to train 120 workers

331

College students connected with BDCC Paid Internships



724 New Jobs created with BDCC's help in FY18



Manufacturing Jobs Per Capita

1,203 Students Connected to Career Pathways

4 High school and 16 college partners

16 Career skill-building and resume trainings

138 Employers hosting, hiring, and engaging students

48 campus and college events to promote Paid Internships

865 High schoolers at Sophomore Summit, Career Expo, Fast Tracks visits



300

Local Businesses & Employers Assisted

58 ... Companies directly helped to stay, start, or grow here

93 ... Helped to find, train, and retain talent

227 ... Entrepreneurs and "wantrapreneurs" attended trainings & workshops

4 ... Paid interns turned into full-time employees

729 ... Entrepreneurs receiving INSTIG8 small business and startup training and access to resources through workshops, events, and one-on-one technical assistance

Strategic Planning for the Economic Region

The federally recognized Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project is well underway. The 2019 plan created by Windham and Bennington County stakeholders is a long term strategy to grow the Southern Vermont Economy Zone – a region facing significant economic challenges recognized by the Vermont State Legislature in 2015. Once completed, the 2019 one CEDS will replace the 2014 Windham Region CEDS.

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