

## Weekly News Roundup December 10, 2021

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### Community News



#### Apply to Join Green Mountain Transit's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

The Green Mountain Transit (GMT) Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee is charged with guiding GMT's ongoing work to maintain an equitable and safe work environment for all GMT employees and to provide a public transportation service that is safe and accessible for all people.

GMT is looking for volunteers to join the JEDI Advisory Committee. If you are interested in working with the JEDI Committee to achieve defined objectives and further the mission and vision of GMT, please email a letter of interest to [jedi@ridegmt.com](mailto:jedi@ridegmt.com) that includes:

- Your connection to and experience with Green Mountain Transit
- Your interest in serving on the JEDI Advisory Committee
- What skills and experience you will bring to the JEDI work

To learn more about the JEDI Committee and the role of Advisory Committee members, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4ph87ja3>. **Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.** The Committee is open to individuals with a variety of experiences and perspectives. GMT especially welcomes additional people with rural perspectives and with lived experiences.

#### ARPA Reporting Portal Open to NEUs and New User Guide Available

The Treasury opened its Portal for reporting to NEUs on 12/14/21. Email notifications were sent to the people entered as contacts ("Authorized Representative" and "Secondary Contact") during the ARPA certification process. The full text of the email can be found [HERE](#).

They also issued new guidance for NEUs - [NEU and Non-UJLGs Agreements and Supporting Documents User Guide](#). that contains information on using Treasury's Portal to confirm their

accounts, designate the reporting roles, and submit the required information, prior to the reporting that will be due by April 30, 2022.

See more information from [VLCT here](#). See CVRPCs ARPA webpage [here](#). Please reach out to [vinson@cvregion.com](mailto:vinson@cvregion.com) with any ARPA assistance requests.

### **Northfield is Seeking Economic Development Director**

The Town of Northfield is seeking to hire an Economic Development Director to support local businesses in their sustainability, growth, and expansion; to build a network within the State and region to attract potential employers and residents to Northfield; and to support the town's vision for housing and other key development priorities.

The ideal candidate will have knowledge and work experience with municipal planning and infrastructure, planning programs and processes, economic development tools and programs, and a proven successful record in economic development leadership roles. In addition, that person shall be a capable public speaker, communicate effectively with groups and individuals, engineers, architects, developers, businesses, and the general public, and capable of establishing working relationships and networks with developers, community organizations, and business professionals.

This is a full-time position and includes health insurance and retirement benefits. The salary is negotiable based upon experience. Please click the PDF icon below to download the complete job description. To apply, please E-mail cover letter and resume to [jschulz@northfield.vt.us](mailto:jschulz@northfield.vt.us) or mail to: Northfield Town Manager, 51 South Main Street, Northfield, VT 05663. The Town is accepting applications through December 23, 2021. **LEARN MORE HERE** - [https://www.northfield-vt.gov/files/ugd/13fb68\\_c73208b56a2a46ba9de79fa124def452.pdf](https://www.northfield-vt.gov/files/ugd/13fb68_c73208b56a2a46ba9de79fa124def452.pdf)

### **Exploring Models of Community Governance in Vermont Town Forests**

Community governance and leadership in town forests is of growing interest and need. This past year the [Northern Forest Center](#) conducted a study and produced a report for VT UCF and partners. The goal of the study was to assess existing governance models of Vermont town forests and to better understand challenges in governance through interviews, surveys, and practitioner engagement. [Check out the full report here.](#)



### **RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines**



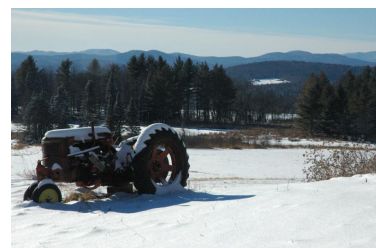
#### **Funding Opportunity - Communities Caring for Canopy**

Communities Caring for Canopy grants act as seed funding to help communities care for their publicly managed trees and forests by taking the necessary actions to develop and sustain a community-wide tree program. These grants allow for multiple program components to be merged into one grant application for ease and flexibility. \$50,000 is available in grants ranging \$1,000 - \$5,000.

Applications are due January 7th, 2022. Learn more [here](#).

#### **USDA Farm to School Grants**

USDA's annual farm-to-school grant, championed by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, is now open for applications. This competitive grant program is designed to improve access to local foods and increase agricultural and nutrition literacy. The list of eligible applicants is broad and includes schools, nonprofits, local agencies, agricultural producers and more.



There are several grant tracks to choose from, including turnkey grants that offer simple predesigned projects built around model program designs. Applications for projects led by and/or designed to support BIPOC are being prioritized in this year's grant round. Awards of up to \$500,000 are available depending on the grant track and applicants must show matching support, either in cash or in-kind services, equal to 25% of the total project budget.

More information available [here](#). The deadline to apply is January 10, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

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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)*

### **DECEMBER**

*Dec 31 Office closed - Holiday (Happy New Year!)*

### **JANUARY**

Jan 3 4 pm Executive Committee

Jan 11 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners

*Jan 17 Office closed - Holiday*

Jan 25 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Jan 31 4 pm Executive Committee

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