

# Open Funding Opportunities

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## [BROADBAND – Broadband Expansion Loan Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Economic Development Authority

**Eligible Activities:** Provide loans for startup broadband projects and expansion of existing broadband networks. Eligible project costs include working capital, construction, and infrastructure/installation.

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.veda.org/broadband-loan-program>

**Note:** Feasibility study and/or a detailed business plan is required.

## [BROADBAND – Act 71 Broadband Construction Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Community Broadband Board

**Eligible Activities:** Finance broadband projects of eligible providers that are part of a Universal Service Plan. Projects must achieve speeds of at least 100/100 Mbps symmetrical at all on-grid underserved and unserved locations within their Universal Service Plan within 24 months of application approval or grant agreement deadline.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to a formula amount based on roads unserved or underserved in the CUD District or towns

**Match:** Encouraged via Town Match Program for Broadband program, but not required.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; Eligibility Screening Pre-Proposal required. Full proposals are by invitation only.

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/vt-community-broadband-board-vcbb/act-71-broadband-construction-grant-program>
- *Request for Proposals:* <https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=56108>

**Note:** Municipalities are not eligible applicants, but are encouraged to work with a provider to apply for funding.

[BROADBAND – Act 71 PreConstruction Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Community Broadband Board

**Eligible Activities:** Preconstruction costs related to broadband projects that are part of a universal service plan and meet other criteria as specified in Act. 71. Eligible activities are feasibility studies, business planning, pole data surveys, engineering and design, and make-ready work associated with the construction of broadband networks, including consultant, legal, and administrative expenses, and any other cost deemed appropriate by the Board.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** up to a published estimated formula amount per Communication Union District (CUDs)

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/vt-community-broadband-board-vcbb/act-71-preconstruction-grant-program>

**Note:** This program is funded by State ARPA funds.

[BROWNFIELDS – DED Brownfields Revitalization Fund](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Economic Development

**Eligible Activities:** Remediation of brownfield sites for eligible sites

**Funding Tool:** Grant to non-profits and municipalities; loans to private developers, nonprofits, and municipalities

**Min/Max Funding:** Maximum \$200,000 per parcel for DED's federally funded program. No maximum limit for State funded program.

**Match:** Required, but amount not specified for DED's federally funded program. Match is 10% for State funded program.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/brownfieldrevitalizationfundfederalprogram>

**Note:** Applicants must have completed a Phase 1 environmental site assessment prior to site acquisition and be enrolled in the Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation

Program (BRELLA)

**BROWNFIELDS – DEC Brownfields Program**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**Eligible Activities:** Assessment and remediation of brownfield sites for eligible sites

**Funding Tool:** Grant and/or loan

**Min/Max Funding:** Not specified on program website. Funding is gap funding.

**Match:** Unknown. Application requests information about other funding sources.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/contaminated-sites/brownfields/apply/technical-assistance-program>

**Note:** Applicants can have neither caused nor contributed to the contamination nor be connected to any person or organization that has caused or contributed to the contamination

**BROWNFIELDS – Regional Planning Commission Brownfield Programs**

**Funding Entity:** Regional Planning Commissions

**Eligible Activities:** Assessment and/or remediation of brownfield properties

**Funding Tool:** Grant for assessment; grant and/or loan for remediation

**Min/Max Funding:** Maximum \$200,000 per parcel for federally funded program. No maximum limit for State funded program.

**Match:** Varies by regional planning commission

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** Find the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) serving your municipality at <https://www.vapda.org/regions.html>. Several RPCs have revolving loan funds for remediation. These programs can assist sites throughout the state.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Flood Resilient Communities Fund](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Emergency Management (State ARPA)

**Eligible Activities:** Buyout of developed properties (conditions apply), purchase of vacant at-risk parcels or vacant (conditions apply), developable parcels, structural elevation or relocation projects, restoring natural floodplain access, dam removal projects, natural infrastructure and nature-based solutions for flood storage or improved floodplain and river function, green infrastructure and low-impact development to manage stormwater and reduce future flooding (must be ineligible for other funding sources), community flood risk reduction assessments for communities within the Lake Champlain Basin, project scope for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) or other flood risk reduction grant programs, planning or education and outreach initiatives that improve understanding of flood risk, other innovative applications that reduce future flood risk, non-federal match for FEMA project applications under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program (based on need), and management of awarded projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No maximum award listed

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, until funds are allocated; next - and potentially final - application review is July 31, 2023

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://vem.vermont.gov/flood-resilient-communities-fund>

**Note:** Projects for municipal and/or public infrastructure require the municipality to have a currently approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Emergency Management

**Eligible Activities:** Typical hazard mitigation projects include: mitigation of local roads and bridges, home acquisition (buyout), structural elevations or relocations, replacement of undersized culverts, mitigation outreach and education, planning, development of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, etc. Project proposals do not need to be directly connected to damages incurred from the most recent declared disaster.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No maximum award listed

**Match:** Management costs are 100% federally funded. Due to the recently passed state budget for FY2025, there will be no local match requirement. The program typically requires a 25% local match.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, until funds are allocated. A [Pre-Application Form](#) is due 08/16/24. Application (by invitation only) late 2024.

**Apply Via:** Via email. Contact [dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov) to discuss your project prior to applying.

**Link:** <https://vem.vermont.gov/disaster-based-funding>

**Notes:**

- Communities must have a FEMA approved and adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) to receiving a project award. Applications can be submitted without these plans, but awarded funds will not be released until the plans are in place.
- Communities must be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program if a special flood hazard area (SFHA) has been identified in the community and if the proposed project is located within the SFHA.
- Landslide buyouts must have a letter from the State Geologist (imminent risk).
- A [FEMA Benefit-Cost Analysis](#) (BCA) is required, except for most property buyouts and elevations. Some assistance is available for completing a BCA. Submit the Pre-Application Form to access assistance.

- VEM staff are available, upon request, to provide technical assistance at any point in the process. Contact [dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov).

**CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

**Funding Entity:** Federal Emergency Management Agency via Vermont Emergency Management

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project scoping for a specific structure or a larger area; Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) development or update; project construction, such as a home buyout, floodplain restoration or culvert upsizing; and management costs.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No maximum award listed

**Match:** 25% of approved project costs or 10% of approved project costs for Community Disaster Resilience Zones (City of Barre only) and Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities (EDRC). Management costs are 100% federally funded up to 5% of total project costs.

**Application Closing Date:** Applications must be submitted to Vermont Emergency Management by 01/12/24

**Apply Via:** FEMA GO; if your community is interested in applying, VEM requests you email your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and municipality name to [dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov). VEM must set up your municipality in the FEMA GO system as part of the State of Vermont application.

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://vem.vermont.gov/non-disaster-based-funding>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* [https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/documents/FY\\_2023\\_BRIC\\_NOFO\\_%20Final.pdf](https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/documents/FY_2023_BRIC_NOFO_%20Final.pdf)
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**Note:**

- Municipalities must apply for this grant through Vermont Emergency Management. The State submits one application containing all Vermont projects.
- Communities must have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) at the time of application submission and application award. If your community wants to create or update its LHMP or wants to inquire about the status of last year's BRIC application for LHMP updates, email [dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov).
- Vermont has a \$2 million federal share set-aside for this program. Projects over \$2 million also can apply and will be submitted for consideration in a national competition.
- An Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC) is a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the applicant that is economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80% of the national per capita income, based on best available data. Contact VEM at [dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov](mailto:dps.hazardmitigation@vermont.gov) to learn if your municipality qualifies.

### CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Climate Resilient Communities

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Council on Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports to three to five communities annually, focusing on local climate action solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance energy efficiency, build climate resilience, and fortify the local climate economy. Services provided, such as community engagement, strategic planning, technical assistance, and project implementation, are adaptable to each community's unique needs.

**Funding Tool:** Technical Assistance

**Min/Max Funding:** Not applicable. This is a grant of services.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** 01/16/24

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Link:** <https://www.vtrural.org/climate-economy/climate-economy-resilient-communities/?emci=e30df02c-76a9-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&emdi=0dcd53dd-76aa-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&ceid=11072291#1671733160954-bd00e366-67a7>



**Note:** Priority will be given to projects showcasing collaboration, equitable engagement, increased resilience, emissions reduction, and economic strengthening, with the potential to serve as models for other Vermont communities. Eligible entities include Town Energy Committees, Energy Coordinators, municipal leadership, or Climate Catalysts.

### CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Natural Area Conservation

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

**Eligible Activities:**

- Supports conservation projects of statewide significance, including natural areas that support vital ecological or conservation functions and values; provide habitat for rare or endangered species; or have physiographic or geological features of statewide significance (waterfalls, caves, gorges, river deltas, etc.).
- Supports conservation of locally significant projects for outdoor public recreation, natural area protection, historic preservation, agricultural land preservation, and the maintenance of a community's scenic integrity or definition of its identity. Multi-purpose projects are most competitive.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$150,000 plus associated costs (ex. appraisals, options, closing costs)

**Match:** ? of total project costs

**Application Closing Date:** Reviewed as received

**Apply Via:** Online application portal

**Link:** <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/apply-for-funding>

**Note:**

- Applicants are requested to call VHCB staff to discuss their project prior to completing an application.
- Program does not fund construction of buildings or recreational facilities.

- Conservation easement or other VHCB Board-approved legal mechanism to protect a property in perpetuity required.

CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – NRCC Project Development Block Grant

**Funding Entity:** State Natural Resources Conservation Council

**Eligible Activities:** Supports general project scoping and specific project development.

- *General project scoping* identifies projects for development and includes activities such as reviewing the State's database and existing plans and documents, discussing projects with the State, responding to landowner questions, conducting site visits to develop strategies, gauging landowner interest, and communication with municipal staff and committees about River Corridor or Stormwater Master Plans.
- *Specific project development* aims to gather information and commitments needed to bring a project into the initial design phase and between design and implementation phases. It includes activities such as refining a project's scope, identifying and contacting landowners and securing landowner support, working with partners or online tools to estimate pollution benefits and project costs, reviewing natural resource concerns and permit needs, contacting relevant stakeholders, meeting with municipal staff and/or the legislative body to encourage project implementation, and developing concept drawings and memos for determining project feasibility.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$10,000

**Match:** None required, but welcomed

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; applications are reviewed monthly until available funds are exhausted

**Apply via:** Online application form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.vacd.org/projectdevelopment/>

**Note:** Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the [Vermont Clean Water Initiative Program Funding Policy](#) prior to developing an application.

## CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Water Quality Project Development Block Grants

**Funding Entity:** Addison County Regional Planning Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports getting landowners, municipalities, and other partners "on board" with projects to improve water quality and to move those projects towards design and implementation. Eligible activities include reviewing and prioritizing projects in existing plans, contacting landowners, reviewing permit needs, meeting with municipalities, estimating phosphorus reduction potential, and developing basic concept drawings.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$34,000

**Match:** None specified

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:** <https://acrpc.org/grants-rfps/#:~:text=Development%20Block%20Grants-,Water%20Quality%20Project%20Development%20Block%20Grants,-ACRPC%20is%20administering>

**Note:** Funds cannot be used for any project requiring a 3-acre permit or any project obligated under the law.

## CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant

**Funding Entity:** Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports preliminary (30%) engineering design, final (100%) engineering design, and implementation of clean water projects with a primary purpose of mitigating sediment and nutrient pollution to surface waters.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None noted

**Match:** Projects that contribute to a [MS4 community](#) achieving flow and/or phosphorus reduction targets as identified through a Flow Restoration Plan (FRP) or Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP) must provide a minimum of 50% match. Non-MS4 projects do not require match. However, contributed match funds are considered during the proposal scoring process.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.marcvt.org/clean-water-design-and-implementation-block-grant.html>

**Note:**

- Contact [cwbg@marcvt.org](mailto:cwbg@marcvt.org) to confirm project eligibility and availability of funds before applying.
- Funds cannot be used for any project requiring a 3-acre permit or any project obligated under the law.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – NCCC Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant](#)

**Funding Entity:** State Natural Resources Conservation Council

**Eligible Activities:** Supports preliminary (30%) engineering design, final (100%) engineering design, and implementation of clean water projects with a primary purpose of mitigating sediment and nutrient pollution to surface waters. Eligible project types include floodplain/stream restoration, lake shoreland, wetland, stormwater, agricultural pollution prevention, forestry, stormwater gully and some road projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$15,000

**Match:** Non-regulatory projects: not required. Regulatory projects: none if public/private partnership or non-MS4 public entity or 50% of project cost if MS4 community or private entity.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; applications are reviewed monthly until available funds are exhausted

**Apply via:** Online application form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.vacd.org/design-implementation-rfa/>

**Note:** Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the [Vermont Clean Water Initiative Program Funding Policy](#) prior to developing an application.

**CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, Lamoille Basin**

**Funding Entity:** Northwest Regional Planning Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality. Eligible project types include stormwater projects on developed land that are not required by a permit; river corridor restoration and protection; floodplain restoration and protection; wetland restoration and protection; riparian and lakeshore corridor protection and restoration; natural woody buffers associated with riparian and lakeshore; projects on agricultural land if the farm in question does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the Required Agricultural Practices; natural resource restoration projects on a jurisdictional farm if confirmed by the VT Agency of Agriculture.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed; Cost versus phosphorus reduction ratio is considered

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** 05/09/24

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.nrpcvt.com/about-nrpc/rfp-rfq-rfb/>

**Note:** Projects must not be required by a permit (10 VSA, Chapter 47), or subject to the requirements of Vermont Agricultural Water Quality statutes (6 V.S.A, Chapter 215). Funding

may be available for the portion of projects that exceed requirements set forth in the statutes above.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, Memphremagog Basin](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality. Eligible project types include sub-jurisdictional practices related to developed lands; river corridor restoration and protection; floodplain restoration and protection; wetland restoration and protection; riparian and lakeshore corridor protection and restoration; natural woody buffers associated with riparian, lakeshore, and wetland protection and restoration; forestry projects that provide water quality protection and restoration beyond the requirements of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation Acceptable Management Practices; projects on agricultural land if the farm in question does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the Required Agricultural Practices; natural resource restoration projects on a jurisdictional farm if confirmed by the VT Agency of Agriculture.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed; Cost versus phosphorus reduction ratio is considered

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time. Next review deadlines are 10/13/24 and 11/15/24.

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:** <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/memphremagog-basin-clean-water-service-provider>

**Note:** Projects must not be required by a permit (10 VSA, Chapter 47), or subject to the requirements of Vermont Agricultural Water Quality statutes (6 V.S.A, Chapter 215). Funding may be available for the portion of projects that exceed requirements set forth in the statutes above.

CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, Missisquoi River Basin

**Funding Entity:** Northwest Regional Planning Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality. Eligible project types include stormwater projects on developed land that are not required by a permit; river corridor restoration and protection; floodplain restoration and protection; wetland restoration and protection; riparian and lakeshore corridor protection and restoration; natural woody buffers associated with riparian and lakeshore; projects on agricultural land if the farm in question does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the Required Agricultural Practices; natural resource restoration projects on a jurisdictional farm if confirmed by the VT Agency of Agriculture.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed; Cost versus phosphorus reduction ratio is considered

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Multiple opportunities to submit with application cycle deadlines of 09/17/24, 01/22/25, and 05/21/25

**Apply via:** Online application

**Link:** <https://www.nrpcvt.com/about-nrpc/rfp-rfq-rfb/>

**Note:** Projects must not be required by a permit (10 VSA, Chapter 47), or subject to the requirements of Vermont Agricultural Water Quality statutes (6 V.S.A, Chapter 215). Funding may be available for the portion of projects that exceed requirements set forth in the statutes above.

CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, Northern Lake Champlain Direct Drainages Basin

**Funding Entity:** Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality. Eligible project types include sub-jurisdictional practices related to developed lands; river corridor restoration and protection; floodplain restoration and protection; wetland restoration and protection; riparian and lakeshore corridor protection and restoration; natural woody buffers associated with riparian, lakeshore, and wetland protection and restoration; forestry projects that provide water quality protection and restoration beyond the requirements of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation Acceptable Management Practices; projects on agricultural land if the farm in question does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the Required Agricultural Practices; natural resource restoration projects on a jurisdictional farm if confirmed by the VT Agency of Agriculture.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed; Cost versus phosphorus reduction ratio is considered. At this time, projects with a projected cost-efficiency of greater than \$50,000 per kilogram-of-phosphorus (P) reduction over a 15-year lifespan (i.e. Engineering + Construction Costs / kilograms-P-reduced) will generally not be funded. Such projects will be addressed on a case-by-case basis using a pre-proposal.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Multiple opportunities. Upcoming deadlines are 07/08/24 and 08/05/24

**Apply via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/northern-lake-champlain-cwsp/#funding:~:text=BACK%20TO%20TOP%C2%A0%E2%87%91-,FUNDING,-ONGOING%20CALL%20FOR>

**Note:** Projects must not be required by a permit (10 VSA, Chapter 47), or subject to the requirements of Vermont Agricultural Water Quality statutes (6 V.S.A, Chapter 215). Funding may be available for the portion of projects that exceed requirements set forth in the statutes above.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, Otter Creek Basin](#)





**Eligible Activities:** Supports implementation of high priority, cost-effective, native riparian woody buffer plantings. Riparian forest buffers must be of sufficient width, intercept sediment, nutrients, pesticides, and other materials in surface runoff and reduce nutrient and other pollutants in shallow subsurface water flow. Projects involving the installation of woody buffers along rivers and streams must have a minimum buffer width of 35 feet and a minimum planting density of at least 300 stems/acre.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$300,000

**Match:** None required.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://watershedsunitedvt.org/resources/block-grants#:~:text=2024%20Woody%20Buffer%20Block%20Grant%20%2D%20Active%20Grant%20Round>

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Community Change Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Environmental Protection Agency

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**Eligible Activities:** Supports community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. There are two grant tracks: 1) Community-Driven Investments for Change and 2) Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** ~\$10 to \$20 million Community-Driven Investments for Change; ~\$1 to \$3 million Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling through 11/21/24

**Apply Via:** grants.gov

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OEJECR-OCS-23-04.

**Note:** Local governments must partner with a community-based nonprofit organization to apply. Multiple Vermont communities are eligible for this grant.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Community Change Technical Assistance](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Environmental Protection Agency

**Eligible Activities:** This program will help eligible entities develop an application for EPA Community Change Grants by providing grant application support, project planning and development, outreach and engagement, and general capacity building.

**Funding Tool:** Grant of technical assistance

**Min/Max Funding:** None. This program provides technical assistance for the Community Change Grant application.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-grants-technical-assistance>

**Note:** If you are awarded a Community Change grant, the program also provides grants management and reporting support.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Environmental Protection Agency

**Eligible Activities:** This program will help eligible entities develop an application for EPA Community Change Grants by providing free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops that support climate resilience and environmental justice activities in disaster-prone areas. Climate resilience projects must have a direct benefit to disadvantaged communities and could include retrofits to community-serving buildings; design or redesign of public parks, open space, and waterways; redesign of streets; or other projects that address climate resilience and environmental justice.

**Funding Tool:** Grant of technical assistance

**Min/Max Funding:** None. This program provides 4 to 5 months of technical assistance.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-equitable-resilience-technical-assistance>

**Note:** Eligible sites for this technical assistance must in a disaster-prone area and benefit a [disadvantaged community](#).

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT - Forest Economy Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Northern Borders Regional Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports a broad range of forest-based economy initiatives such as public infrastructure projects that directly support the forest industry; community development projects that support the diversified use of forest for economic activity; workforce training and development projects for the purpose of building the skills and recruiting and retaining the workforce needed for forest businesses; and marketing, communication and education projects that are paired with previously mentioned projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Application Closing Date:** There are two application rounds:

- 03/15/24 03/22/24 Pre-application (Required); 05/03/24 Application (By invitation only)
- 09/06/24 Pre-application (Required); 10/18/24 Application (By invitation only)

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$1 million or no more than 80% of the total project costs can be from federal funds (including NRPC), whichever is less.

**Match:** 20% Distressed Counties; 50% Transitional Counties

**Apply Via:** Online application system

**Link:** <https://www.nbrpc.gov/content/FEP>

**Notes:** This grant has unique requirements after an award is made, but *before* a Notice to Proceed is issued. Applicants are advised to read the program guidance and manual closely. Ex. All match/cost share must be committed by September 30 of the year following the award year.

### [CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Vermont Community Tree Planting Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)

**Eligible Activities:** Supports tree planting activities within municipal properties; within a town highway right-of-way; within State of Vermont highway rights-of-way; at public educational institutions; on properties owned by registered non-profit entities; and on private property provided an approved agreement is in place between an eligible subgrantee and the private property owner. Priority sites include:

- Urban areas with low (40% or less) canopy cover. [American Forests' Tree Equity Map](#) includes estimates of canopy cover by census tract.
- Planting sites located within [state-designated planning areas](#).
- Census tracts with 5 or more flags on the Vermont Department of Health [Social Vulnerability Index \(overview map\)](#).
- Municipalities ranking high on the [Vermont Community Index](#).

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Application Closing Date:** 01/17/25

**Min/Max Funding:** \$5,000 to \$75,000

**Match:** None required

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://vtcommunityforestry.org/municipal-assistance/financial-assistance/community-tree-planting-grants>

**Notes:**

- CCRPC is administering this grant on behalf of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program.
- The Urban and Community Forestry Program will provide direct technical assistance to applicants and grant award winners. See program website for assistance provided.

**CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – Clean Water Projects, South Lake Champlain**

**Funding Entity:** Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

**Eligible Activities:** Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality. Eligible project types include sub-jurisdictional practices related to developed lands; river corridor restoration and protection; floodplain restoration and protection; wetland restoration and protection; riparian and lakeshore corridor protection and restoration; natural woody buffers associated with riparian, lakeshore, and wetland protection and restoration; forestry projects that provide water quality protection and restoration beyond the requirements of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation Acceptable Management Practices; projects on agricultural land if the farm in question does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the Required Agricultural Practices; natural resource restoration projects on a jurisdictional farm if confirmed by the VT Agency of Agriculture.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed; Cost versus phosphorus reduction ratio is considered

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time. Next review deadline is 08/16/24.

**Apply via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:8d80cdc5-4d36-4c9b-bcc2-f25d5173c477>

**Note:** Projects must not be required by a permit (10 VSA, Chapter 47), or subject to the requirements of Vermont Agricultural Water Quality statutes (6 V.S.A, Chapter 215). Funding may be available for the portion of projects that exceed requirements set forth in the statutes above.

[CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT – WUV Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant](#)

**Funding Entity:** Watersheds United Vermont

**Eligible Activities:** Supports preliminary (30%) engineering design, final (100%) engineering design, and implementation of clean water projects with a primary purpose of mitigating sediment and nutrient pollution to surface waters. Eligible project types include stormwater project and natural resources restoration projects (floodplain/stream restoration, lake shoreland, wetland, and forestry).

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed, but projects requesting \$50,000 may be move competitive

**Match:** None for most applicants; 50% of project cost for all stormwater projects in MS4 communities

**Application Closing Date:** 07/19/24

**Apply via:** Online application form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.vacd.org/design-implementation-rfa/>

**Note:**

- Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the [Vermont Clean Water Initiative Program Funding Policy](#) prior to developing an application.
- 3-acre stormwater projects are not eligible for funding under this round.
- Awarded projects must complete the project and submit final invoicing and deliverables by 11/15/24.
- These funds can be used a match for other grants. Match use must be specified in the application.

**CULTURE AND THE ARTS – Vermont 250th Community Planning Grants**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Covered – administered by the Vermont Historical Society

**Eligible Activities:** Supports a range of activities that help to define and move forward programs, events, and resources and that align with Vermont’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary [strategies and themes](#). Activities can include but are not limited to community dialogues, exhibit research/design, collections digitization/access projects, preliminary work on publications, creation of educational resources, or other general planning activities.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$1,000

**Match:** None listed

**Application Closing Date:** 07/15/24

**Apply Via:** Online

**Link:** <https://vermonthistory.org/250th-grants>

**Note:** This grant is open to all communities; there are priority communities for funding.

**CULTURE AND THE ARTS – Grants for Arts Projects**

**Funding Entity:** National Endowment for the Arts



**Eligible Activities:** Funds arts projects in the following disciplines: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, and Visual Arts.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$10,000 to \$150,000

**Match:** 50% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** This opportunity requires a two-step process: Grants.gov 07/11/24 and NEA Applicant Portal 07/23/24

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov and NEA Applicant Portal

**Link:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>

**Note:** Applicants must demonstrate three years of arts programming by its organization.

#### [DISASTER RECOVERY – FEMA Public Assistance](#)

**Funding Entity:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Eligible Activities:** Provides supplemental Federal grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and specific facilities of certain types of private nonprofit organizations. There are seven categories of assistance, one or all are federally authorized for any disaster event. Encourages protection of damaged facilities from future incidents by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Based on FEMA-established minimum and large project thresholds for a fiscal year. For CY 2023, small project min/max is \$3,800 to \$999,999, and large project is ?\$1 million.

**Match:** 25% of total project cost; a portion of this match will be paid by the State of Vermont based on a municipality's [Emergency Relief Assistance Fund](#) rate. Find your municipality's

rate on [Flood Ready Vermont](#).

**Application Closing Date:** 30 days from the date the area (county, municipality) was designated in the declaration (the July 2023 flood event date varies for different counties in Vermont)

**Apply Via:** [FEMA Grants Portal](#)

**Link:**

*Program:* <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

*VLCT-Compiled Resources:* <https://www.vlct.org/fema-public-assistance-program-pa>

**Note:** Work funded through Public Assistance MUST include a contract provision *encouraging* (not requiring) the contractor to provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products. This requirement also must be included in all subawards.

