



COVID 19 Updates & Resources

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This will be the last publication of this resource. Future updates and resources will be provided weekly in CVRPC's Weekly News Blast, which is both emailed and available on our website at <https://centralvtplanning.org/news/newsletters/>. Previous resources can be found on our website – <https://centralvtplanning.org/covid-19-outreach/>

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

Vermont Community Foundation

Spark Connecting Community Grant: Second Round Funding Now Available Through October 15

The [Spark Connecting Community](#) grant provides awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to further grassroots work that benefits the people and projects of Vermont communities. First-time grant writers are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through 5:00pm on Thursday, October 15, 2020

Vermont Council on Rural Development

Washington County COVID-19 Recovery Visit, Sept 10th: From Recovery to Renewal and Resilience

The Local Support and Community Action Team of the Governor's Economic Recovery Task Force is launching a series of virtual forums, facilitated by VCRD, in every county across the state to share challenges and ideas for

community recovery; connect to others working to respond, recover, and build long-term resilience; and meet with a “visiting team” of state, federal, business, and non-profit leaders who will share recovery strategies from across the state, and ideas for resources and support. Each forum will consist of a brief opening session, followed by four 90-minute breakout sessions into topics chosen by regional leaders and representatives, and conclude with a short closing session and share out. All are welcome and encouraged to participate; registration is required.

*For more information about the forum in Washington County, which will be on **September 10th**, click [here](#). Registration will open within 2 weeks of the forum date. If you need assistance with registration or have questions about the forum or how to join, please contact info@vtrural.org or call 802-223-6091.*

STATE UPDATES

Agency of Agriculture

Agricultural Fairs Grant Program Open through August 20

AAFAM is now accepting applications for the Agricultural Fairs program, part of the COVID-19 Agricultural Assistance Program. Funds will be awarded to agricultural fairs that are registered with AAFAM and have experienced income loss, additional expenses, and event disruption. Learn more and [apply here](#). The application deadline is August 20.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Community Development Block Grant Funding

The Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) assists communities on a competitive basis by providing financial and technical assistance to identify and address local needs in the areas of housing, economic development, public facilities, public services, and handicapped accessibility modifications. VCDP provides Community Development Block grants (CDBG) for eligible activities through the following application types:

- Accessibility Modification Grants (AM) (Range: \$5,000-\$100,000) - Example: Bring municipally-owned buildings and libraries into compliance with state and federal accessibility requirements.
- Implementation Grants (IG) (Range: \$50,000-\$1,000,000) - Examples: Assist businesses to create or retain jobs, create or rehabilitate housing units, build infrastructure, create or assist childcare and senior centers etc.
- Planning Grants (PG) (Range: \$3,000-\$60,000) - Examples: Conduct feasibility studies and marketing plans, produce architectural and engineering plans, etc.
- Scattered Site Grants (SS) (Range: \$50,000-\$1,000,000) - Example: Rehabilitate scattered site housing projects

See more information on applicant guidance and the application process here.

<http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

ACCD Resources

During COVID-19 outbreak, please check the Agency's web site for the Recovery Resource Center for available tools including financial assistance programs, unemployment information and a Frequently Asked Questions to help businesses and individuals navigate available resources.

- Recovery Resource Center: <https://accd.vermont.gov/>
- Resources for Business: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/business>
- Resources for Individuals: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/individuals>
- Resources for Community: <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/community>
- To call: 1-877-214-3330

Agency of Human Services

Front-Line Employees Hazard Grant Pay Program Now Open

This program is for certain public safety, public health, health care and human services employers who employees were engaged in activities “*substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency*”. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Department of Children and Families

Childcare Grant Program Now Open through August 26

This program is for child care, summer day camps, after school programs, parent child centers, and Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) fiscal agents. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation (FPR)

Forest Economy Stabilization Grant Program Opens August 5

The [Forest Economy Stabilization Grant Program](#) provides economic relief to forest products businesses experiencing economic harm as a result of COVID-19. Qualifying businesses must meet eligibility criteria and grant award calculations will be based on actual demonstrated economic harm during the pandemic. A recording of an informational webinar for applicants will be posted on FPR’s website and [FAQs](#) are available.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Small Business Administration

Paycheck Protection Program Deadline August 8, 2020

PPP is a loan to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. The [Small Business Administration](#) will forgive loans if all employee retention criteria are met and the funds are used for eligible expenses. The deadline to apply for funding through the Paycheck Protection Program is August 8, 2020.