



## Weekly News Roundup May 27, 2022

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### Upcoming Events



#### P & Z Round Table - Using your Village Center Designation

Tuesday May 31, 2022 | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Thinking about applying or re-applying? Or maybe you have already? Log on to learn application tips and tricks, get the download on what the designation is and most importantly how to use the program benefits to support local revitalization efforts.

Please register in advance at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcO6sqzkiE9DDy0Uu08PTwnEPER-C6qCo>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

#### VCDA Housing Conference

June 28, 2022 | 9:30 - 4:00

This will bring housing experts, community and municipal leaders, and other community development professionals from across the state to discuss:

- How towns can use ARPA funds to support housing
- Investing in rehabilitation to bring units back online in regions with an older vacant housing stock
- Promising practices from municipalities implementing Zoning Bylaw Modernization grants to promote housing development
- Making sense of new resources to kickstart housing projects

This conference will be held in-person at the Barre Elks Lodge. Register at <https://bit.ly/3F6vY73>

### Community News

#### CVRPC Expanding its Team!

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission seeks a new team member who is highly motivated to advance local and regional community design. The team member will lead CVRPC's land use and community development program, including local and regional land use development and developing or directing the development of a variety of short- and long-range planning projects, capital construction projects, economic development programs, community engagement, and community development efforts. The position requires significant contact and coordination with municipalities, local committees, partner groups, and regional and state organizations. Full details available on our website at:

<https://centralvtplanning.org/news/job-postings/>

### **Office Furniture Available**

CVRPC is cleaning out after a recent landlord funded office renovation. We have a variety of file cabinets, storage units, map file, and other miscellaneous pieces. [Click here](#) for pictures of what is available and make an offer to “take it away” at [chartrand@cvregion.com](mailto:chartrand@cvregion.com). Item(s) must be picked up by June 14th.

### **Coming Soon! Local Emergency Management Enhancement Grant**

Vermont Emergency Management expects to release a new grant program later this summer. The Local Emergency Management Enhancement Grant program will provide opportunities to purchase EOC equipment, backup generators, etc. Up to \$500,000 is expected to be available through the program. We'll update you when the program opens. We encourage municipalities to begin thinking about their priority needs.

### **VT PoC Small Business Listening Sessions**

The Vermont Professionals of Color Network (VT PoC) team is working with Main Street Alliance to host statewide listening sessions to better understand the challenges and resource gaps identified in the [CNPP Small Business Survey](#).

We invite you to join VT PoC in these BIPOC affinity spaces to fill gaps in small-business resources! By participating in this affinity-based listening session, you can make your voice and needs as a BIPOC small business owner heard! VT PoC will monetarily compensate for your time. Non-affinity based listening sessions are available through [Main Street Alliance of Vermont](#). Each listening session will be focused on a different business sector or region. There are regional sessions for both Washington and Orange Counties. If you identify as BIPOC and own a small business, or are considering starting a small business, we invite you to join our listening sessions! We consider small business owners as: Entrepreneurs, Owners of a micro-business, Owners of brick and mortars, Individuals with both formal / legally and informally established businesses, and Individuals with side hustles.

BIPOC small business owners can expect to be compensated \$150 for each listening session as an acknowledgement of their efforts and time. To learn more or to register, visit <https://www.vtpoc.net/about/our-projects/vt-poc-small-business-listening-sessions/>.

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

### **Request for Proposals - Accounting Services**

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for accounting services. Services provided through this contract will assist CVRPC to perform full charge bookkeeping including preparing for and participating in an annual audit from July 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023. If requested, services also may include training financial management staff, adapting and strengthening internal controls, and updates to the existing financial system. Proposals due June 3, 2022 @ noon. [Full RFP available here](#).

### **AOT Invites Municipalities to Participate in Road Grants Program**

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) invites municipalities to participate in the Municipal Roads, Grants-in-Aid Program, which provides funding for municipalities to implement best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).

Grants-in-Aid awards will be made available through AOT and will total approximately \$5.8 million dollars in this grant cycle. Municipalities will submit reimbursement requests directly to AOT for work completed, and AOT will reimburse up to 80% of the municipality's documented construction expenses, including in-kind support, for BMPs on hydrologically connected roads.

Municipalities must return a signed letter by June 24, 2022 to be eligible.

Eligible BMPs according to the MRGP Standards:

- \* Grass and stone-lined drainage ditches and stone check-dams
- \* Turnouts, cross culverts, and other disconnection and infiltration practices
- \* Lowering of high road shoulders
- \* Installation or replacement of drainage culverts and driveway culverts on non-perennial streams within right of way and installation of culvert headwalls and outlet stabilization
- \* Stabilizing conveyance zones

- \* Addressing gully erosion on Class 4 roads
- \* Stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Details, documents, and the Initial Funding Offers are available on the AOT website.

<<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Grant-in-aid-Program>>

**(If you wish RPC assistance there is a box to check when you apply for funding - we are available to assist - please contact us @ [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com))**

## Upcoming Meetings

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

### **May**

*May 30 Office Closed - Holiday*

May 31 5 pm P&Z Roundtable - Using Your Village Center Designation

### **June**

June 6 4 pm Executive Committee

June 7 5 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee | Public Hearing

June 14 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting

June 16 1 pm Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

June 23 4 pm Project Review Committee

June 28 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

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