[DISASTER RECOVERY – Vermont Emergency Relief Assistance Fund](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Emergency Management

**Eligible Activities:** Provides public assistance to municipalities to repair damaged infrastructure after a presidentially declared disaster.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** State share of FEMA Public Assistance 25% required local match: 7.5%, 12.5% or 17.5% based on municipal disaster preparedness actions

**Match:** Municipality provides the remaining share of FEMA Public Assistance required local match

**Application Closing Date:** None

**Apply Via:** No application required; the State of Vermont pays its FEMA match contribution to the municipality based on FEMA payment to municipality and municipality's [ERAF rate](#)

**Link:**

- *Flood Ready Vermont ERAF:*  
[https://floodready.vermont.gov/find\\_funding/emergency\\_relief\\_assistance](https://floodready.vermont.gov/find_funding/emergency_relief_assistance)
- *ERAF Rule:*  
<https://floodready.vermont.gov/sites/floodready/files/documents/CVR%2010-000-001%20Final%20ERAF%20Rule%202015.pdf>

**DISASTER RECOVERY – FHWA Emergency Recovery**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports repair or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways and roads on Federal lands which have suffered serious damage because of natural disasters or catastrophic failures from an external cause.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Not specified

**Match:** 10% for interstate highways; 20% for all other Federal-aid highways and roads on Federal lands; 0% for Federal Lands Management Agencies

**Application Closing Date:** To be determined; VTrans must submit an application to the Federal Highways Administration within two calendar years of the date of the disaster

**Apply Via:** VTrans (process to be determined)

**Link:** <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/emergency-management#:~:text=FHWA%20%E2%80%93%20Emergency%20Recovery%C2%A0>

**DISASTER RECOVERY - FY 2023 EDA Disaster Supplemental Funding**

**Funding Entity:** US Economic Development Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports disaster recovery activities including economic recovery strategic planning grants, public works construction projects including broadband and resiliency projects, workforce development, capitalization of revolving loan funds, and economic development projects that enhance density in the vicinity of other economic

development

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimums or maximums are listed

**Match:** 20% Of eligible costs, but factors such as project scale, extent of disaster impact, total project cost, relative community distress, and geographic distribution of funds can lower the match rate

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds have been expended

**Apply Via:** EDGE

**Link:**

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number EDA-DISASTER-2023
- *EDGE grants portal:* <https://sfgrants.eda.gov>

**Note:** Supports recovery in areas where a Presidential disaster declaration was issued in calendar years 2021 and 2022. For Vermont, this includes a [Severe Storm and Flooding](#) (4621-DR-VT; statewide) in July 2021 and [Tropical Storm Henri](#) (3567-EM-VT; Bennington and Windham Counties) in August 2021.

[DISASTER RECOVERY – Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants \(ECWAG\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Applicants must show that a major decline in quantity or quality of water occurred within two years of the date of the application. Grants are also awarded when a significant decline in quality and quantity of water is imminent.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:**

- Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply
- Water source grants up to \$1,000,000 for the construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water (water source up to and including the treatment plant)

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** [RDApply](#); Contact Rebecca Schrader, Lead Community Program Specialist, [Rebecca.schrader@usda.gov](mailto:Rebecca.schrader@usda.gov), before pursuing an application

**Link:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/vt>

**Note:** Eligible entities are rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. Must also have a median household income of no more than 100 percent of a state's non-metropolitan median household income.

[DISASTER RECOVERY – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** FEMA via Vermont Emergency Management

**Eligible Activities:** Supports property buyouts, infrastructure projects (drainage, elevation, flood proofing, minor localized flood reduction projects) and planning. Typical projects include mitigation of local roads and bridges, home acquisition (buyout), structural elevations or relocations, replacement of undersized culverts, mitigation outreach and education, etc. Project proposals *do not* need to be directly connected to damage incurred from the most recent declared disaster.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None listed

**Match:** 25% of approved project costs

**Application Closing Date:** Required Pre-Application Form 08/16/24

**Apply Via:** Email. Contact Stephanie Smith, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at 802-989-6793 or [stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov](mailto:stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov), to discuss your project before applying

**Link:** <https://vem.vermont.gov/disaster-based-funding>

**Eligible Activities:** Typical hazard mitigation projects include: mitigation of local roads and bridges,

**Match:** Management costs are 100% federally funded. Due to the recently passed state budget for FY2025, there will be no local match requirement. The program typically requires a 25% local match.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, until funds are allocated

**Notes:**

- Municipalities must have a FEMA approved and adopted local hazard mitigation plan and have an adopted Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). Applications accepted from municipalities lacking one or both plans, but awarded project funds will not be released until the plans are in place.
- Municipalities must be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), if a special flood hazard area (SFHA) has been identified in the community and if the proposed project is located within the SFHA.
- A Benefit Cost Analysis is required using FEMA software. Contact the [Regional Planning Commission](#) serving your municipality for assistance.

[DISASTER RECOVERY – National Civilian Community Corps \(NCCC\) Traditional Disaster Response](#)

**Funding Entity:** AmeriCorps (the federal agency for national service and volunteerism)

**Eligible Activities:** Provides a team of 8-12 AmeriCorps NCCC members to participate in disaster response, recovery, and mitigation. Examples of service activities include, but are not limited to, supporting disaster recovery centers, shelters, and facilities; preparing and distributing meals or water; mucking and gutting flood or storm-damaged homes and buildings; debris removal; roof tarping; home and other infrastructure rebuilding; flood

mitigation; surveying community assets; increasing disaster preparedness and resilience to adapt to climate change; and distributing educational materials and preparedness kits.

**Funding Tool:** Grant of community service

**Min/Max Funding:** Not applicable. This is a grant of assistance.

**Match:** Sponsors provide adequate indoor or outdoor lodging with showers and cooking facilities for an 8-12 member team with separate female and male sleeping facilities.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Link:** <https://americorps.gov/partner/how-it-works/americorps-nccc>

**Notes:** Length of team service usually is 3 to 13 weeks and at least 40 hours of service activities each week. A sponsor may request assistance for up to 60 weeks, contingent upon application approval.

**[DISASTER RECOVERY – Clean Water Initiative Flood Response and Recovery](#)**

**Funding Entity:** VT Department of Environmental Conservation via its Clean Water Workforce Capacity Development Initiative Block Grant Program Administrator

**Eligible Activities:** Supports organizational or community-level flood relief and recovery efforts via activities such as replacing lost or damaged equipment, technology or tools; moving expense due to loss of workspace; participating in forums on flood response or recovery; organizing river clean-up events; performing preliminary assessment of clean water project losses and workload planning/priority setting; covering refund expenses or revenue losses due to forestalled or cancelled programming or projects; and covering otherwise unbillable personnel time spent on flood-related efforts like filing insurance paperwork or consulting with landowners on how to “build back better”.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Unknown at this time

**Match:** Unknown at this time

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling through 07/31/24

**Apply Via:** Application materials will be posted when the Block Grant Program Administrator contract is awarded.

**Link:** [https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants#:~:text=View%20the%C2%A0Summer%202023%20Flood%20Response%20and%](https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants#:~:text=View%20the%C2%A0Summer%202023%20Flood%20Response%20and%20)

**Notes:**

- This is a program pre-announcement to allow entities to prepare for the grant. Pre-award costs related to flood relief and recovery efforts starting on 07/10/23 are eligible.
- Until a Funding Program Administrator is selected, questions may be submitted to the Clean Water Initiative Program at [ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov).
- This program should be a last resort once insurance and FEMA assistance for these types of replacement costs are fully capitalized. Funds from this program cannot supplant other sources.
- This opportunity will be updated as the program evolves.

**DISASTER RECOVERY – Disaster Water Grants Program**

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Utility Services

**Eligible Activities:** Supports restoration, repair, or rebuilding of water infrastructure systems, include drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater projects related to damages from Presidentially Declared Disasters that occurred between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Also supports development of water infrastructure system capacity and resiliency to reduce or eliminate long term risks from hazards resulting from the eligible declared disaster. Costs reimbursed by insurance, FEMA, other EPA programs, state programs, and other programs cannot be covered by this program.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum award amount

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, until funds are exhausted



**Apply Via:** [RDApply](#). Contact USDA Vermont Office prior to applying.

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/calendar-year-2022-disaster-water-grants-program>
- *Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number RD-RUS-CY22DISASTER.

**Notes:** Eligible Vermont municipalities are those located in Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grant Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, and Washington Counties ([Vermont Severe Storm and Flooding \(DR-4695-VT\)](#) with a population >35,000.

**[DISASTER RECOVERY – Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants](#)**

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports repair of essential community facilities in rural areas that were damaged by Presidentially Declared Disasters in Calendar Year 2022. Example “essential community facility” includes, but is not limited to, health care facilities, town offices/halls, streets, public works, community and childcare centers, fairgrounds, public safety, libraries, museums, utility services, and local food systems (community gardens, food pantries, food banks, etc.). *Repairs* also include the replacement of damaged equipment or vehicles, and the purchase of new equipment to undertake repairs to damaged facilities.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** There is no minimum or maximum award amount.

**Match:** 25% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** When funds are exhausted

**Apply Via:** Contact Misty Sinsigalli, USDA Vermont office, at 802-622-4119 or [misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov](mailto:misty.sinsigalli@usda.gov)

**Link:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-program-disaster-repair-grants/vt-nh-0#overview>

**Notes:**

- Eligible Vermont municipalities are those located in Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grant Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, and Washington Counties ([Vermont Severe Storm and Flooding \(DR-4695-VT\)](#)) with a population >20,000. The facility to be repaired must have been damaged in the declared disaster.
- Requirements of USDA's regular Community Facilities Direct Grant and Loan Program apply.

**[DISASTER RECOVERY – Community Disaster Loan Program](#)**

**Funding Entity:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Eligible Activities:** Provides funding for local governments to operate their essential community services after substantial revenue loss caused by a disaster. Essential services include police and fire protection, revenue collection, hazard insurance, trash collection, and public facilities maintenance. The funding can be used to carry on existing essential municipal services or to expand such services to meet disaster-related needs.

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** The cumulative estimated revenue loss for the fiscal year of the disaster and the subsequent three fiscal years, or up to 25 percent of a municipality's annual operating budget for the fiscal year, or \$5 million, whichever is less.

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** The close of your municipality's next fiscal year after the last day of the presidential disaster declaration incident period. For the July 2023 floods, the incident period closed 07/21/23.

**Apply Via:** Undetermined at this time

**Link:** <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/community-disaster-loan>

**Notes:**

- Revenue loss must be greater than or equal to five percent. Audited financial statements for the fiscal year of the disaster and the three previous fiscal years, and an original

operating budget for the fiscal year of the disaster, a projected operating budgets for the subsequent fiscal year, and three-year post disaster revenue projections are required to apply.

- The loan term is five years. It can be extended to 10 years. The applicant selects the payment schedule. The interest rate is determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.
- From the second year through the life of the loan (5-10 years maximum), a municipality must provide audited financial statements to FEMA. The loan may be cancelled if the municipality can show it has a cumulative operating deficit.

### [DISASTER RECOVERY – Summer 2023 Clean Water Initiative Flood Response and Recovery](#)

**Funding Entity:** VT Department of Environmental Conservation via its Clean Water Workforce Capacity Development Initiative Block Grant Program Administrator

**Eligible Activities:** Supports organizational or community-level flood relief and recovery efforts via activities such as replacing lost or damaged equipment, technology or tools; moving expense due to loss of workspace; participating in forums on flood response or recovery; organizing river clean-up events; performing preliminary assessment of clean water project losses and workload planning/priority setting; covering refund expenses or revenue losses due to forestalled or cancelled programming or projects; and covering otherwise unbillable personnel time spent on flood-related efforts like filing insurance paperwork of consulting with landowners on how to “build back better”.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Unknown at this time

**Match:** Unknown at this time

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling through 07/31/24

**Apply Via:** Application materials will be posted when the Block Grant Program Administrator contract is awarded.

**Link:** <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants#:~:text=View%20the%C2%A0Summer%202023%20Flood%20Response%20and%20Recovery>

**Notes:**

- This is a program pre-announcement to allow entities to prepare for the grant. Pre-award costs related to flood relief and recovery efforts starting on 07/10/23 are eligible.
- Until a Funding Program Administrator is selected, questions may be submitted to the Clean Water Initiative Program at [ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov).
- This program should be a last resort once insurance and FEMA assistance for these types of replacement costs are fully capitalized. Funds from this program cannot supplant other sources.
- This opportunity will be updated as the program evolves.

**ECONOMIC - FY 2023 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance**

**Funding Entity:** US Economic Development Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works (infrastructure, facilities and buildings, brownfields) and Economic Adjustment Assistance (CEDS development and implementation) programs

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** ~\$600,000 to \$5 million; average award has been \$1.4 million

**Match:** 20% to 50% based on the region's 24-month unemployment rate and/or per capita income

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds have been expended

**Apply Via:** EDGE

**Link:**

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance>
- *EDGE grants portal:* <https://sfgrants.eda.gov>

## ECONOMIC - FY 2023 EDA Disaster Supplemental Funding

**Funding Entity:** US Economic Development Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports disaster recovery activities including economic recovery strategic planning grants, public works construction projects including broadband and resiliency projects, workforce development, capitalization of revolving loan funds, and economic development projects that enhance density in the vicinity of other economic development

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimums or maximums are listed

**Match:** 20% Of eligible costs, but factors such as project scale, extent of disaster impact, total project cost, relative community distress, and geographic distribution of funds can lower the match rate

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds have been expended

**Apply Via:** EDGE

**Link:**

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number EDA-DISASTER-2023
- *EDGE grants portal:* <https://sfgrants.eda.gov>

**Note:** Supports recovery in areas where a Presidential disaster declaration was issued in calendar years 2021 and 2022. For Vermont, this includes a [Severe Storm and Flooding](#) (4621-DR-VT; statewide) in July 2021 and [Tropical Storm Henri](#) (3567-EM-VT; Bennington and Windham Counties) in August 2021.

## ECONOMIC - Catalyst Program

**Funding Entity:** Northern Borders Regional Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports projects that address transportation, telecommunications, energy, and basic public infrastructure; business and workforce development; health care,

nutrition and food security, and other public services; resource conservation; tourism; recreation; and open space preservation consistent with economic development.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Non-infrastructure up to \$500,000; Infrastructure up to \$1 million or up to \$3 million for certain construction projects

**Match:** Varies based on project service area level of distress

**Application Closing Date:** 09/06/24 Pre-Application (Required); 10/18/24 Application (By invitation only)

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>

**Notes:**

- Priority is given to 1) projects that demonstrate direct benefits to rural communities with populations of less than 5,000 and disadvantaged communities; 2) projects that address municipal needs across eligible categories; and 3) projects that adapt to changing climate conditions and extreme weather events.
- This grant has unique requirements after an award is made, but *before* a Notice to Proceed is issued. Applicants are advised to read the program guidance and manual closely. Ex. All match/cost share must be committed by September 30 of the year following the award year.

