

Weekly News Roundup July 29, 2022

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Upcoming Events

Why Weatherize Webinar

August 4, 2022 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Financial & Energy Coach, Laurie Kozar will be joined by David Fisher, Energy Coach at Capstone Weatherization, and Jessica Williams, Executive Director, Window Dressers – Window Inserts

This webinar is for anyone who is interested in decreasing their heating costs, and increasing their building's heating efficiency.

This is an informational webinar packed with tips and tricks, as well as helpful information on financing, and addressing those chilly windows. (With the cost of heating fuel, we all could use some bright ideas on ways to stay warm and save money!)

This is a FREE webinar | Registration is required – but is easy:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/why-weatherize-tickets-390251321207>



Downtown Event Postponed

The Downtown Celebration to honor Senator Patrick Leahy has been postponed until late September. More details coming soon and [will be posted on the event website!](#)

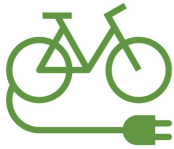
Community News

VLCT Municipal Equity Toolkit Available

VLCT Municipal Equity Toolkit is a ten-part online resource that covers everything from creating a municipal equity committee to building a framework and action plan to listing equity-related books, podcasts, and videos. **It is free and available to all VLCT members and the public at vlct.org/JDEIB-resources.** VLCT's equity consultants, Nikki Fuller Esq-SHRM-SCP of Workplace Matters and Dr. Wanda Heading Grant, helped create the toolkit in collaboration with the VLCT Equity committee and with the support of a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation.

Vermont DEC Permit Navigator

The Department of Environmental Conservation has created an online "Permit Navigator" tool. This resource can provide downloadable/printable guides to help you guide through the permitting and planning processes and to help you learn about what may be required based on your unique situation. It can be helpful in answering questions regarding Act 250. The tool can be



Traveling E-Bike Lending Library

The Mad River Valley Recreation District and LocalMotion are bringing the Traveling E-Bike Lending Library to the Mad River Valley July 30 through September 1. Go to <https://www.mrvrd.org/> for more details

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

Financial Education Grants Available to Public and Nonprofit Organizations

The Vermont Department of Financial Regulation's (DFR) Financial Education Grant program is accepting applications from public and nonprofit organizations undertaking initiatives that provide financial literacy programs and education. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and awards may be up to \$75,000 per applicant per year for a maximum of four years and a total of \$200,00 over the life of an award. [Opportunities Credit Union](#), from Winooski, was awarded the first such grant in the amount of \$200,000 to provide financial counseling and education to current and prospective small business owners in Vermont through a new "Business Sense" program. For more details or to apply, visit DFR's [Financial Education Grant webpage](#).

Equitable and Inclusive Communities Grants

Overview

In cooperation with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the state of Vermont's Office of Racial Equity, the Vermont Community Foundation is seeking proposals from Vermont villages, towns, and cities that close the opportunity gap by supporting local efforts to foster inclusion and belonging for people of all races and backgrounds. We recognize the powerful leadership roles that local governments can play in removing structural barriers and building a more inclusive and diverse state, and want to support communities in fulfilling that potential.

What We Fund

We recognize that Vermont communities are starting in different places in their work on equity, inclusion, and belonging, and that communities will need different things at different times. We welcome communities at all stages of learning. We also acknowledge that a single project will not address all of a community's equity and inclusion challenges, and that this work is an ongoing process, so we seek to fund proposals that help a municipality make progress in its learning and actions. Grants are up to \$10,000.

Because of this, the program is open to a range of proposals that meet locally defined community needs. This may include:

- Requests for funding to support consultant-led work within a community
 - introductory trainings on diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - implicit bias trainings
 - equity assessments
 - planning efforts
 - review of hiring practices
- Community-wide conversations
- Support for the creation and work of municipal equity committees
- Stipends for community members to be involved in the work (for example, so that people can take time off work, pay for child care or transportation, or otherwise have their time appropriately compensated)
- Or a combination of these activities

Eligibility & deadline

Eligible applicants are Vermont cities, towns, and villages. Nonprofit organizations or community groups doing work on behalf of and in coordination with a city, town, or village may apply if a letter of support from the municipal partner is included. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Learn more, and see the evaluation criteria and application requirements, [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

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

August

Aug 1 4 pm Executive Committee

Aug 9 6:30 Board of Commissioners - To be confirmed

Aug 18 1 pm Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

Aug 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

Aug 25 4 pm Project Review Committee

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