

Weekly News Roundup August 19, 2022

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Upcoming Events



Efficiency Vermont is starting to plan and promote their next **ButtonUP campaign**. Interested in hosting or collaborating with neighboring towns to host a weatherization event?

- Join August 31st, 12-1pm, for the virtual kick-off of the 2022 ButtonUP Vermont campaign co-hosted by VECAN and EVT to hear what is planned for this year. [Register here](#).
- Interested in hosting or cohosting an event this fall?

Email Lash@cvregion.com

Vermont Humanities Council – Grant Writing Workshop

September 8, 2022 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Virtual)

Whether you are a novice or an experienced grant writer, this 90-minute virtual presentation (60-minute webinar; 30 minutes of q&a) will examine ways to improve your organization's grant proposal, including applying for funding that fits (and avoiding ones that don't), preventing common mistakes, deepening your narrative explanations, and building relationships for future funding possibilities. [Learn more or register here](#).

Community News

Welcome To

THE FIELD



Meet The Interns

When Nick (left) and Rachel (right) aren't hitting the books at Vermont Law School they are enjoying the great outdoors of Central Vermont. As interns, working at CVRPC offers many opportunities to explore aspects of regulatory and administrative law.

As CVRPC Planning Technicians, Rachel and Nick update information regarding Vermont's stormwater drainage systems and flood resilience infrastructure. An active inventory provides towns with up-to-date information. This enables municipality project prioritization that just makes sense.

Curious about your town?

Visit: www.vtculverts.org/
for live updates!

Flood resilience issues in your neighborhood? Please report them to your local Town Office or Regional Planning Commission. Thank you!

Bridges Culverts Park & Rides

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

Want a Seat on the Vermont Climate Council?

In accordance with Act 153 of 2020, which requires Vermont to reduce greenhouse gas pollution levels and emissions, the Vermont Climate Council will identify how communities can prepare for extreme weather events. VLCT will recommend at least one local official to be the Vermont Climate Council's sole municipal government representative. Apply by 9/26. [More information here.](#)



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Efficiency Vermont Wants To Hear From You

Every three years Efficiency Vermont creates a plan for rebates and services Vermont needs to help save money on energy, and lower greenhouse gas emissions in our state. This document is called the Demand Resources Plan (DRP), and it is overseen by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

To develop this plan, we want to hear from you!

Efficiency Vermont is primarily funded by an Electric Efficiency Charge, and it supports programs that reduce Vermont's overall electric costs for all ratepayers. We do this through programs and services like:

- Rebates and incentives on energy efficient products, technologies, or projects
- Education, advice, and technical support
- Training for contractors, retailers, and other trade organizations
- Engagement with supply chain partners (such as global manufacturers or national retailers) to ensure energy efficient products are sold in our state

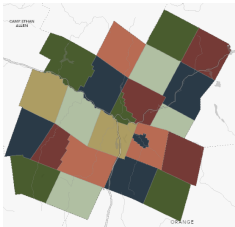
Please let us know how we can help you by taking this brief survey. Plus! You'll be entered into a raffle to win one of three \$100 visa Gift Cards! www.encyvermont.com/feedback

Prefer to complete the survey in a different language? We also offer translation services in our call center. Give us a call at 1-888-921-5990.

Early Childhood Family Needs Assessment Survey

The Building Bright Futures' Families and Communities Committee has officially launched their 2022 Early Childhood Family Needs Assessment! This anonymous survey is open and we are asking Vermonters who are the primary caretakers for children under 9 years old to complete it.

If you are the primary caretaker of a young child, please take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FamilyNA> to share your thoughts and experiences on raising young children in Vermont. Responses to this survey will be used to inform policy and decision makers on how families are feeling about services and supports in Vermont. Your responses to this survey are anonymous.



Subscribe to CVRPC's Energy Digest

Did you see the [August Energy Digest](#)? Check for upcoming deadlines, new opportunities, and other updates!

RFPs, Grant Information, Applications, and Deadlines

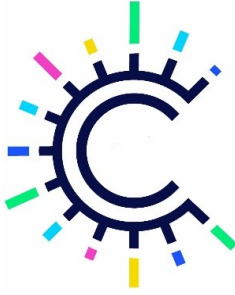
Local Infrastructure Hub

The Local Infrastructure Hub is now offering technical assistance to help small and mid-sized towns access federal infrastructure dollars.

Submitting strong applications for federal infrastructure money can be challenging for small and mid-sized cities, towns, and villages. To assist underserved local governments with populations of approximately 150,000 or less, the Local Infrastructure Hub is offering a series of bootcamps. These bootcamps are designed to help small and mid-sized local governments take advantage of the grant opportunities available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. There will be over 30 bootcamps offered, the first five include:

- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (\$1 billion):** Supports communities as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (\$550 million):** Supports communities to implement strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants (\$3.5 billion):** Supports communities with projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (\$500 million):** Supports communities on demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.
- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants (\$2.5 billion):** Supports communities to address EV charging needs for passenger vehicles and light duty trucks.

Find out more, register from August 12th-August 31st [HERE](#). Reach out to Lash@cvregion.com for questions, comments, or requests to join/support YOUR TEAM!



VCRD's Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) announces the opening of applications for the second competitive round of the Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund. This fund support local champions to move Vermont closer to its climate and energy goals by providing at least \$20,000 in grant funding toward local projects.

- Award amounts range from \$500 - \$4,000.
- Eligible applicants are municipalities, town committees, schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

- Applications will remain open until September 18th.

Learn More and Apply Today → Contact Laura Cavin Bailey at laura@vtrural.org or (802) 223-6091 with questions, and/or Lash@cvregion.com

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Upcoming Meetings

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

August

Aug 23 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee - cancelled

Aug 25 4 pm Project Review Committee

Aug 30 4 pm Municipal Plan Review Committee

September

Sept 6 4 pm Executive Committee

Sept 8 4 pm Clean Water Advisory Committee

Sept 13 6:30 pm Board of Commissioners – bylaw vote; 60% of Commissioners needed for vote

Sept 15 1 pm Winooski Basin Water Quality Council
Sept 22 4 pm Project Review Committee
Sept 27 6:30 pm Transportation Advisory Committee

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