

Vermont communities meet the criteria of the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF)

Currently:

- 92% of Vermont communities participate in the National Flood Insurance Program;
- 91% of Vermont communities have local transportation codes and standards which meet or exceed the 2013 Agency of Transportation (VTrans) template;
- 89% of Vermont communities have up-to-date Local Emergency Operations Plans on file with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (*updated plans are due by May 1*);
- 61% of Vermont communities have submitted Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (48% have received formal FEMA approval and 13% have submitted plans that are currently under review and/or revision); and
- 27% of Vermont communities have adopted River Corridor protection standards.

Taking all of the ERAF criteria into account, in case of a federally declared disaster:

- 48% of Vermont communities currently qualify for a 7.5% ERAF share;
- 36% of Vermont communities currently qualify for a 12.5% ERAF share; and
- 16% of Vermont communities currently qualify for a 17.5% ERAF share.

Note that a slight majority of Vermont communities (36% +16% = 52%) now achieve a higher state share through the ERAF incentive program.

The [FloodReady website](#) is up to date. Check your community's status [here](#) to see if you are missing any of the criteria to achieve higher ERAF status. For more information, contact Milly Archer, VLCT Water Resources Coordinator, at marcher@vlct.org.