CHIP IN VT: Building Local Capacity for Housing and Infrastructure

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CHIP IN VT (CHIP Invest in Vermont) gives municipal staff the skills, tools, and confidence they need to use Vermont's Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP).

This three-year VLCT workforce development initiative supports municipalities in understanding and using CHIP – a financing tool that allows communities to invest in critical infrastructure, such as water, wastewater, roads, and stormwater systems, to enable new housing.

CHIP IN VT Helps Your Municipality to . . .

- Understand how CHIP works and whether it's a good fit
- Identify infrastructure investments that could unlock housing development
- Plan projects that are financially and operationally sustainable
- Prepare strong CHIP applications
- Navigate financing, compliance, and long-term program responsibilities
- Learn from peers and statewide experts

Whether you're just learning about CHIP or preparing to move forward, support is available at every stage.

VEPC's CHIP Webpage

CHIP IN VT 1:1 Assistance

Webinars & Trainings

Tools and Resources

CHIP FAQs

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What Members Receive

Education & Training

- Member-only live webinars covering CHIP fundamentals and advanced topics
- On-demand recordings and materials available anytime

Office Hours

- Regular drop-in sessions to ask questions and get guidance
- Open to municipalities, regional planning commissions (RPCs), and regional development corporations (RDCs)

Tools & Resources

- Templates, guides, and practical planning materials
- A growing online resource library to support implementation and compliance

Hands-On Support

- Targeted assistance for communities preparing their applications
- Peer learning opportunities and small-group support for municipalities ready to move projects forward

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Who Should Participate

CHIP IN VT is designed for municipal leaders and staff involved in housing, infrastructure, planning, or finance, including:

- Selectboard or council members
- Town managers and administrators
- Treasurers and finance staff
- Listers and assessors
- Planning and zoning officials

Why It Matters

Housing availability and affordability are top concerns across Vermont. CHIP provides a significant new tool to help communities address these challenges.

CHIP IN VT ensures that municipalities of all sizes – regardless of capacity or experience – have the support they need to use the state's CHIP program successfully and bring housing-supportive infrastructure projects to life.

Stay Informed

View upcoming webinars on our **Training & Events Calendar**

View additional resources in our **Resource Library** by selecting "CHIP" from the list under "Topic."

Questions?

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