[ECONOMIC – Forest Economy Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Northern Borders Regional Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports a broad range of forest-based economy initiatives such as public infrastructure projects that directly support the forest industry; community development projects that support the diversified use of forest for economic activity; workforce training and development projects for the purpose of building the skills and recruiting and retaining the workforce needed for forest businesses; and marketing, communication and education projects that are paired with previously mentioned projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Application Closing Date:** 09/06/24 Pre-application (Required); 10/18/24 Application (By invitation only)

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$1 million or no more than 80% of the total project costs can be from federal funds (including NRPC), whichever is less.

**Match:** 20% Distressed Counties; 50% Transitional Counties

**Apply Via:** Online application system

**Link:** <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/FEP>

**Notes:** This grant has unique requirements after an award is made, but *before* a Notice to Proceed is issued. Applicants are advised to read the program guidance and manual closely. Ex. All match/cost share must be committed by September 30 of the year following the award year.

[ECONOMIC - Building Communities Regional Economic Development Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services

**Eligible Activities:** Capital costs associated with major maintenance, renovation, or planning related to a facility-based project reasonably expected to create or retain jobs in Vermont communities.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$25,000

**Match:** \$1 match for every \$1 of grant funds awarded

**Application Closing Date:** 09/10/24

**Apply Via:** Online application submitted via email or mail

**Link:** <https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

**Note:**

- This grant provides last-gap funding to complete a shovel-ready project or a project that has already begun construction.
- All required permits must be in hand before submitting the application.
- Documentation that match is in-hand, not pledged, must be included with the application. Ex. bank statement, successful bond vote, municipal budget line item, etc.
- Business plans are not required, but applicants that submit a business plan with their grant application will be given preference.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES and PUBLIC SAFETY – Rural Fire Protection Program**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

**Eligible Activities:** Installation of new dry hydrants and other types of rural water supplies (priority), repair/upgrade, replacement, relocation of existing rural water supplies (whether previously grant funded or not), and development of drafting sites (access, stepping stones for portables, etc.)

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** up to \$10,000; maximum grant could be up to \$20,000 if the project meets other criteria

**Match:** 25% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** April 1, June 1 and August 1, 2024

**Apply Via:** Online application sent via email

**Link:** <https://www.vacd.org/programs/rural-fire-protection/>

**Note:** The installation of NEW dry hydrants & other types of rural water supplies is still the priority of the program, but eligible projects also include repair/upgrade, replacement, relocation of existing rural water supplies (whether previously grant funded or not) and drafting site development (access, stepping stones for portables, etc.)

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES and PUBLIC SAFETY – National Community Courts Initiative**

**Funding Entity:** Department of Justice



**Eligible Activities:** Establish or enhance a local community court that addresses individuals experiencing substance use and/or co-occurring disorders and other issues using evidence-based principles and practices.

- *Category 1* provides funding to plan or implement community court programs. Funding can be used for case management, supervision and treatment services, and the provision and coordination of recovery support services.
- *Category 2* provides funding to enhance existing community court programs that have been fully operational for at least one year. Funding can be used to scale up the court program's capacity; enhance court operations to serve a specific population such as the homeless population; expand or enhance court services; improve the quality and/or intensity of services based on needs assessments; or complete a program evaluation.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$900,000

**Match:** 25% of the total project cost; match waivers are possible.

**Application Closing Date:** This opportunity requires a two-step process: Grants.gov 06/24/24 and JustGrants 07/01/24.

**Apply Via:** This opportunity requires a two-step application. Two forms are submitted through Grants.gov, and the full application is submitted in JustGrants, DOJ's grant portal.

**Link:**

- *Program:* [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172116?utm\\_campaign=news\\_from\\_bja&utm\\_content=funding\\_24\\_comm-courts&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172116?utm_campaign=news_from_bja&utm_content=funding_24_comm-courts&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://grants.gov/search-grants> and search Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2024-172116.

**Note:** Community courts are neighborhood-focused court programs that help address underlying issues that lead to criminal behavior by connecting persons committing less serious crimes – often misdemeanor cases – to judicially supervised substance use disorder treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services.

[EMERGENCY SERVICES and PUBLIC SAFETY – Matthew Shepard & James Byrd, Jr.  
Hate Crimes Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Justice

**Eligible Activities:** Supports conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes. There are three categories of projects: Category 1: City or County Demonstration Projects; Category 2: State or Regional Initiatives; and Category 3: Strategic and Resiliency Planning.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Category 1 Up to \$725,000; Category 2 Up to \$2 million; Category 3 Up to \$150,000

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** This opportunity requires a two-step process: Grants.gov 07/18/24 and JustGrants 07/25/24.

**Apply Via:** This opportunity requires a two-step application. Two forms are submitted through Grants.gov, and the full application is submitted in JustGrants.

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/overview>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://grants.gov/search-grants> and search Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2024-172097.

**Note:** Hate crimes (sometimes called bias-motivated crimes) are criminal offenses motivated by some form of bias toward victims based on their perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

[EMERGENCY SERVICES – Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community  
Safety](#)

**Funding Entity:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Eligible Activities:** Supports development, implementation, and testing of new or innovative approaches to achieving community safety that are alternatives to a traditional enforcement model for communities experiencing a precipitous increase in less serious and lower-level crimes. The focus is a collaborative network of community-based organizations and institutions as well as local non-law enforcement government agencies.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$2 million

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** 07/01/24 Grants.gov; 07/08/24 JustGrants

**Apply via:** Grants.gov and JustGrants

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2024-172125

**Note:** Applicants must identify a researcher in the application who will collaborate with the site-based partners and the intermediary (lead) organization to collect data on the nature and extent of crimes in the site(s) and their residents' perceptions of law enforcement and safety, procedural fairness, and legitimacy to inform the development of the safety model.

[ENERGY - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - Formula](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Energy

**Eligible Activities:** Develop and implement an energy efficiency and conservation strategy, which can include:

- retaining consultant services,
- conducting building energy audits,
- establishing financial incentive programs for efficiency improvements,
- providing grants to eligible organizations for efficiency retrofits,
- developing and implementing energy efficiency and conservation programs for the applicant's own buildings and facilities, programs to conserve energy used in transportation, and/or building codes and inspection services related to building

efficiency,

- applying and implementing energy distribution technologies that increase efficiency,
- conducting activities to increase participate and efficiency rates for material conservation programs,
- purchasing and implementing technologies to reduce, capture, and use generated greenhouse gases,
- replacing traffic signals and street lighting with efficient technologies,
- developing, implementing and installing renewable energy generations projects for the applicant's own buildings,
- developing and implementing programs for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and zero-emission transportation, transportation infrastructure, capital investments, projects, and programs, and
- conducting other appropriate activities as determined by the Secretary of Energy.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Allocated by formula with \$75,000 minimum; Vermont range is \$75,340 to \$77,100

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Applications for Grants and Vouchers accepted on a rolling basis through ~~04/30/24~~ 10/31/24

**Apply Via:** [PAGE](#) for grants and the [EECBG Program Voucher Portal](#) for vouchers

**Link:** <https://www.energy.gov/scep/eecbg-program-formula-grant-application-hub>

**Note:** Formula grants are limited to the 10 most populous municipalities and counties in each state. For Vermont, the municipalities are the Cities of Burlington, Rutland, and South Burlington, and the Towns of Bennington, Brattleboro, Colchester, Essex, Hartford, Milton, and Williston.

[ENERGY - Clean Energy to Communities - Expert Match](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Energy

**Eligible Activities:** Provides access to short-term technical assistance. This program matches a participating community with a relevant expert who will provide 40–60 hours of expert advice and technical services to communities on clean energy topics such as clean power, mobility, buildings, and the grid.

**Funding Tool:** Technical Assistance

**Min/Max Funding:** Grant of technical assistance services by the National Renewable Energy Lab, other national laboratories, and select organizations

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Link:**

- *Clean Energy to Communities Program:* <https://www.energy.gov/eere/clean-energy-communities-program>
- *Clean Energy to Communities Program: Expert Match:* <https://www.nrel.gov/state-local-tribal/c2c-expert-match.html>

[ENERGY - Renewable Energy Generation Production Tax Credit \(§ 45\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Renewable energy generation

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Project must begin construction before 01/01/2025

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>

- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8835>

### [ENERGY - Clean Electricity Production Tax Credit \(§ 45Y\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Zero emissions renewable energy generation

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** Maximum credit is determined by energy production

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Project must be placed in service after 12/31/2024

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms (under development)

#### **Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/credits-and-deductions-under-the-inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

### [ENERGY – Vermont Community Electric Vehicle Chargers Incentive Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports comprehensive turnkey services which includes technical assistance, a design for siting of the chargers, completion of a full plan for installation, make-ready upgrades, charging hardware, and full installation of the chargers for Vermonters at locations such as workplaces, multiunit homes, and public areas.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Level 1 chargers up to \$3,600 per site for design and make ready and up to \$500 per OCPP compliant port. Level 2 chargers up to \$20,000 per site for design and make ready, up to \$3,000 per OCPP compliant port, and up to \$2,000 per non-OCPP

compliant port.

**Match:** Varies by applicant from 0% to 10%.

**Application Closing Date:** Incentives are issued on a first-come, first served basis to eligible applicants until 01/15/26 or until funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

**Apply Via:** Online pre-application form

**Links:** <https://www.vermontevchargers.com/>

**Note:**

- This statewide program is administered by Green Mountain Power.
- Pre-approved electrical contractors and local electric utilities will also offer technical assistance to help applicants who may have limited experience with EV charging.
- To ensure fair distribution, there will be caps on the total incentives issued per applicant, per site, and per county.
- Incentive can be combined with federal, state, and utility incentives with project cost limits reflective of match required.

[ENERGY - Vermont State Infrastructure Bank EV Charging Stations](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA)

**Eligible Activities:** Construction or reconstruction of highways, roads, bridges, and pedestrian facilities, certain facilities related to rail or public transit, and electric vehicle charging stations and natural gas refueling stations available for public use

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** Based on borrower's ability to carry debt

**Match:** 10% to 20% equity contribution

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.veda.org/financing-options/other-financing-option/state-infrastructure-bank-program/>

**ENERGY - Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Investment Tax Credit (§ 30C)**

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Storage or dispensing of a clean-burning fuel into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel if the storage or dispensing of the fuel is at the point where such fuel is delivered into the fuel tank of the motor vehicle, or the recharging of motor vehicles propelled by electricity. Clean-burning fuels include natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, electricity, and any other fuel at least 85 percent of which is methanol, ethanol, any other alcohol, and/or ether. Property must be located in a **low-income census tract** as defined under IRC § 40D9(e) or a non-urban census tract.

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** \$100,000 per item of property

**Match:** N/A

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Project must be placed in service between 2023 - 2032.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8911>

**ENERGY - Commercial Clean Vehicle Investment Tax Credit (§ 45W)**

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Purchase of a qualified motor vehicle or mobile machinery as defined in **IRC 4053(8)** (including vehicles that are not designed to perform a function of transporting a load over a public highway)



**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$7,500 and up to \$40,000 depending on gross vehicle weight

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Vehicle must be placed in service between 2023 - 2032.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/commercial-clean-vehicle-credit#:~:text=Businesses%20and%20tax-exempt%20organizations%20that%20buy%20a%20qualified,vehicle%20is%20not%20powered%20>

[ENERGY - Energy Credit Extension Investment Tax Credit \(§ 48\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Zero emissions solar energy property, geothermal property, fiber-optic solar property, fuel cell property, microturbine property, small wind property, offshore wind property, combined heat and power property, waste energy recovery property, energy storage technology, biogas property, microgrid controllers, dynamic glass, linear generators, microturbine projects, and geothermal heat pump projects.

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** Maximum credit is determined by eligible energy investment

**Match:** No

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Construction begin and end dates vary by technology.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms (under development)

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

**[ENERGY - Energy Efficient Building Tax Deduction \(§ 179D\)](#)**

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** New or retrofit buildings that increase their energy efficiency by at least 25 percent will be able to claim this deduction, with bonuses for higher efficiency improvements.

**Funding Tool:** Transfer of tax credit to qualified project designer

**Min/Max Funding:** Maximum credit is determined by IRS annually

**Match:** No

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Project must be placed in service after 12/31/2022. Credit expires 12/31/31.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

**[ENERGY – Electrify Your Fleet Incentive Program](#)**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Provides a rebate for the purchase or lease of any of the following: battery all-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric bicycles and electric cargo bicycles, adaptive electric cycles, electric motorcycles, and electric snowmobiles. Base Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) limits apply. Fleet owners are eligible for up to

20 incentives over the life of the program.

**Funding Tool:** Rebate

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to 25% of a vehicles purchase price (maximum \$2,500)

**Match:** Up to 75% of a vehicle's purchase price

**Application Closing Date:** First come, first served through 06/30/24

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Links:**

- Website: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/climate-change/Electrify-Your-Fleet>
- Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ElectrifyYourFleet>

**Notes:**

- Grantee shall order approved vehicle(s) within 30 days of an executed grant agreement with VTrans and shall enter into a lease or purchase agreement for said vehicle(s) within 90 days of an order. Exceptions (e.g., due to supply chain delays) may be granted after submitting a written request to the Agency for permission to extend the allowable timeframe.
- Applicants are encouraged to pursue related [federal tax credits](#) and local utility rebates.

