

# Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance Pilot

November 29, 2022

A graphic for the Community Design Technical Assistance Pilot. It features a blue header with the title 'Community Design Technical Assistance Pilot'. Below the header is a photograph of an outdoor cafe area with red umbrellas and a yellow 'OPEN STREETS' sign. The sign also says 'OPEN For Pedestrians & Bikes' and 'CLOSED TO TRAFFIC'. To the left of the photo is a blue box with white text describing the pilot's purpose: 'The Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance (TA) Pilot will provide extra capacity and resources to communities\* to develop healthy community design and placemaking plans, ideas, and projects that center on equity.' To the right of the photo is a white box with a blue header 'HEALTH EQUITY AMBASSADORS:' followed by a bulleted list of their roles.

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**COMMUNITIES RECEIVE:**

- Dedicated support through virtual office hours
- In-person and/or virtual learning opportunities
- Accessibility audits
- Facilitation of local community engagement, outreach, and project design
- Preparation for DHCDs Better

**HEALTH EQUITY AMBASSADORS:**

- support and co-lead on navigating community issues and opportunities
- engage community members, stakeholders, and state and local agencies
- co-develop community ideas and action plans to advance health equity in their community
- receive compensation for their time and contributions in support of local communities
- are key to supporting and sustaining the TA Pilot! Anniv today!

From safer, walkable, universally accessible streets to more green spaces, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) in partnership with the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is excited to announce the launch of a technical assistance pilot to support community-led design, placemaking, and health equity projects across Vermont.

## **Applications are now open for interested communities\* and Health Equity Ambassadors.**

VDH and DHCD invite eligible Vermont communities\* and residents over 18 years of age to apply for the Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance (TA) Pilot. Approximately 20 to 35 communities will be accepted for in-person and virtual engagement sessions between December 2022 and October 2023.

- ? The TA Pilot will provide extra capacity and resources to communities to develop healthy community design and placemaking plans, ideas, and projects that center on equity.
- ? The TA Pilot will also help prepare communities that are interested in, but not yet ready to apply for, DHCD's Better Places placemaking grants.

Trusted community members who want to be directly involved in bringing health equity to their community are also encouraged to apply to be a Health Equity Ambassador.

Ambassadors are important to the success and sustainability of the TA pilot. Ambassadors will:

- ? support and co-lead on navigating community issues and opportunities
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- ? receive training and compensation for their time and contributions in support of local communities

Visit the [Healthy Communities Vermont website](#) to learn more.

\*Communities are flexibly defined, and may include nonprofits, municipalities, and volunteer groups.

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Health and the Vermont  
Department of Housing and  
Community Development  
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**TO APPLY &  
FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
[WWW.HEALTHYCOMMUNITIESVT.COM](http://WWW.HEALTHYCOMMUNITIESVT.COM)

**QUESTIONS?**  
[CONTACT@EQUITABLECITIES.COM](mailto:CONTACT@EQUITABLECITIES.COM)



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**Rolling community  
and ambassador  
applications!**

Attachments

[TA Pilot Flyer.pdf](#)