

# Finance



Whether it is budgeting for a future capital project or accounting for the previous fiscal year's expenditures, prudent financial management is crucial to maintaining sound municipal operations so you can deliver the programs and services that matter most to your citizens and ensure the long-term health and stability of your community.

There are many local officials who play important roles in their municipality's financial landscape, from legislative body members to treasurers, department heads to finance and accounting staff and auditors. No matter what financial role you serve in, VLCT has resources, tools, and opportunities to learn and grow your skills to help you navigate it with greater ease. We even have a Government Finance Specialist on our team to answer your questions, and to provide guidance and solid advice.

### Auditing

[Model Financial Policies](#)

[Internal Financial Controls Checklist](#)

[Municipal Tax Rate Calculator](#)

[Debt Capacity Calculator](#)

[Tools & Tips for Building Capital & Operating Budgets](#)

[Elected Auditors Handbook](#)

[Helpful Links](#)

[Have a Question?](#)

[Vermont Town Treasurers Handbook](#)

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### **Training & Learning Opportunities**

VLCT offers members lots of ways to build their knowledge and capacity. One of these ways is through our many [live trainings](#). We recognize that you are busy and often are not available when our trainings are offered. The best part is that all are recorded and these recordings, along with any training materials, are posted on our website through our online [Store](#). So learn on your own time when its best for you.



Here are a few opportunities for you consider hosted by VLCT's Municipal Operations Support team:

[Money Matters: Recordings and Resources](#)

[Muni Mornings with Kathleen: Recordings and Resources](#)

[Grants & Funding Chat Recordings and Resources](#)

[Build a Better Project: Recordings and Resources](#)

[Grant Basics Recordings and Resources](#)

