

# **CHIP FAQs - Housing Infrastructure Project**



Housing infrastructure projects provide the public improvements needed to support new housing development. These projects may include items such as water, wastewater, roads, sidewalks, or other infrastructure that serves a housing site. Understanding what qualifies as a housing infrastructure project can help communities plan eligible projects and meet CHIP program requirements.

VEPC's CHIP webpage may have additional [FAQs](#) related to this topic.

### [What is required to create a Housing Infrastructure Project?](#)

The requirements to create a Housing Infrastructure Project include:

- a Housing Development Plan,
- a Housing Development Site,
- a detailed description of the infrastructure improvements, and
- the types of costs and amount of cost of the improvement that may be financed with CHIP debt.

This means that the Housing Infrastructure Project, whether owned by the municipality or the developer, must be planned prior to seeking VEPC approval for CHIP.

### [Is a public hearing required to create a Housing Infrastructure Project?](#)

Yes. The municipal Legislative Body must hold one or more public hearings, after public notice, on the proposed Housing Infrastructure Project. The hearing(s) must include the Housing Development Plan and a Housing Development Site.

### [What is required for the notice of the Housing Infrastructure Project public hearing\(s\)?](#)

Unless a municipal charter requires greater notice, the municipal Legislative Body must post the notice at least 15 days in advance of the hearing in at least two public places within the municipality and in the clerk's office and on the municipality's website. If the municipality does not have two public places to post their warning, it may post its warnings in adjacent communities. The Housing Development Plan and a



Housing Development Site plans must be available for review by the public when the notice is published.

[What municipal body is authorized to create a CHIP Housing Infrastructure Project?](#)

The Legislative Body (Selectboard, City Council, Village Trustees) is the only body eligible to create a Housing Infrastructure Project.

[Is the municipality required to finance the Housing Infrastructure Project?](#)

No. The CHIP Guidelines state that the finance entity can be the municipality, a developer, or an independent agency that meets State lending standards.

[Is the municipality required to own the project site and infrastructure improvements?](#)

No.

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