[ENERGY – Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Environmental Protection Agency

**Eligible Activities:** Funds the replacement of non-zero-emission Class 6 and Class 7 heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, including the incremental cost of vehicle replacement, refueling infrastructure, driver/mechanic training, and other costs related to project implementation, management, and oversight.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$500,000 to \$60 million

**Match:** Varies from 20% to 67% depending on vehicle and alternative fuel type. Per-vehicle funding caps apply.

**Application Closing Date:** 07/25/24

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Links:**

- **Program:** <https://www.epa.gov/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-program>
- **Notice of Funding Opportunity:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number E

**Notes:** Vehicles to be replaced must be fully operational at the time of application and be an engine model year 2010 or older. Replaced vehicles must be scrapped.

[ENERGY – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grants - Competitive](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Public Service

**Eligible Activities:** Supports enhancing energy efficiency and reducing fossil fuel emissions, particularly in the transportation and building sectors. Choose one or more of the following activities:

- Strategy Development and Implementation, including energy committee support
- Retaining Technical Consulting Services?to develop goals, strategies, progress measures, annual reports, and other services. Does not include equipment purchases/installation or weatherization work.
- Residential and Commercial Building Audits. See “building” definition on page 5 of the RFP.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities, including designing and operating programs, public education, measures/verification protocols, and technology identification. Does not include equipment purchases/installation or weatherization work.
- Conservation of Transportation Energy, including but not limited to employer flex time use; satellite work centers; energy efficient zoning/siting guidelines, bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure planning; traffic signal synchronization, municipal fleet conversions, or

other energy conservation measures.

- Building Code and Inspection Services. Development, adoption, and/or implementation of building codes, inspection services or trainings/workshops to promote building energy efficiency.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$50,000 to 100,000

**Match:** Encouraged, but not required.

**Application Closing Date:** 08/09/24

**Apply Via:** Word template send via email or hard copy

**Links:** <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/announcements/rfp-competitive-energy-efficiency-and-conservation-grants-municipalities-5-20-2024>

**Notes:**

- Prospective applicants are advised to make note of all grant requirements as they read the RFP and to budget for the requirements. Ex. Costs must be tracked by multiple categories (administrative plus each eligible activity for which funds are awarded (see above), tracking specific metrics is required, etc.
- Projects that trigger Davis Bacon Act or Build America Buy America Act requirements, or extensive National Environmental Protection Act reporting are strongly discouraged (and may not be accepted).
- Priority will be given to communities experiencing high energy burdens and those that meet the criteria for Disadvantaged Communities established by the Biden Administration's Justice40 initiative. See 15-16 of the RFP for tools.
- The following municipalities are ineligible for this grant because they received EECBG funding that the Department of Energy provided to the 10 most populous municipalities in each state: Town of Bennington, Town of Brattleboro, City of Burlington, Town of Colchester, Town of Essex, Town of Hartford, Town of Milton, City of Rutland, City of South Burlington, and Town of Williston.

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports projects that reduce diesel emissions from diesel-powered engines, vehicles, and equipment currently operating in Vermont, including: buses, locomotives, and heavy-duty trucks (Classes 5-8b); marine engines; and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, cargo handling, agriculture, mining, or energy production (stationary generators and pumps). Eligible activities include:

- Replacement of diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles, engines, and nonroad equipment with electric (battery, grid, or fuel cell), alternative fuel, or newer diesel options;
- Retrofitting with emission control technologies;
- Engine replacements;
- Clean alternative fuel conversions;
- Installation of idle reduction technologies;
- Aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires; and
- Electrified parking spaces for transport refrigeration units and truck stop electrification projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Depends on project type.

- Highway vehicle and equipment replacement: Up to 25%, 35% or 45% of replacement cost.
- Locomotives, marine vessels, and nonroad diesel vehicles and replacements: Up to 25% or 45% of replacement cost.
- Engine retrofit technologies: Up to 40% or 100% of replacement cost.
- Cleaner fuels and additives: Up to 100% of the cost difference.
- Idle reduction technologies: Up to 25%, 30%, 40% or 100% of project cost.
- Aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires: Up to 100% if combined with a new exhaust control technology.
- Engine replacement: Up to 40%, 50%, or 60% of replacement cost.
- Clean alternative fuel conversion: Up to 40% of the cost (labor and equipment) of conversion.

**Match:** Cost share is the remaining percent value of the project cost based on an individual award.

**Application Closing Date:** 07/10/24

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:**

- Program: <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/mobile-sources/diesel-emissions/vt-diesel-grant>
- *Funding Opportunity:*  
<https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=61288>

**Notes:**

- Projects initiated (i.e., ordered, purchased, financed, installed, etc.) prior to receiving an award notification are ineligible for funding.
- Participating fleet owners must currently own and operate the existing vehicle or equipment and have owned and operated the vehicle during the last two (2) years prior to upgrade or replacement. Leased vehicles, engines, or equipment are not eligible for funding. Additionally, the existing vehicle, engine, or equipment must be fully operational.

[HOUSING – Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Funds planning and pre-development work for inclusive, smart-growth neighborhoods by funding municipal planning, site control, design, scoping, and surveying for the development of a new neighborhood or infill development within an existing neighborhood.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Estimated \$100,000 to \$500,000

**Match:** None required.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds are exhausted.

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/community-partnership-neighborhood-development>

**Notes:** Fair Housing Training is available to all grantees and is encouraged for projects which relate to housing and/or revisions to zoning bylaws.

[HOUSING – Emergency Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Children and Families

**Eligible Activities:** Development, expansion, and operation of emergency shelter capacity to be online by December 1, 2024 and operate at least through March 31, 2025. This includes one-time funding available to develop and operationalize emergency shelter projects, operate emergency shelters, and provide essential services to shelter guests. “Emergency shelter” also includes temporary seasonal/warming shelters and apartments owned or leased by the grantee and intended for short-term stay only.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$

**Match:** None noted

**Application Closing Date:** 07/10/24

**Apply Via:** Email

**Links:** <https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/partners/funding>

**Notes:**

- Funding priorities include: 1) emergency shelter operational December 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, and 2) emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing projects.
- All projects are required to have written policies and procedures.

[INFRASTRUCTURE - FY 2023 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs](#)



**Funding Entity:** US Economic Development Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works (infrastructure, facilities and buildings, brownfields) and Economic Adjustment Assistance (CEDS development and implementation) programs

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** ~\$600,000 to \$5 million; average award has been \$1.4 million

**Match:** 20% to 50% based on the region's 24-month unemployment rate and/or per capita income

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds have been expended

**Apply Via:** [EDGE](#) (EDA's grant portal)

**Link:**

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance>
- *EDGE grants portal:* <https://sfgrants.eda.gov>

### [INFRASTRUCTURE - FY 2023 EDA Disaster Supplemental Funding](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Economic Development Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports disaster recovery activities including economic recovery strategic planning grants, public works construction projects including broadband and resiliency projects, workforce development, capitalization of revolving loan funds, and economic development projects that enhance density in the vicinity of other economic development

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimums or maximums are listed

**Match:** 20% Of eligible costs, but factors such as project scale, extent of disaster impact, total project cost, relative community distress, and geographic distribution of funds can lower the match rate

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds have been expended

**Apply Via:** EDGE

**Link:**

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347414&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=go](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347414&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=go)
- *EDGE grants portal:* <https://sfgrants.eda.gov>

**Note:** Supports recovery in areas where a Presidential disaster declaration was issued in calendar years 2021 and 2022

[MULTIPLE - Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include: health care facilities; public facilities; community support services; public safety services; educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools; utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment; and local food systems.

**Funding Tool:** Grant, loan, and loan guarantee

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum noted

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/vt#to-apply>

**Note:**

- Eligibility is dependent on population size and area income.
- Projects are issued a grant, a loan, or (in rare instances) a grant/loan combination. Grant eligibility by town is at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/vt#to-apply:~:text=Grant%20Eligibility%20by%20Town.>

**MULTIPLE - Pooled Loan Program**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Bond Agency (a.k.a. Vermont Bond Bank)

**Eligible Activities:** Finances long-term capital projects undertaken by municipalities, school districts, and other districts. Common uses include facility renovation and construction, road and highway improvements, sidewalks and streetscapes, energy efficiency upgrades, equipment purchases, water, sewer, and stormwater, and refinancing FEMA or USDA debt.

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to 100% financing of project costs based on overall debt capacity of the borrower

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; Loans are made in the winter and summer following the receipt of an application and approval by the Bond Bank's Board. Applications generally are due two months prior to the loan closing dates of ~February 28 and July 31 annually.

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://www.vtbondbank.org/pooled-loan-progra>

**Note:**

- Loans are primarily funded through the issuance of highly rated tax-exempt bonds by the Bond Bank.

- Requires evidence of voter approval and authority and a legal opinion from local bond counsel. List of approved legal counsels is available on the program [webpage](#).
- Green energy and energy efficiency lending program anticipated to be available by late 2023. Solar installations, storage, and related expenses will likely be eligible.

### **MULTIPLE – Better Places**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Provides one-on-one project coaching, local fundraising support, and two to one (2:1) matching grants for community-led placemaking projects. *Placemaking* means creating places by transforming public spaces to strengthen the connections between people and these places. Placemaking relies strongly on community participation.

**Funding Tool:** Crowdgranting combines crowdfunding, the practice of funding a project with small contributions from many people, paired with a matching grant from the State)

**Min/Max Funding:** \$5,000 to \$40,000 State matching grant (\$2,500 to \$20,000 must be raised through the online platform); programming, events, performances, temporary improvements, and demonstration projects are limited to a maximum grant of \$10,000 (\$5,000 raised through platform)

**Match:** Participants set a project fundraising goal and raise 33% of their goal through the web-based online platform. This 33% is the “match”. After the initial goal is reached, the State provides a matching grant of 67%.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/better-places>

**Note:**

- Projects and programming must be in, connected to, or in direct safe walking distance to [state designated downtowns, village centers, new town centers, or neighborhood development areas](#).
- Projects must meet their crowdfunding goal within sixty (60) days of the crowdfunding campaign launch to receive the State matching grant funds.

## MULTIPLE – Housing and Land Conservation Feasibility Funds

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

**Eligible Activities:** Supports pre-development costs and feasibility analysis for housing and conservation projects. Eligible activities include appraisals, financial planning/evaluation, site design and land use planning, specialized studies approved by VHCB, percolation and other septic suitability tests, environmental analysis, water quality tests, market studies, options or purchase and sales contracts, and energy analysis.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$10,000 for a single project; up to \$15,000 for scattered housing site projects; up to \$50,000 for high complexity or uncertainty projects

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Reviewed as received

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/apply-for-funding#:~:text=For%20Conservation%20Organizations-,FEASIBILITY%20FUNDS,-The%20Board%20provides>

**Note:**

- Grant funds are for compensated contracted services, not the applicants staff time.
- Some degree of site control is required at the time of application.

## MULTIPLE – Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports creation of a new neighborhood development of infill development within an existing, developed neighborhood. Eligible activities include municipal planning; project scoping; preliminary financial feasibility analysis; permit, legal, and consultant fees; site control; land surveying; site assessment; architectural fees; engineering fees; preparation of construction plans and specifications and community engagement.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$100,000 to \$500,000

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling until funds are exhausted; applications reviewed quarterly on the first day of September, December, March, and May.

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/apply-for-funding#:~:text=For%20Conservation%20Organizations-,FEASIBILITY%20FUNDS,-The%20Board%20provides>

**Note:** Partnerships are strongly encouraged.

[MULTIPLE – Community Development Block Grant \(a.k.a. Vermont Community Development Program\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports planning and implementation of housing, economic development, public facilities, public services, and accessibility modifications. Project must primarily benefit persons of low and moderate income.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:**

- Accessibility Modification: \$5,000 to \$100,000
- Planning: \$3,000 to \$60,000
- Implementation: \$50,000 to \$1 million
- Scattered Site: \$50,000 to \$1 million

**Match:** Varies by program and project type

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; application submission is September, February, and April annually

**Apply Via:** GEARS

**Link:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

**Note:** It is very helpful to contact the program staff for your region prior to initiating an application.

**MULTIPLE – AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Traditional**

**Funding Entity:** AmeriCorps (the federal agency for national service and volunteerism)

**Eligible Activities:** Provides a team of 8-12 AmeriCorps NCCC members to meet critical community needs in the areas of natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Examples of service activities include, but are not limited to, preparing for, mitigating of, responding to, and recovering from the effects of natural disasters; constructing and rehabilitating low-income housing; building and repairing trails; planting trees; removing invasive plant species; leading and managing community volunteers; installing energy efficient modifications to homes and public facilities; and addressing other local needs.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Not applicable. This is a grant of service.

**Match:** Not mentioned in program materials

**Application Closing Date:** Applications accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis through 12/31/23

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://americorps.gov/partner/funding-opportunities>

**Notes:**

- Sponsoring organization is required to provide lodging for the team, and where applicable, is responsible for any fees associated with the lodging space. Specific accommodation requirements are outlined in the application instructions. Camping is permissible.

- Length of team service usually is 3 to 13 weeks of at least 40 hours of service activities each week.

