



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
**LEAHY INSTITUTE**  
FOR RURAL PARTNERSHIPS



## ADVANCING PARTNER SOLUTIONS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES

### OUR MISSION

To provide engagement opportunities and partnerships with the University of Vermont for the benefit of our rural places.

The Institute will bring financial and technical assistance, access to UVM research, faculty expertise, student projects and internships, and established UVM startup and engagement programs. Together, we will collaborate on impactful solutions that drive positive change for Vermont and beyond.

### OUR VISION

To become a state where all communities can thrive.

**“UVM has been essential to Vermont and Vermonters since 1791. The Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships was created to build and strengthen partnerships with the University that will help all our communities to thrive.”**

*Patrick Leahy, Retired U.S. Senator*

### FUNDING, PARTNERSHIP & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Seed and Capacity Grants:** Grant funds for partnership-driven rural development proposals and projects
- **Engagement Initiatives:** Partnerships with UVM that provide direct and ongoing service to Vermont communities
- **Convenings:** To build connections and share knowledge

### KEY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



#### FACILITATE HIGH-QUALITY PARTNERSHIPS

Identify partners to advance solution-oriented ideas related to the rural community and economic development



#### FOSTER MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Connect UVM with organizations in Vermont and initiate engagement through student internships, service learning, and collaborative rural and economic advancements



#### MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

Identify quantifiable progress in key opportunity areas including agriculture, connected community schools, transit and housing, workplace practices, communication technologies, healthcare, green rural energy, resilient ecosystems, and policy and governance

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