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# **Drinking Water Small System Capacity and Resiliency Program Grants**



The Vermont Bond Bank (VBB) is accepting applications for Round 2 of the Small System Capacity and Resiliency Program (SCRCP) Tier 2 grant program. **The intention of the program is to help small public drinking water systems replace infrastructure at risk of failure.** This program was created through a State of Vermont ARPA grant in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

## What This Program Funds

This program provides small public drinking water systems serving 10,000 or fewer (largely residential) customers with grants of up to \$250,000 for the replacement of infrastructure at risk of failure. Eligible activities include:

- Preliminary engineering evaluations
- Engineering design and bid specification
- Permitting
- Construction for small drinking water systems at risk of failure, serving largely residential users
- Activities that comport with the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund's eligible project types as outlined in the [EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Handbook](#).
- Projects completed since July 1, 2023, as well as projects yet to be completed

## How Your Community Applies

Apply using the Bond Bank's [online form](#). In addition to information about the project, customers served by the project and the system, the application requires identifying project funding sources and uses and uploading financial statements and a financial projection for post-project completion.

**Applications are due October 29, 2025.**

## **Make Your Community's Application Competitive**

Systems that are most competitive will:

- be ranked higher in the [Vermont Community Index](#).
- have higher household rate burdens (combined household cost of total utility rate burden).
- have a commitment to sound financial and managerial planning.
- be small in size.

## **Where You Can Learn More**

- Learn more about this grant at <https://www.vtbondbank.org/resource/small-system-capacity-resiliency-program-round-2-tier-2-grants>.
- [Register](#) for a webinar to be held on September 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm.
- Contact Vermont Bond Bank Loan Officer Ken Linge via email at [ken@vtbondagency.org](mailto:ken@vtbondagency.org) or by phone at 802-861-0074.

## **Find Grant Writing or Grant/Project Management Help for Your Community**

The Bond Bank offers free technical and grant application assistance through an agreement with Vermont's 11 Regional Planning Commissions (RPC). To identify your RPC, visit the [Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies \(VAPDA\) website](#). (Scroll down on the homepage until you see the map of Vermont. Use the map to identify which RPC serves your town/service area, then click on that RPC's name to get to its contact information.)