#### MULTIPLE – Hometown Grants

**Funding Entity:** T-Mobile

**Eligible Activities:** Supports shovel-ready projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers. Only physical builds or improvements are eligible.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$50,000

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Quarterly on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31

**Apply Via:** Online portal

**Link:** <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants#:~:text=Here%27s%20how%20to%20apply%3A%20%20Project%20plan,%20Details%20or>

**Note:** Applicants are notified within 60 days after the quarter close, and work must be completed and all funds used within 12 months of award.

#### MULTIPLE – AmeriCorps NCCC Traditional (Service Volunteers)

**Funding Entity:** AmeriCorps

**Eligible Activities:** You define services projects that the AmeriCorps team can complete to respond to local needs. The team of 18-26 year-olds and typically serve in one area for 3 to 13 weeks and serve for 40 hours per week. A sponsor may receive assistance for up to 60 weeks, contingent upon application approval.

**Min/Max Funding:** None. This is a grant of assistance.



**Match:** Sponsors provide adequate indoor or outdoor lodging with showers and cooking facilities for an 8-12 member team with separate female and male sleeping facilities.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Link:** <https://americorps.gov/partner/how-it-works/americorps-nccc>

[MULTIPLE – AmeriCorps VISTA \(Service Volunteer\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** AmeriCorps

**Eligible Activities:** Entities serving as site hosts define services projects that an AmeriCorps volunteer can complete. Depending on the service project type, prospective site hosts can connect with one or more of the following AmeriCorps VISTA State organizations:

- *Environmental Careers and Opportunities AmeriCorps* – Implement strategies to protect and improve water quality in the Lake Champlain watershed, and to prevent recyclable and compostable materials from entering our landfills throughout Vermont.
- *Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps* - Provide housing placement and independent-living services, connect individuals and families with services to improve food access, and steward the natural environment to improve the ecosystem and increase access throughout Vermont.
- *Vermont Youth Conservation Corps AmeriCorps* - Complete projects in conservation and agriculture, increasing food access, developing recreational resources, and improving and protecting natural resources throughout Vermont.
- *SerVermont* – End poverty in Vermont by building capacity in organizations that address homelessness, provide job training, fight hunger, provide nutrition education, and address the opioid epidemic. Projects can relate to housing, employment/workforce development, federal benefit access, obesity and food resources, access to health care, energy efficiency, environmental awareness and stewardship, education, and veteran and military families.
- *Lyndon Economic Opportunity AmeriCorps Program* - Deliver a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) educational programming to youth from PreK through 12th grade to improve childhood literacy, farm-to-school education, outdoor and natural sciences education, college preparation, and more at

Lyndon State College area nonprofit organizations.

**Min/Max Funding:** None. This is a grant of assistance.

**Match:** Varies by State sponsor. In addition to a non-Federal cash match, site hosts must be able to direct the project, supervise the VISTA member, and provide necessary administrative support.

**Application Closing Date:** Each program has its own application closing date.

**Apply Via:** Email

**Links:** To learn about becoming a host site, visit the organization whose service area matches your project:

- [Environmental Careers and Opportunities AmeriCorps \(ECO VT\)](#)
- [Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps](#)
- [Vermont Youth Conservation Corps AmeriCorps](#)
- [SerVermont](#)
- [Lyndon Economic Opportunity AmeriCorps Program \(LEAP\)](#)

**Note:** Volunteers typically serve at a host site for one year.

[MULTIPLE – Strategic Economic and Community Development Program \(SECD\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Pre-qualifies projects carried out in a rural area as SECD priorities. Projects must promote and implement strategic community investment plans.

**Funding Tool:** Grant, loan or loan guarantee

**Min/Max Funding:** This program does not provide funding. It pre-qualifies a project as a priority project for other USDA programs.

**Match:** Match is based on the specific USDA program that an applicant will access.

**Application Closing Date:** Each USDA program has a different deadline for receipt of application. Awards for SECD application will be obligated by 06/30/24.

**Apply Via:** USDA Rural Development [Vermont/New Hampshire Office](#), except for Water and Waste Loans and Grants Program which are submitted electronically at <https://rdapply.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

**Links:**

- *Program:* <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/strategic-economic-and-community-development#overview>
- *Notice of Solicitation of Applications:* <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/02/13/2024-02782/notice-of-solicitation-of-applications-for-the-strategic-economic-and-community-development-program>

**Note:**

- The SECD program reserves a certain percentage of funds from existing USDA programs specifically for projects with regional or state-level benefits. Designation of your project by SECD prioritizes it for those funds. A separate application for a USDA funding program, such as Community Facilities, must be submitted to that program. It does not need to be submitted at the same time as the SECD application.
- Qualified investment plans must be multijurisdictional and multisectoral. In Vermont, examples of investment plans that might qualify include a multi-municipal plan, regional plans (RPC, RDC, CUD, Community Action, CEDS, etc.), a state-level plan (CEDS, HUD Consolidated Plan, Climate Action, Forest Future Roadmap, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, etc.), or a multi-state plan. Projects do not need to be listed by name in the applicable plan.
- SECD priority may be given to applications submitted through the following USDA programs: Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program, Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program, Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees, and Rural Business Development Grants.
- The definition of “rural area” varies among USDA’s programs. Consult guidance for the program your project from which your project would receive funding.
- A letter from the entity that developed the plan your project will reference is required. The letter must state that your project is consistent with the plan and that the plan has been adopted.

## MULTIPLE – Windham Foundation Grants Program

**Funding Entity:** The Windham Foundation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports educational programs, local food initiatives, land conservation for public use, environmental protection, social services, cultural resources, and historic preservation. Does not fund sporting activities/events, playgrounds, day care facilities, skate parks, or emergency relief efforts.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Awards typically are \$2,500 to \$5,000 and rarely exceed \$10,000

**Match:** 50% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** Four cycles per year. For 2024, remaining cycles are 07/01/24 and 09/23/24.

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Links:** <https://windham-foundation.org/grants/>

**Note:** Municipalities can submit one application in a 12-month period and should apply for no more than three consecutive years.

## OTHER – Green and Resilient Retrofit Program

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Eligible Activities:** Direct loans and grants to fund projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, or address climate resilience, of eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties.?

**Funding Tool:** Loans and Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Elements Awards Up to \$750,000 per property or \$40,000 per unit; Leading Edge Awards Up to \$10 million per property or \$60,000 per unit; Comprehensive

Awards Up to \$20 million per property or \$80,000 per unit

**Match:** Varies by program

**Application Closing Date:** Accepted quarterly, June and September 2023 and January and March 2024

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.hud.gov/grrp>. There are separate Notices of Funding Opportunity for each award type.
- *Application:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search for funding Opportunity Number FR-6700-N-91B (Elements); FR-6700-N-91B (Leading Edge); and FR-6700-N-91A (Comprehensive)

**Note:** Eligible owners primarily include owners receiving HUD rental assistance under Multifamily Section 8 project-based rental assistance, Section 202 Supportive Housing for Low-Income Elderly, and Section 811 Supportive Housing for Low-Income Persons with Disabilities.

#### [OTHER – VLCT PACIF Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** VLCT Property And Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)

**Eligible Activities:** Certain equipment, facility improvements, and related items that have the primary benefit of reducing the potential for workers' compensation, property, auto, or liability insurance claims. A sample list of eligible and ineligible equipment and services is included in the PACIF Grant Rules.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$300 to \$5,000; maximum award amount is based on the member's PACIF contribution

**Match:**

- 50% match if a) all high level PACIF Loss Control recommendations addressed and b) at least 50% of recommendations addressed from Loss Control visits that occurred between January 1, 2022 and the date an application is received.
- 60% match if less than 50% Loss Control recommendation completed.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling from January 1 through October 31 or when funds have been fully committed.

**Apply Via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.vlct.org/resource/pacif-grants>

**Note:**

- Members that have outstanding high priority PACIF Loss Control recommendations are ineligible for this grant until all high priority items have been completed or unless the application will correct the open recommendation.
- Only one application per municipality is allowed per calendar year.
- Members may not have more than one application open at any one time.
- Contact the PACIF Loss Control team or your consultant for feedback on the eligibility of your request prior to submission.

[OTHER – VLCT PACIF John Lawe Scholarships](#)

**Funding Entity:** VLCT Property And Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)

**Eligible Activities:** Host or send employees to safety workshops, risk management seminars, and other training programs related to public entity risk management and/or safety. Eligible expenses include registration, textbooks and study materials, travel by bus or airplane, and lodging.

Can be used for individual attendees or for group training. Group training typically is an onsite structured training using onsite or online training.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Individual \$100 to \$500. Group up to \$2,500. Cumulatively, a municipality is eligible for up to \$2,500 annually whether through multiple scholarships for individuals or a

single group training.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling from January 1 through October 31 or when funds have been fully committed.

**Apply Via:** Online form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://www.vlct.org/resource/john-lawe-scholarships>

**Note:**

- Must be PACIF member.
- Applications must be submitted at least 30 days before the intended training.
- Municipalities may collaborate and submit dual group applications to pool their scholarships to cover more expensive group trainings, such as The Game of Logging or law enforcement training.

[OTHER – Small Grants for Smart Growth](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Natural Resources Council

**Eligible Activities:** Provides seed money for catalyzing community-based initiatives related to smart growth. Project might address activities such as advocacy for better land use, advancing transportation choices, supporting housing choice and affordability, promoting downtown or village center revitalization, conservation and natural resources, and public outreach and engagement.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$1,500

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Online application form submitted via email

**Link:** <https://vnrc.org/small-grants-for-smart-growth/>

**Note:** This grant cannot be used as match to other grants.

**OTHER – Seed Grants/Grow Grants**

**Funding Entity:** Grassroots Fund

**Eligible Activities:**

*Seed Grants:* Provides seed money to grassroots organizers to launch new projects or start to significantly change the direction of an existing project. A key focus is Environmental Justice.

*Grow Grants:* Supports groups to deepen their work by further developing a community vision, lowering barriers to participation, identifying new stakeholders and working to bring more voices and lived experiences into core decision-making processes.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Seed Grants: \$500 to \$1,000. Grow Grants: \$1,000 to \$4,000.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Seed Grants: Rolling. Grow Grants: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March and September.

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Link:** <https://grassrootsfund.org/grant-programs>

**Note:** Generally, for Seed Grants a “new” project should be active less than two years. Grow Grants prioritize support for community groups who represent a broad range of voices in their community and who are not being reached by other funders.

**OTHER – Community Heart & Soul Seed Grants**

**Funding Entity:** Community Heart & Soul



**Eligible Activities:** Provides start-up funding for resident-driven groups looking to implement the Community Heart & Soul model in communities with populations under 30,000. The model is a process that engages the entire population of a community in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Eligible uses of funds include coaching, project coordination, and project-related expenses.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$10,000

**Match:** \$10,000

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling; applications are reviewed monthly

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Link:** <https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/>

**Note:** Applications involving more than one municipality are eligible.

[OTHER – Smart Growth Grant](#)

**Funding Entity:** National Association of Realtors

**Eligible Activities:** Supports advancement of programs, policies and initiatives aligned with one or more of the [10 Smart Growth Principles](#).

- Level 1 supports efforts to educate REALTORS® and community stakeholders about smart growth topics. Activities may include a class or forum, a speaker(s) who can address specific smart growth issues, or a meeting with stakeholders to develop coalition efforts.
- Level 2 supports activities to engage in local land-use, growth and transportation issues with other stakeholders and elected officials which will have an impact on policies. These activities could include community planning and input sessions, development of comprehensive plans and zoning policies, studies, research, and reports.
- Level 3 supports comprehensive initiatives leading to long-term impact in a community with significant REALTOR® and public and private stakeholder involvement.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Level 1 up to \$3,000; Level 2 up to \$7,500; and Level 3 up to \$15,000

**Match:** In 2024, the 10% financial commitment requirement is waived.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling through 10/15/24 or until funds are committed, whichever comes first.

**Apply Via:** Online portal

**Link:** <https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/smart-growth/>

**Note:** Applications can only be submitted by a [state](#) or [local REALTOR®](#) association so work with your local association. Up to four associations can apply for funding for the same activity.

[OTHER – Placemaking Grant](#)

**Funding Entity:** National Association of Realtors

**Eligible Activities:** Funds state and local REALTOR® association-led projects that create new, outdoor public spaces and destinations in a community on unused or underused sites.

- Level 1 funds outdoor demonstration and temporary projects to test a project’s viability or inspire permanent projects that increase community livability and downtown revitalization.
- Level 2 funds the creation of new outdoor public spaces and destinations in a community accessible to everyone and open at all, or most, times such as trails and trailheads, playgrounds, pocket parks, parklets, pedestrian plazas, community gardens, public gardens, dog parks, downtown gathering spots and alley activations.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Level 1 up to \$3,000; Level 2 up to \$7,500

**Match:** In 2024, the 10% financial commitment requirement is waived.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling through 10/15/24 or until funds are committed, whichever comes first.

**Apply Via:** Applications can only be submitted by a [state](#) or [local REALTOR®](#) association so work with your local association.

**Link:** <https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/placemaking>

[OTHER – Carol Miklos Community Outreach Grant](#)

**Funding Entity:** AIA Vermont

**Eligible Activities:** Foster engagement with architecture and design in Vermont's communities

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$1,500

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** 07/01/24

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.aiavt.org/resources/outreach-grant>

[OTHER - Building Communities Human Services and Educational Facilities Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services

**Eligible Activities:** Capital costs associated with major maintenance, renovation, or development of a facility-based project that:

- provides, or coordinates as part of their overall program, educational programs and/or educational opportunities to youth or adult learners; or
- provides, coordinates, or organizes human services and/or health care for youth and adults.

