



Weekly News Roundup February 25, 2022

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Upcoming Events

Public Hearing for Town Plan Reviews

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2022 beginning at 4 pm via Zoom software. This hearing can be joined by computer at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87032993616?pwd=aC9WSDNUdVNTTmtTQU9pdmYycHNSdz09> or by phone at +1 301 715 8592, access code: 870 3299 3616.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval of the *2021 Roxbury Town Plan* and to confirm Roxbury's planning process under 24 VSA §4350; and to consider approval to the *2021 Amendment to the 2017 Cabot Town Plan* and to confirm Cabot's planning process under 24 VSA §4350.

Copies of the Roxbury Plan can be viewed at the Roxbury Town Office. Copies of the Cabot Plan can be viewed at the Cabot Town Office. Copies may also be viewed at the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT. Please call CVRPC ahead of time @ 802-229-0389 if you wish to schedule a time to view the plan(s) or email hoskins@cvregion.com.

Community News

Community & Economic Development Specialist

Montpelier, Vermont is looking for a Community and Economic Development Specialist (CED Specialist) to handle project and program implementation for the city. The CED Specialist is a professional position with a very high degree of independence and responsibility for initiating, implementing, and administering a wide range of community and economic development activities. While some communities have Assistant Planners, we have a CED Specialist which is an assistant who specializes in the implementation of our housing and economic development plans. Pay is currently between \$52,800 and \$66,900 with excellent benefits (of course).

Already an awesome CED Specialist? We offer independence and opportunities to apply your talents to build and administer programs and projects in a community that puts its money where its priorities are. Be responsible for a Housing Trust Fund that annually receives \$110,000 and a new Economic Development Fund with \$50,000 per year in addition to TIF, Tax Stabilization, and other existing revolving loan funds. New to community and economic development? That's OK too because we can train up the right candidate.

Be a key player in making change happen in the City of Montpelier. The full job description can be found at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/jobs.aspx>

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

AARP Vermont Accepting 2022 Community Challenge Grant Applications

The annual program aims to make local communities in Vermont more livable



AARP Vermont invites local organizations and governments across the state to apply for the [2022 AARP Community Challenge](#) grant program, **now through March 22, 2022**. Grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more. Now in its sixth year, the grant program is part of AARP's nationwide [Livable Communities](#) initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live.

Questions concerning the application or project can be directed to AARP Vermont via [email](#).

State Transportation Innovative Council Incentive Awards Available

Do you have any innovative project ideas that could benefit VTrans? This year, the Vermont State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) is focusing on projects that address:

- Climate adaptation strategies that bolster the resilience of our infrastructure
- Ways to increase the involvement of underserved communities in the transportation decision-making process

You have the opportunity to secure up to \$100,000 in Federal funding for your project by submitting a [STIC Incentive Award Application](#). The STIC Incentive program supports or offsets the costs of standardizing innovative practices. Projects should have an AOT Champion and applicants should suggest sources for a 20 percent match.

Applications will be reviewed by the STIC Executive Team, who will base their award selections on a project's alignment and fit with VTrans and FHWA goals and priorities. Visit the VTrans [STIC website](#) for more information and the application.

If you are interested in funding your innovative project, please fill out [this application](#) and send it to FHWA's Matt DiGiovanni at Matthew.DiGiovanni@dot.gov by April 1, 2022.

Funding Available to Respond to Opioid Overdoses

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant Program](#) is offering up to \$250,000 to provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors at the state, tribal, and other government levels to train, carry and administer Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) approved drugs and devices for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose.

Applicants must demonstrate that their population of focus is underserved as demonstrated by a lack of accessibility to treatment providers, emergency medical services and recovery and other psychosocial support services. Funding recipients will be expected to establish processes, protocol, and mechanisms for referral to appropriate treatment and recovery support services and safety around fentanyl, carfentanil, and other dangerous and illicit drugs.

Eligible applicants include state governments, and local government entities including municipal corporations, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships. No match is required.

Applications for First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grants are due April 5, 2022.

For more information about how Sustainable Strategies DC can help your community with a Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act grant, please contact [Sarah Marin](#) at (202) 208-7125. For additional information on philanthropic and other funding opportunities, please click [here](#) for their website.



Funding Available to Prevent & Reduce Substance Abuse Among Youth

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Drug-](#)

[Free Communities \(DFC\) Support Program](#) is offering up to \$125,000 to fund work focused on establishing and strengthening collaborations among communities, public and private nonprofit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use and misuse among youth.

Competitive applicants should address the factors that increases the risk of substance use and misuse among youth and adults such as lack of parental involvement and accessibility of substances. They should also promote the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse including community intervention and education.

DFC recipients are expected to collaborate with organizations and leaders in their communities to identify and address local youth substance use problems. They should also work to create sustainable community-level change through the implementation of evidence-based and practice-based prevention strategies.

Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions that have not yet received a DFC Grant. They include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, states, counties, cities or townships, special district governments, independent school districts, private and public institutions of higher education, and Native American tribal governments and organizations. A 1:1 match is required. Beginning in year seven, the percentage of match increases to 125%, and increases to 150% in year nine.

Applications for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program are due by April 11, 2022.

For more information about how Sustainable Strategies DC can help your community with a DFC grant, please contact [Sarah Marin](#) at (202) 208-7125. For additional information on philanthropic and other funding opportunities, please click [here](#) for their website.

Upcoming Meetings

CVRPC will provide a video or call in option for all meetings (see agendas on our [website](#) for details).

FEBRUARY

Feb 28 4 pm Executive Committee (March meeting)

MARCH

Mar 3 4 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee Hearing

Mar 8 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners

Mar 9 2 pm Regional Elders and Persons with Disabilities

March 22 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

March 24 4 pm Project Review Committee

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