

## Weekly News Roundup September 17, 2021

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### Upcoming Events

#### Webinar for 2021 Historic Preservation Grant Applicants

September 21, 2021 | 10:00 am

This hour-long tutorial is for municipal officials and non-profit organization members planning to apply for a 2021 State Historic Preservation Grant.

Topics will include:

- Program basics,
- General grant-writing tips,
- The scoring criteria,
- Completing the application form
- Required attachments
- Program timelines and deadlines

You can Register for the webinar at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5555113591844809742> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with more information.



#### GMP Webinar: Getting Started with Electric Vehicles

September 21, 2021 | 7:00 pm

Interested in electric vehicles, but curious what it's like to own and drive one? Or have you thought about going electric in your community but are not sure where to start, and what rebates are available? Green Mountain Power (GMP) is making it simple and fun to learn about electric vehicles and charging at this upcoming EV webinar.

Electric vehicles are great to drive, more affordable than fossil fuel vehicles to operate, and all the rebates available make switching to green driving so easy. Transportation with fossil-fueled vehicles is the top source of carbon emissions in Vermont, so switching to an electric vehicle is the top way Vermonters can cut greenhouse gas emissions. EVs are also less expensive to 'fuel up' and require less maintenance, so drivers save thousands of dollars over the life of the vehicle. Plus, GMP has electric vehicle charging programs that can help you save.

Zoom Meeting Information:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83275391279?pwd=R0pnZ1pHbTJvSDJWWk43UUJYOU5Mdz09>
- Meeting ID: 832 7539 1279 | Passcode: 430681
- Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US

#### Vermont Climate Council Launches Series of Public Engagement Events

Ongoing through September 21-October 6

This fall, state officials, local leaders and members of the Vermont Climate Council invite the public to attend one of several events to learn about the development of the state's Climate Action Plan and help prioritize approaches.

There are multiple opportunities to join an upcoming event either online or in person to discuss

how climate change is affecting you and your community and offer feedback on proposed strategies for the Climate Action Plan.

“Your perspective matters. The Climate Action Plan will serve as the State’s roadmap for lessening the impacts of climate change, and the ideas and feedback you share with us will inform the Action Plan” said Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore.

[Find more information about the events here.](#)

Please consider attending and weighing in, as you are able, and stay tuned for more details. For more information about the Climate Action Plan, please visit its newly launched website:

<https://climatechange.vermont.gov/>

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### **Save the Date: VLCT/RPC/State Funders Webinar: Take Some Time to Think Big**

As local leaders weigh opportunities to make forward-looking investments in housing, sewer, water and stormwater systems, broadband, climate and economic resilience, the State of Vermont is compiling information on its new programs to boost local efforts to solve persistent challenges. Please hold Tuesday, **October 19, 10-noon** for a joint VLCT - RPC - State of Vermont webinar that will showcase new state programs and funding opportunities. A series of spotlight sessions are planned in November to share topic-specific details and answer questions. Learn more about ARPA funding [here](#).

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## **Community News**

### **Vermont Business Relief Program Receives National Award**

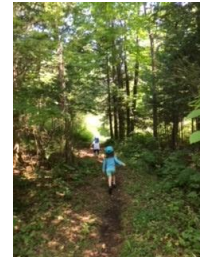
Vermont's 12 Regional Development Corporations have been recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations for the innovative [ReStart Vermont Technical Assistance Program](#). Jamie Stewart of Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation noted he is very proud of the role CVEDC played and the number of companies they were able to assist, and in how the 12 RDC’s worked together to make this happen. Kudos to Vermont's RDCs for this great work. [Read More >>](#)

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## **RFP's, Grant Information, Applications & Deadlines**

### **America Walks Community Change Grants**

America Walks and Active People, Health Nations partners have announced another round of [Community Change Grant](#) program funding. This program will award grantees \$1,500 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, inclusive, accessible, and engaged places to live, work, and play. The application portal will open on September 13 and will close on September 30, 2021.



### **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities**

There are multiple FEMA grant programs now open or opening soon. See below for information and contact [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) with project ideas or questions. To find out more, visit: [vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation](http://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation).

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) provides funding to states and local communities for mitigation activities. \$1 million is set aside for Vermont, with up to \$500,000 for planning activities. The application period opens September 30, 2021 with a state deadline of Friday, December 17, 2021.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA): funds states, local communities, tribes, and territories to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Up to \$900,000 is available per State for Project Scoping to develop community flood mitigation projects that reduce future NFIP flood claims. Up to \$70 million can be applied for per sub-applicant for Community Flood Mitigation Projects to address community flood risk to reduce future NFIP flood claims. The application period opens September 30, 2021 with a state deadline of Friday, December 17, 2021.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding is opening for the major disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic. President Biden has authorized FEMA to provide the State of Vermont funding through HMGP with a contribution of \$13,396,387. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, more information on a grant deadline coming soon.

### **Clean Water Design / Implementation Block Grant - Request for Applications**

The Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) is pleased to announce a fifth round of grant funding under the Design/Implementation Block Grant (DIBG) Program. Funding is provided by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and shall be used to support state-

wide improvement of surface water quality.

MARC seeks proposals from eligible applicants throughout the State of Vermont to support preliminary (30%) engineering design, final (100%) engineering design, and implementation of projects with a primary purpose of sediment and nutrient pollution reduction to surface waters.

Please see the [FY21 Clean Water Initiative Program Funding Policy](#) for eligibility requirements and other pertinent information. The grant application form and related documents can be accessed and downloaded [here](#). **Please contact Pam DeAndrea if you have questions or need assistance - [deandrea@cvregion.com](mailto:deandrea@cvregion.com)**

Note that grant applications must be received by no later than the response deadline of **October 18, 2021 by 4:30 pm**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **VEM Flood Resilient Communities Fund: Applications due Oct 27**

VEM is soliciting applications under a brand-new grant program: **Flood Resilient Communities Fund**. The focus of this program is flood mitigation work that does not fit under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants. RPCs, nonprofits, and municipalities are all eligible applicants. **The focus of this funding is briefly outlined below:**

• **Flood-vulnerable structure and buyout projects:**

**NOTE: 100% funding will be available for buyouts that are not FEMA-eligible.**

- Buyouts of developed properties that are outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) but with flood risk.
- Purchasing vacant, at-risk parcels to prevent potential future development with flood risk.
- Purchasing vacant, developable parcels to conserve existing headwater storage and prevent future downstream flooding.
- **Natural resource projects:**
  - Restoring natural floodplain access to improve floodplain function.
  - Dam removal projects that have the benefit of reducing flood risk.

The first round and a **basic application intake form will be due October 29, 2021 – which is coming up fast**. CVRPC will share the application form as soon as it is final.

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

*Please note that in addition to a physical location; CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for most meetings (see agendas on our website for details)*

### **SEPTEMBER**

TBD Project Review Committee

Sept 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Sept 29 4 pm Brownfields Advisory Committee

### **OCTOBER**

Oct 4 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Oct 5 5 pm Bylaw Review Work Group

*Oct 11 Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday – Office Closed*

Oct 12 11 am Bylaw Review Work Group

Oct 12 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Meeting

Oct 26 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Oct 28 4 pm Project Review Committee

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