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Trouble Accessing TA for Your Projects? We Need Your Feedback!



Vermont League of Cities & Towns

Your Feedback Can Make a Difference!

Please help us help you by sharing your feedback in the [Vermont Evaluation of Rural Technical Assistance \(VERTA\)](https://qualtrics.uvm.edu/jfe/form/SV_7O1GsTBwDKdNlSi) survey about Vermont's system of community and economic development technical assistance (TA) for municipalities.* It will take you less than 10 minutes (promise!) to complete. The survey link is:

https://qualtrics.uvm.edu/jfe/form/SV_7O1GsTBwDKdNlSi

Why Participate?

Vermont's rural communities face growing challenges, including aging infrastructure, complex regulations, limited municipal capacity, and economic decline. While TA providers exist, rural towns struggle to access the support they need. These challenges are further exacerbated by a lack of cohesive support from state agencies and partner TA providers. Anecdotal evidence from rural communities suggests significant room for



improvement.

Municipal staff, volunteers, and elected officials need coordinated, robust, and sustained support to strengthen municipal operations and governance, capital planning and finance, civic engagement, and community resilience. VERTA charts a path forward – advancing rural prosperity through capacity building, research and data collection, student and university engagement, and strategic coordination of state agency and rural technical assistance providers to leverage better outcomes.

VERTA will work closely with UVM, state agencies, and TA service providers (such as VLCT) to create actionable recommendations for an integrated approach to delivering rural technical assistance. This partnership among UVM, the State of Vermont, and TA service providers will co-develop new solutions and models of advancing rural development and resilience that retains and builds upon the rural town and village foundation that we risk losing.

*This research is required as part of [Vermont's Act 181](#) and is conducted as the [Vermont Evaluation of Technical Assistance \(VERTA\)](#) by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont and many other collaborating partners.