Example human services projects include, but are not limited to, structural improvements, energy efficiency improvements, security improvements, backup generator, recreational equipment and facilities, mobile clinics, and accessibility improvements. Example educational projects include, but are not limited to, structural improvements, energy efficiency

improvements, code improvements, security improvements, accessibility improvements, equipment, and bringing three phase power to a building.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$25,000

**Match:** \$1 of match for every \$1 of grant funds received

**Application Closing Date:** 09/10/24

**Apply Via:** Online application submitted via email or mail

**Link:** <https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

**Note:**

- This grant provides last-gap funding to complete a shovel-ready project or a project that has already begun construction.
- All required permits must be in hand before submitting the application.
- Documentation that match is in-hand, not pledged, must be included with the application. Ex. bank statement, successful bond vote, municipal budget line item, etc.
- Educational grants have been awarded to projects such as meetinghouses, family centers, libraries, and childcare centers.
- Human services grants have been awarded to projects such as senior centers, equipment for health initiatives, facility ADA compliance, and vehicles.

[OTHER – UVM Rural Partnerships](#)

**Funding Entity:** University of Vermont Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships

**Eligible Activities:** Supports engaged partnerships between organizations and the University of Vermont in these focus areas: regenerative agriculture, community schools, transit and housing solutions, remote and co-working practices, resilient energy systems, healthy ecosystems, access to health care in rural areas, and policy and governance.

- *Capacity Grants* catalyze partnership and project development. This is the entry track for organizations who have a vision for positive rural impact but need support to develop

a relationship with University of Vermont partners.

- *Partnership Grants* fund research projects, stakeholder engagement initiatives, student internships and service-learning experiences, and business plan development for early-stage start-ups and non-profit businesses working to address rural challenges.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Capacity Grants: up to \$10,000. Seed Grants: up to \$250,000.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Letter of Intent 09/13/24. Proposals (by invitation only) 11/15/24.

**Apply Via:** InfoReady (UVM's grant platform)

**Link:** <https://www.uvm.edu/ruralpartnerships>

#### [RECREATION – Outdoor Recreation Lands Conservation](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

**Eligible Activities:** Supports purchase and conservation of recreational lands for outdoor recreation. Funds also are available for predevelopment costs and analysis for an individual project, such as appraisal services, engineering and environmental studies, options, energy assessments, and marketing analysis.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** None specified

**Match:** Not specified

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email [karen.freeman@vhcb.org](mailto:karen.freeman@vhcb.org) for application

**Link:** <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/non-ag-conservation>

#### [RECREATION – National Fitness Campaign Fitness Courts®](#)

**Funding Entity:** MVP Health Care

**Eligible Activities:** Outdoor Fitness Courts®

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Cost of the Fitness Court

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, with priority given to communities that apply within the first 60 days. Funding is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Apply Via:** Online application to pre-qualify

**Link:** <https://www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com/newyork>

**Note:**

- The Fitness Court® is an outdoor gym. MVP will fund 15 courts in Vermont for 2024.
- The courts are being designed as kinetic art pieces. Recipients may work with a local artist to customize the court.

#### [RECREATION – Skatepark Construction Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** The Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation)

**Eligible Activities:** Supports *NEW* public concrete skatepark projects, including skatepark construction, skate spot construction (turn-key grants available), skateable art sculptures, permission DIY skatepark construction, active city space conversion (legalizing skateboarding in shared spaces), and accessibility improvements/repairs.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$1,000 to \$300,000 with average awards of \$10,000

**Match:** Some fundraising must be conducted prior to applying

**Application Closing Date:** Letter of inquiry accepted on a rolling basis. Application submission is by invitation only.

**Apply Via:** Online portal

**Link:** <https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/>

**Notes:**

- Technical assistance is available on design and construction, promotional materials, and other information.
- Focus is underserved communities – defined as communities marginalized by poverty, geography, or racial, gender and other forms of social inequality or discrimination.

**RECREATION – Boating Infrastructure Grants**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

**Eligible Activities:** *Provides funding to marinas for constructing, renovating, and maintaining tie-up facilities for transient boaters with vessels 26 feet or greater in length. Eligible projects include mooring buoys, day-docks, navigational aids (channel markers, buoys, directional information), transient slips (slips that boaters with nontrailerable recreational vessels occupy for no more than 10 consecutive days), safe harbors for transients, floating docks and fixed piers, floating breakwaters, dinghy docks, restrooms, bulkheads, dockside utilities, pumpout stations, and dockside electric service and water supplies.*

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Tier 1 up to \$100,000; Tier 2 up to \$1 million

**Match:** 25% of total project costs

**Application Closing Date:** August 15 annually

**Apply Via:** All applicants must call the Department at (802) 828-1000 prior to starting an application

**Link:** <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/boating-infrastructure-grant>

**Notes:** Facilities must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Water depth at the facility must be at least 6 feet deep at low water.
- Be open to the public.

- Able to accommodate boats 26 feet in length or greater.
- Within two miles of a public pumpout facility.
- Located on navigable waters.

#### RECREATION – Clean Vessel Act Grant

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

**Eligible Activities:** Provides funding to marinas for construction, renovation, operation or maintenance costs of their pumpout stations for recreational boaters. Eligible projects include:

- construction, renovation, operation, or maintenance of pumpout stations, pumpout boats, and dump stations used by boaters, and
- projects that hold and transport boater sewage to sewage treatment plants, such as holding tanks, piping, or hauling and disposal fees.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Tier 1 up to \$100,000; Tier 2 up to \$1 million

**Match:** 25% of total project costs

**Application Closing Date:** August 15 annually

**Apply Via:** All applicants must call the Department at (802) 828-1000 prior to starting an application to ensure project eligibility and obtain the most up-to-date information on funding and the application process.

**Link:** <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/clean-vessel-act-grant>

#### RECREATION – Building Communities Recreational Facilities Grants

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services

**Eligible Activities:** Capital costs associated with development and creation of a facility-based project that provides, coordinates, or organizes recreational programs for youth and/or adults within a community area.

**Funding Tool:** Grant



**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$25,000

**Match:** \$1 for every \$1 of grant funds awarded

**Application Closing Date:** 09/10/24

**Apply Via:** Online application submitted via email or mail

**Link:** <https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/building-communities-grants>

**Notes:**

- This grant provides last-gap funding to complete a shovel-ready project or a project that has already begun construction.
- All required permits must be in hand before submitting the application.
- Documentation that match is in-hand, not pledged, must be included with the application. Ex. bank statement, successful bond vote, municipal budget line item, etc.

**[TRANSPORTATION - Vermont State Infrastructure Bank](#)**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA)

**Eligible Activities:** Construction or reconstruction of highways, roads, bridges, and pedestrian facilities, certain facilities related to rail or public transit, and electric vehicle charging stations and natural gas refueling stations available for public use

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** Based on borrower's ability to carry debt

**Match:** 10% to 20% equity contribution

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Link:** <https://www.veda.org/financing-options/other-financing-option/state-infrastructure-bank-program/>

**[TRANSPORTATION – Vermont Community Electric Vehicle Chargers Incentive Program](#)**

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports comprehensive turnkey services which includes technical assistance, a design for sighting of the chargers, completion of a full plan for installation, make-ready upgrades, charging hardware, and full installation of the chargers for Vermonters at locations such as workplaces, multiunit homes, and public areas.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Level 1 chargers up to \$3,600 per site for design and make ready and up to \$500 per OCPP compliant port. Level 2 chargers up to \$20,000 per site for design and make ready, up to \$3,000 per OCPP compliant port, and up to \$2,000 per non-OCPP compliant port.

**Match:** Varies by applicant from 0% to 10%.

**Application Closing Date:** Incentives are issued on a first-come, first served basis to eligible applicants until 01/15/26 or until funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

**Apply Via:** Online pre-application form

**Links:**

- *Program:* <https://www.chargevermont.com/>
- *Application:* <https://www.chargevermont.com/apply/>

**Notes:**

- This statewide program is administered by Green Mountain Power.
- Pre-approved electrical contractors and local electric utilities will also offer technical assistance to help applicants who may have limited experience with EV charging.
- To ensure fair distribution, there will be caps on the total incentives issued per applicant, per site, and per county.
- Incentive can be combined with federal, state, and utility incentives with project cost limits reflective of match required.

[TRANSPORTATION - Alternative Fuel \(EV\) Vehicle Refueling Property Investment Tax Credit \(§ 30C\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Storage or dispensing of a clean-burning fuel into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel if the storage or dispensing of the fuel is at the point where such fuel is delivered into the fuel tank of the motor vehicle, or the recharging of motor vehicles propelled by electricity. Clean-burning fuels include natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, electricity, and any other fuel at least 85 percent of which is methanol, ethanol, any other alcohol, and/or ether. Property must be located in a [low-income census tract](#) as defined under IRC § 40D9(e) or a non-urban census tract.

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** \$100,000 per item of property

**Match:** N/A

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Project must be placed in service between 2023 - 2032.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8911>

[TRANSPORTATION - Electric Vehicle Charging Station Loan Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** State Infrastructure Bank via Vermont Economic Development Authority

**Eligible Activities:** Electric vehicle charging stations and natural gas refueling stations available for public use

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$100,000

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** Email

**Links:** <https://www.veda.org/financing-options/vermont-commercial-financing/electric-vehicle-charging-station-loan-program/>

[TRANSPORTATION - Commercial Clean Vehicle Investment Tax Credit \(§ 45W\)](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Treasury Department

**Eligible Activities:** Purchase of a qualified motor vehicle or mobile machinery as defined in [IRC 4053\(8\)](#) (including vehicles that are not designed to perform a function of transporting a load over a public highway)

**Funding Tool:** Direct pay tax credit (tax refund)

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$7,500 and up to \$40,000 depending on gross vehicle weight

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Annually at close of calendar year. Vehicle must be placed in service between 2023 - 2032.

**Apply Via:** Internal Revenue Service forms

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.vlct.org/article/tax-incentives-municipalities-can-use-further-their-energy-goals>
- *IRS Forms:* <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/commercial-clean-vehicle-credit#:~:text=Businesses%20and%20tax-exempt%20organizations%20that%20buy%20a%20qualified,vehicle%20is%20not%20powered%20>

[TRANSPORTATION – Electrify Your Fleet Incentive Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Provides a rebate for the purchase or lease of any of the following: battery all-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric bicycles and electric cargo

bicycles, adaptive electric cycles, electric motorcycles, and electric snowmobiles. Base Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) limits apply. Fleet owners are eligible for up to 20 incentives over the life of the program.

**Funding Tool:** Rebate

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to 25% of a vehicles purchase price (maximum \$2,500)

**Match:** Up to 75% of a vehicle's purchase price

**Application Closing Date:** First come, first served through 06/30/24

**Apply Via:** Online form

**Links:**

- Website: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/climate-change/Electrify-Your-Fleet>
- Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ElectrifyYourFleet>

**Notes:**

- Grantee shall order approved vehicle(s) within 30 days of an executed grant agreement with VTrans and shall enter into a lease or purchase agreement for said vehicle(s) within 90 days of an order. Exceptions (e.g., due to supply chain delays) may be granted after submitting a written request to the Agency for permission to extend the allowable timeframe.
- Applicants are encouraged to pursue related [federal tax credits](#) and local utility rebates.

[TRANSPORTATION – Bridge Investment Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Federal Highway Administration

**Eligible Activities:** Supports projects to improve bridge and culvert condition, safety, efficiency, and reliability. Project must be included on the National Bridge Inventory. There are two categories of projects. *Bridge Project grants* replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory for projects with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million. This includes bridge bundling and culverts. Eligible costs include development phase activities, construction, and protection of a bridge, including scour

protection. *Planning grants* support planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for assistance under the Bridge Investment Program.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$20 million for planning. \$2.5 million to \$80 million bridge projects

**Match:** 20% of total eligible project costs; planning grants may have a different match per 23 U.S.C. 120.

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling. Submission encouraged by 10/01/24 and 10/01/25 for planning projects. Submission encouraged by 11/01/24 and 11/01/25 for bridge projects.

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/index.cfm>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Opportunity Number 693JJ324NF00006.

**Notes:**

- Projects must use FHWA's [Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool](#).
- At least one eligible large bridge project or two eligible bridge (smaller) projects are expected to be awarded in each state. Vermont was not awarded a grant in 2022. Consultation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont office of the Federal Highway Administration is encouraged prior to applying.
- DOT may award no more than 5 percent of funds made available for each fiscal year to eligible projects solely consisting of culvert replacement or rehabilitation.

For bridge construction projects, preliminary engineering must be complete and the project must reasonably expect to begin construction no later than 18 months after FHWA obligates funds for the project.

[TRANSPORTATION – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Provides planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation. Eligible projects include certain highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, and passenger and freight rail transportation projects; port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry); the surface transportation components of a certain airport projects; intermodal projects whose components are otherwise an eligible project type; projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program; projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government; and any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Up to \$25 million for planning; \$5 to \$25 million for capital

**Match:** 20% of eligible project costs unless the project is located in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community, or an area of persistent poverty. Definitions for these terms and their eligible areas are available at <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-app-hdc>.

**Application Closing Date:** Multiple fiscal years: 01/13/25 and 01/13/26 respectively.

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Opportunity Number DTOS59-24-RA-RAISE

**Notes:** Applicants must complete a Benefit-Cost Analysis. Applicants should review the Department's detailed guidance on how to conduct this analysis.

