

In October 2021, HatchSpace reopened in its brand-new woodworking makerspace, with expanded space allowing for more classes, workshops, and open hours. As many of their classes sell out, this vibrant creative hub in downtown Brattleboro clearly needed to expand! The Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) provided application assistance to Hatchspace through the lengthy process of applying for a USDA Community Facilities grant to support this expansion.

HatchSpace has also built partnerships with youth and trade organizations with an eye to help meet the projected need for 600 manufacturing positions in the region over the next five years.

HatchSpace has also focused on being a welcoming space for women who are interested in gaining skills and exploring their creativity in a traditionally male-dominated field.

One new program that the High Street and Green space will be hosting this summer is Rosie's Girls, a weeklong summer camp for middle schoolers, created and run by Vermont Works for Women as part of their mission to promote "economic justice by advancing gender equity and supporting women and youth at every stage of their career journeys." This is the first year the program is able to offer a camp in the Brattleboro area, thanks to the new HatchSpace building.



HATCHSPACE MAKERSPACE EXPANSION

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USDA Community Facilities awarded HatchSpace a \$39,000 grant to help:

- Purchase and develop high-tech design programs using machines such as the CNC, Laser Cutter, and 3D Printer
- Create additional youth programs in partnership with schools and social service organizations
- Provide evening and weekend availability for class times and member access
- Since opening in 2021, run 113 classes that have engaged 607 students from beginner to intermediate skills
- Expand the teaching team from 12 instructors to 23

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