



COVID 19 Updates & Resources

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CVRPC is providing this information to assist municipalities to maintain situational awareness and to plan for, respond to, and recover from the COVID 19 pandemic. CVRPC hereby grants permission for reuse and reprint of information contained in this document.

The document contains only updated information. Previous resources can be found on our website – <http://centralvtplanning.org>.

MUNICIPAL NEWS

Information has been gathered from municipal websites or provided directly to CVRPC by the municipality and updated to this [Municipal Chart](#). This information is being shared to assist municipalities with mutual response as well as service and planning ideas. Contact Nancy Chartrand, chartrand@cvregion.com with updates.

CVRPC SERVICES

CVRPC provides a variety of services related to planning, public engagement, project management and project implementation in all programmatic areas (transportation, community development, brownfields, emergency planning, energy, natural resources, etc.) and on special projects. Municipalities can contact Bonnie Waninger via email (waninger@cvregion.com) or cell (802-585-9174) to discuss how CVRPC can assist.

RESOURCES

Masks On Vermont

Media Toolkit Available

The Vermont Department of Health has published a [toolkit](#) to assist organizations in helping to spread the message of the importance of wearing masks.

STATE UPDATES

Mask Mandate Effective August 1st

Today, Governor Scott signed an [executive order](#) requiring masks to be worn indoors and outdoors where social distancing is not possible. This order applies to everyone over the age of two, except when eating, drinking, exercising or participating in strenuous activity. Additionally, those with medical reasons not to wear a mask will also be exempt; no written documentation will be required in order to preserve the medical privacy of individuals.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Sole Proprietors Stabilization Grant Program Open through August 14

This program is designed to assist sole proprietors with no employees that have been impacted by COVID-19 and have remaining unmet needs that can be documented. Grants of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 are available to qualifying sole proprietors. Complete details on the program, eligibility requirements, and the application materials and timelines, technical assistance, and FAQ's are available through [ACCD's website](#).

Department of Taxes

Digitization of Land Records Municipal Grants

Act 137 appropriated \$2 million to assist municipalities in digitizing land records for online public access.

- These grants are for economic support to town offices that have been impacted by increased customer demand due to the COVID-19 public health emergency but are otherwise unable to successfully allow those customers to search land records.
- Funds can be used to pay necessary expenditures that qualifying municipalities face and costs directly associated to digitizing land records.
- The application is still under development and should be available on or before July 31. However, because of the federally mandated deadlines for CRF eligibility, applicants intending to use a vendor for digitization are strongly encouraged to immediately begin their procurement process.

Read the grant guidelines [here](#). Visit <https://tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus/municipal-grants> for more information, and contact Jill Remick at jill.remick@vermont.gov with any questions.

NOTE: Expenses are only eligible for reimbursement to the extent that they are not covered by insurance or other federal funding sources, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) program. Municipalities should apply for FEMA funding prior to submitting an application for the LGER Grant. Note that for FEMA-eligible costs, LGER will cover the 25% non-FEMA match. [Click here](#) for more information on how to apply for FEMA funding.