## TRANSPORTATION – Timber For Transit

**Funding Entity:** Northern Borders Regional Commission

**Eligible Activities:** Supports the use of wood-based materials and composites (advanced wood materials) through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials to transportation and transportation adjacent infrastructure. Includes feasibility and implementation projects, such as

- state or regional inventory assessments of the suitability of wood components to address needed transportation infrastructure improvements and/or new construction.
- architectural and engineering designs, cost analyses, and permitting necessary for implementation of transportation infrastructure projects.
- transportation infrastructure projects which utilize commercialized wood products and advanced wood materials to address climate adaptive transportation improvements.
- design and construction of pilot and demonstration projects that showcase the capabilities and benefits of utilizing advanced wood materials in transportation infrastructure; and transportation-adjacent structures that utilize advanced wood materials.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Feasibility Projects: \$250,000 to \$1 million; Implementation Projects: \$1 million to \$5 million

**Match:** Varies based on service area level of distress

**Application Closing Date:** Pre-Application (Required) 09/06/24; Application (By Invitation) 10/18/24

**Apply Via:** NRBC Grants Management System

**Link:** <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/t4t>

**Notes:**

- Priority is given to projects that commit to using domestically sourced timber, especially from the Northern Borders region.



- Submission of a Project Interest Form is recommended in advance of submitting a Pre-Application.

## TRANSPORTATION – Safe Streets and Roads for All

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users. Eligible project types include development of a comprehensive safety action plan, supplemental planning to enhance an existing plan, demonstration activities to inform a plan, and planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies in a plan.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$100,000 to \$10 million planning and demonstration, but smaller amounts will be considered

**Match:** 20% of eligible activity costs

**Application Closing Date:** Planning and Demonstration Grants 08/29/24

**Apply Via:** Valid Eval, USDOT's online proposal system

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number DOT-SS4A-FY24-01

**Note:**

- Applicants can apply to develop a comprehensive safety action plan or to implement actions in their plan. To apply for an implementation grant, the applicant's safety action plan must meet [program requirements](#).
- If your municipality is considering an application, it can be helpful to contact Jacqui DeMent, Community Planner and Grants Manager, US Department of Transportation Federal Highways Administration - Vermont Division, at [Jacqueline.dement@dot.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.dement@dot.gov) or 802-828-4573. While FHWA Division office staff cannot review grant applications, they

can discuss process, eligibility, and the general scope of potential projects.

### TRANSPORTATION – Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program

**Funding Entity:** US Environmental Protection Agency

**Eligible Activities:** Funds the replacement of non-zero-emission Class 6 and Class 7 heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, including the incremental cost of vehicle replacement, refueling infrastructure, driver/mechanic training, and other costs related to project implementation, management, and oversight.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$500,000 to \$60 million

**Match:** Varies from 20% to 67% depending on vehicle and alternative fuel type. Per-vehicle funding caps apply.

**Application Closing Date:** 07/25/24

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Links:**

- **Program:** <https://www.epa.gov/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-program>
- **Notice of Funding Opportunity:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number E

**Notes:** Vehicles to be replaced must be fully operational at the time of application and be an engine model year 2010 or older. Replaced vehicles must be scrapped.

### TRANSPORTATION – Mobility and Transportation Innovation Grant Program

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports innovative strategies and projects that improve mobility and access to services for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Focus areas include extension of existing travel demand management (TDM) programs or creation of new ones, creation and marking

of TDM resources, expansion of first mile/last mile programs, support for employers and/or employees to adopt TDM measures, and implementation of planned TDM programs (bike or car share, microtransit, etc.)

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Small Grants ~\$10,000; Medium Grants ~50,000; Large Grants Up to \$250,000

**Match:** 20% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** 07/16/24

**Apply Via:** Online application

**Links:** <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/public-transit/mti>

**Notes:** This grant can be used to match other TDM grant awards.

#### [TRANSPORTATION – Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Provides funding to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$

**Match:** 20% of total project cost; in certain cases, match may be reduced to 10% or match may be waived.

**Application Closing Date:** 07/22/24

**Apply Via:** Grants.gov

**Links:**

- *Learn More:* <https://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>

- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Opportunity FTA-2024-005-TPE-TODP.

[TRANSPORTATION – Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\), Phase 1 Planning and Prototyping](#)

**Funding Entity:** US Department of Transportation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Projects must demonstrate at least one of the following technology areas: coordinated automation; connected vehicles; sensors; systems integration; delivery/logistics; innovative aviation; smart grid; and traffic signals.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** \$250,000 to \$2 million

**Match:** Not required

**Application Closing Date:** 07/12/24

**Apply Via:** [Valid Eval](#)

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>
- *Notice of Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search **Funding Opportunity Number DOT-SMART-FY24-01**

**Note:** US DOT anticipates this will be the final opportunity to apply for a Stage 1 grant. Applicants must have received a Stage 1 grant to apply for a Stage 2 grant.

[TRANSPORTATION – Vermont Diesel Emissions Reduction Financial Assistance](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**Eligible Activities:** Supports projects that reduce diesel emissions from diesel-powered engines, vehicles, and equipment currently operating in Vermont, including: buses,

locomotives, and heavy-duty trucks (Classes 5-8b); marine engines; and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, cargo handling, agriculture, mining, or energy production (stationary generators and pumps). Eligible activities include:

- Replacement of diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles, engines, and nonroad equipment with electric (battery, grid, or fuel cell), alternative fuel, or newer diesel options;
- Retrofitting with emission control technologies;
- Engine replacements;
- Clean alternative fuel conversions;
- Installation of idle reduction technologies;
- Aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires; and
- Electrified parking spaces for transport refrigeration units and truck stop electrification projects.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Depends on project type.

- Highway vehicle and equipment replacement: Up to 25%, 35% or 45% of replacement cost.
- Locomotives, marine vessels, and nonroad diesel vehicles and replacements: Up to 25% or 45% of replacement cost.
- Engine retrofit technologies: Up to 40% or 100% of replacement cost.
- Cleaner fuels and additives: Up to 100% of the cost difference.
- Idle reduction technologies: Up to 25%, 30%, 40% or 100% of project cost.
- Aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires: Up to 100% if combined with a new exhaust control technology.
- Engine replacement: Up to 40%, 50%, or 60% of replacement cost.
- Clean alternative fuel conversion: Up to 40% of the cost (labor and equipment) of conversion.

**Match:** Cost share is the remaining percent value of the project cost based on an individual award.

**Application Closing Date:** 07/10/24

**Apply via:** Email

**Link:**

- Program: <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/mobile-sources/diesel-emissions/vt-diesel-grant>
- *Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=61288>

**Notes:**

- Projects initiated (i.e., ordered, purchased, financed, installed, etc.) prior to receiving an award notification are ineligible for funding.
- Participating fleet owners must currently own and operate the existing vehicle or equipment and have owned and operated the vehicle during the last two (2) years prior to upgrade or replacement. Leased vehicles, engines, or equipment are not eligible for funding. Additionally, the existing vehicle, engine, or equipment must be fully operational.

[WATER - Drinking Waste State Revolving Fund](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**Eligible Activities:** Planning, design, source protection, and construction of public water systems that improve public health protection and facilitate compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum noted except for Asset Management Planning Loans which have a \$50,000 maximum

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Closing Date for inclusion on the Vermont Intended Use Plan 01/16/24 (See Note below). Applications – July 2024

**Apply Via:**

- *Intended Use Plan:* <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/priority-list>.
- *Funding Application:* <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/forms#:~:text=RD%20Certification%20Form-,FUNDING%20APPLICATION,-%2D%20Funding%20Application%20for>

**Link:** <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/dwsrf>

**Note:** Each year the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) publish [Intended Use Plans](#) (IUPs) that explain how funding provided by the Federal government will be used. The IUP lists projects that have requested funding in a year and sets the State's project priorities. Projects must be on the priority list or be accepted as an "emergency" project and must meet readiness to proceed criteria to receive funding. The Closing Date reflects the last date to submit projects for inclusion in the IUP for the upcoming funding cycle.

### [WATER and WASTEWATER - Community Recovery and Revitalization Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** State ARPA to the Vermont Department of Economic Development

**Eligible Activities:** Water supply or wastewater infrastructure that will result in new or rehabilitated affordable housing (as defined in [\(24 V.S.A. § 4303\)](#)), or the creation of a new business or the expansion of an existing business that meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for the region

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** 20% of total eligible project cost up to \$1 million maximum

**Match:** 80% of total project cost

**Application Closing Date:** When funds are fully expended

**Apply Via:** Online

**Link:** <https://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/community-recovery-and-revitalization-program>

**Note:** These funds may be used as match for other federal grant programs, if accepted by those programs.

[WATER, WASTEWATER, and STORMWATER – Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development

**Eligible Activities:** Supports development and construction of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction or improvements, and in some cases, related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, permitting, start-up operations and maintenance, and other activities.

**Funding Tool:** Grant and loan

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum noted

**Match:** None

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling

**Apply Via:** [RDApply](#)

**Link:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/vt>

**Notes:**

- Eligibility is dependent on population size and area income.
- Grant eligible by town is available on the program [website](#). Contact USDA before starting an application.

[WATER, WASTEWATER, and STORMWATER – Water and Waste Disposal Pre-development Planning Grants](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Development



**Eligible Activities:** Supports low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less and a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** Program materials list conflicting information. Maximum funding is either \$25,000 or \$60,000 or 75% of the predevelopment planning costs.

**Match:** At least 25% of the project cost

**Application Closing Date:** State applicant pool 12/16/22; national applicant pool 04/14/23

**Apply Via:** [RDApply](#)

**Link:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants/vt-nh>

**Note:**

- Even if your community is not grant eligible based on its Median Household Income (MHI), your project may still be eligible based on the MHI of its service area. Contact USDA Vermont to explore a project-based eligibility determination.
- These grants do not have to be paid back if the application for a USDA-funded project is not successful. If awarded a grant, the grant amount will be subtracted from the total grant eligibility if a USDA grant is awarded for part of the water or waste disposal project.

[WASTEWATER and STORMWATER - Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**Eligible Activities:** Planning, final design, and construction of wastewater collection system and treatment facility construction, upgrade or refurbishment; water and energy efficiency or environmentally innovative projects; combined sewer overflow elimination; stormwater treatment and green infrastructure; community decentralized wastewater disposal systems non-point source pollution prevention, including natural resources projects; sewer extensions;

and contaminated sites

**Funding Tool:** Loan

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum noted

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Closing Date for inclusion on the Vermont Intended Use Plan 01/16/24 (See Note below). Applications – July 2024

**Apply Via:**

- *Intended Use Plan:* <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/priority-list>.
- *Funding Application:* <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/forms#:~:text=RD%20Certification%20Form-,FUNDING%20APPLICATION,-%2D%20Funding%20Application%20for>

**Link:** <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/cwsrf>

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[STORMWATER – 3-Acre Permit Obtainment Assistance Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

**Eligible Activities:** Provides financial assistance to eligible [3-acre sites](#) seeking to obtain Three-Acre Permit coverage. A “three-acre site” is an impervious surface of three or more acres that has never had an operational stormwater permit, or was permitted to standards in place prior to the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** All qualifying sites in the Lake Memphremagog, Lake Champlain, and stormwater impaired basins will be eligible for up to \$49,999 in beneficiary payments. Up to \$19,999 is reserved for permit review costs incurred during the Full Notice of Intent (NOI) (i.e., final permit application/authorization) submission and review process. Up to \$30,000 is reserved for engineering costs/invoices. Manufactured Housing Communities are not subject to these cost caps within the \$49,999 total.

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** 10/31/24

**Apply Via:** ANR Online portal

**Links:** [https://anr.vermont.gov/special-topics/arpa-vermont/treating-stormwater-runoff#POA:~:text=3%2DAcre%20Permit%20Obtainment%20Assistance%20\(POA\)%20Program](https://anr.vermont.gov/special-topics/arpa-vermont/treating-stormwater-runoff#POA:~:text=3%2DAcre%20Permit%20Obtainment%20Assistance%20(POA)%20Program)

**Note:**

- This program covers Phase 1 design and permitting costs only, not construction costs.
- This program uses State ARPA funds. Therefore, costs incurred from 03/03/21 through 10/31/24 are eligible.

[WATER, WASTEWATER, and STORMWATER – Disaster Water Grants Program](#)

**Funding Entity:** USDA Rural Utility Services

**Eligible Activities:** Supports restoration, repair, or rebuilding of water infrastructure systems, include drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater projects related to damages from Presidentially Declared Disasters that occurred between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Also supports development of water infrastructure system capacity and resiliency to reduce or eliminate long term risks from hazards resulting from the eligible declared disaster. Costs reimbursed by insurance, FEMA, other EPA programs, state programs, and other programs cannot be covered by this program.

**Funding Tool:** Grant

**Min/Max Funding:** No minimum or maximum award amount

**Match:** None required

**Application Closing Date:** Rolling, until funds are exhausted

**Apply Via:** [RDApply](#). Contact USDA Vermont Office prior to applying.

**Link:**

- *Program:* <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/calendar-year-2022-disaster-water-grants-program>
- *Funding Opportunity:* <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search Funding Opportunity Number RD-RUS-CY22DISASTER.

**Notes:** Eligible Vermont municipalities are those located in Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grant Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, and Washington Counties ([Vermont Severe Storm and Flooding \(DR-4695-VT\)](#)) with a population >35,000.

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