



Weekly News Roundup

August 21, 2020

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Upcoming Events

RPC-hosted Application Information Sessions: Local Government Expense Reimbursement Grant Program (LGER)

August 24, 2020 | Varied times

Learn more about LGER. Hear about who is eligible to apply, funding limits per applicant, action deadlines, FEMA PA vs LGER, Eligible Expenses and what the Application Process entails. Join one of the following meetings hosted by a Vermont Regional Planning Commission. For meeting login information go to: https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/RPC-Training-Outreach-Flyer_alldates-2.pdf

10:00 am	Hosted by Rutland RPC (RRC)
12:00 pm	Hosted by Windham Regional Commission (WRC)
1:00 pm	Hosted by Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)
2:30 pm	Hosted by Chittenden County RPC (CCRPC)
4:00 pm	Hosted by Central Vermont RPC (CVRPC)

Vermont Community Leadership Network

August 27, 2020 | 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Supporting and recognizing Vermont's local leaders has never been more important. Join VCRD as they announce the creation of the Vermont Community Leadership Network to connect and support local leaders working toward recovery, resilience and renewal. The network will help local leaders share skills, practices, connections and mutual support to empower those who are building local projects, programs, organizations and systems that serve their communities and Vermont's urgent and long-term needs. Register [here](#).

Community News

New Program to Expand Broadband Access

The Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP) provides up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying and eligible consumers to extend telecommunications lines to their homes. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Public Hearing to Name Route 14

The Vermont Transportation Board on September 14, 2020 beginning at 7:30 p.m. will conduct a public hearing on a petition to name VT Route 14 from its intersection with Chelsea Road in Williamstown south to its intersection with VT Route 65 in Brookfield "The Major Ira Day Memorial Highway." The public hearing will commence at the Williamstown Public Safety Building, which is located at 249 Meadow Street. in Williamstown, VT. At the hearing, the Board will hear from the Petitioner, which is Joshua Blouin, and any member of the general public interested in

the petition and potential naming.

The portion of VT Route 14 that is under consideration to be named is owned, controlled and maintained by the State of Vermont and the Vermont Agency of Transportation and runs through the Vermont towns of Brookfield and Williamstown. State and local records indicate this segment of Route 14 has no known designation other than VT Route 14. The hearing will be run pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 5(b)(2) as well as the Vermont Transportation Board's rules for naming Transportation Facilities. The Board's rules, as well as a copy of the petition, can be found on the Board's website at tboard.vermont.gov. Written comments will be accepted through the website until October 17, 2020, or they can be mailed to 67 Aspen Circle, Shelburne, VT 05482. For more information, contact John Zicconi at 802-828-2942.

COVID 19 Updates



State of Emergency Extended to September 15

The state of emergency has been extended to September 15, 2020. Additionally, this latest Executive Order provides municipalities with authority to enact limits on gathering sizes and limit hours for the sale of alcohol. Read the full executive order [here](#).

COVID-19 Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER)

The State of Vermont recently announced \$12.5 million in grant funding for local governments. The reimbursement program can help cover the costs of eligible COVID-19 expenses such as the cost of supplies, equipment, facilities alterations and overtime compensation. The deadline to apply is September 4, 2020.

The Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) Grant program is open to Vermont counties, Vermont cities, towns, unorganized towns and gores, unified towns, incorporated villages, fire districts, consolidated water districts, consolidated sewer districts and solid waste management districts. While the grant may cover necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency, the grant however will not reimburse for expenses that are covered by insurance or from other funding sources including funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.) Eligible expenses are those cost incurred from March 27, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Grant guidelines and grant application can be found at:

https://tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus/municipal-grants#lger_grant. Regional Planning Commissions around the state are providing assistance to help local cities, towns, villages and solid waste management districts identify eligible costs. For additional information please contact Grace Vinson at vinson@cvregion.com

Free COVID-19 Testing August 26th & 27th in Barre

The Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont National Guard are holding two opportunities for FREE COVID-19 TESTING next week in Barre. For everyone's safety, only people with no COVID-19 symptoms will be accepted. Test results available within 2-4 days.

Wednesday, August 26th | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Barre Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill, Barre, VT 05641. *This event will be held outside under tents.

To register for an appointment, go to: <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration> or call 2-1-1 for help registering. Walk-ins accepted as test supplies last.

Thursday, August 27th | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Barre Auditorium/B.O.R, 20 Auditorium Hill, Barre, VT 05641. *This event will be held inside the arena. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED- WALK-INS ONLY (while test supplies last).

Please share widely with your family, friends, and neighbors!

Vermont COVID-19 Agriculture Assistance Program

\$8.5 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funding will soon be available to a wide variety of agricultural, food, and forestry businesses and organizations negatively impacted by COVID-19 through the Vermont COVID-19 Agriculture Assistance Program (VCAAP). The application will go live next week. For more details, requirements, and webinars on the program visit the [Agriculture](#)

News from CVRPC

Previously published editions of [CVRPC's Municipal Updates](#) are available on our website.

If your community has a need, we can assist you with, please contact us at CVRPC@cvregion.com - Stay Safe!

RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines

Municipal Public Service Program

The Municipal Public Service Program is designed to assist communities and non-profits with grants for public service projects that are in need due to COVID-19 (such as addressing physical health needs of the residents in the community for social distancing and food shelves or meals on wheels for supplies, and materials necessary to continue to carry-out their public service). It will be on a first come first serve basis and will be through a competitive application process. Public service projects serving 70% low- and moderate-income individuals is a priority which may require surveying the population served unless the project serves a population in an area-wide low- and moderate-income community. This program provides grants that range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. See [Frequently Asked Questions on Municipal Public Service Program](#).

Artist Development Grants

The Vermont Arts Council Artist Development Grants support artists at all stages of their careers. Grants can also support teaching artists in developing the skills necessary to provide instruction in K-12 schools remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Grant amounts range from \$250-\$1,000. The application deadline is September 28, 2020. For full eligibility details and an online application, visit the [Vermont Arts Council website](#).

Restart Vermont Regional Marketing and Stimulus Grants

ACCD has launched the Restart Vermont Regional Marketing and Stimulus Grant Program. The program will provide \$500,000 in grants to organizations for efforts and activities related to economic recovery, consumer stimulus, marketing, or tourism projects to support businesses that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19.

Eligible applicants include downtown organizations, chambers of commerce, regional development corporations, municipal economic development/community development departments and committees, local community/economic development organizations, statewide business organizations, or other similar groups.

The application window is now open and the deadline to apply is August 31st. For full eligibility requirements and application process, please visit the [ACCD Business Recovery Resource Center](#). Slides available here from the [informational webinar](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Please note that CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings

AUGUST

Aug 24 4 pm LGER Training (log in information [here](#))

Aug 27 4 pm Project Review Committee Meeting, TBD

Aug 27 6:30 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Aug 31 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 5 pm Regional Energy Committee Roundtable, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 8 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 10 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, Via Technology (See Agenda)

Sept 24 4 pm Project Review Committee Meeting, TBD

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