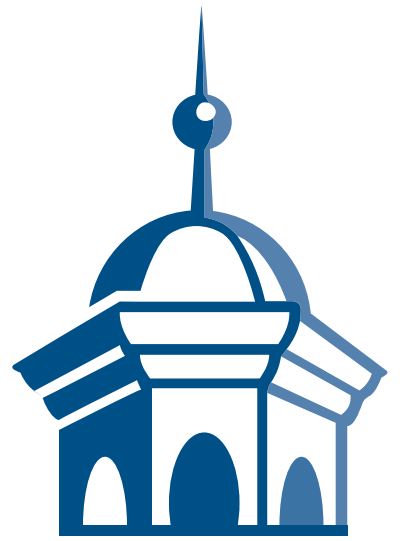


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# Funding Spotlight Climate Resilience

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# Today's Topics

- Federal Funding Program Review
- Climate Resilience Funding Changes
- Navigating the Federal Funding Transition
- Q&A

# Federal Program Review

## *What is happening?*

- Funding pauses and funding stops
- Executive Orders consistency reviews

*Reviews and plans of action were due 02/07/25.*

- Adaptations in progress

*More pausing may occur. Cancellations begun for awards issued since 01/20/21 involving DEI, advancing environmental justice, or undocumented alien programs, services, or activities.*

- Personnel reductions Part 1

*Buy outs. Probationary (<2 yrs) employees released from service. Agency plans due 03/13/25. Reductions may affect timing of agreements, reimbursements, etc.*

*Be patient*

*Have contingency plans*

# Federal Program Review

## *What will happen?*

- Continuing resolution ends 03/14/25

*Potential date for full or partial federal government shutdown. Shutdown usually results in reimbursement and services freeze.*

- Personnel reductions Part 2\*

*Management consolidation (reorganization plan) due 04/14/25 with implementation by 09/30/25. Expected to affect timing of agreements, reimbursements, other actions.*

*\*Exemptions for law enforcement, national security, public safety, military positions, postal service, Executive Office of the President*

## *Prepare for:*

- *slow response times*
- *long reimbursement times (cash flow)*

# Climate Resilience Funding Changes

## *Funding Notice Modifications*

- Climate change → Changing conditions and extreme weather events
- Disadvantaged communities → Areas of persistent poverty, vulnerable individuals, low-income communities, Opportunity Zones
- EVs, EV infrastructure, GHG reductions → removed as eligible activities

# Navigating Uncertainty

## *Addressing Transitions*

- Read NOFOs carefully

*Pay attention to priorities for funding*

*Ensure your municipality will accept award conditions*

- Adapt your language

*Use language in the NOFOs*

*Include and treat everyone equally*





# Adapting to Federal Funding Transitions

- Focus on federal benefits

*Benefit the economy, workforce, and families*

*Be data driven*

*Have strong co-funding - higher local match*

*Rely on non-federal funding for maintenance and replacement*





# Adapting to Federal Funding Transitions

- Keep commitments made

*Deliver what you promise - application and agreement*

*Focus on performance*

- *required policies and procedures in place and used*
- *progress and financial reporting on time*
- *local match included and documented*
- *metrics for success included and achieved*



# Climate Resilience Funding

## Sample Data Sources - National

- [CEQ Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool Map \(archived map\)](#)
- [US Climate Resilience Toolkit Tools & Data](#)
- [EDF US Climate Vulnerability Index](#)
- [FEMA National Risk Index](#)
- [EPA EnviroAtlas Interactive Map](#)
- [DOE Low-Income Energy Affordability Data Tool](#)
- [DOE Rural or Remote Area Geospatial Dashboard](#)
- [DOE Clean Electricity Low-Income Community Bonus Credit](#)
- [US DOT Data and Mapping Tools](#)
- [US DOT Area of Persistent Poverty & Historically Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- [US Census Counties Experiencing Persistent Poverty](#)
- [US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates](#)
- [US Bureau of Labor Statistics Data](#)
- [Economic Development Capacity Index](#)
- [CFPB Rural and Underserved Areas Tool](#)
- [ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index](#)
- [Community Action Partnership Map My Community](#)
- [Headwaters Economics Rural Capacity Map](#)

\* Other data sources are available; contact [bwanger@vlct.org](mailto:bwanger@vlct.org) with data needs

# Climate Resilience Funding

## Sample Data Sources - State

- [Municipal Climate Change Vulnerability Indicators Tool](#)
- [Vermont Environmental Disparity Index](#)
- [VANR Biofinder](#)
- [Vermont AOT Equity Framework Web Map](#)
- [VTrans Transportation Resilience Planning Tool](#)
- [LCBP Communities with Disadvantages](#)
- [VT DOL Labor Market Data by County](#)
- [VT Clean Water State Revolving Fund Median Household Income - “Disadvantaged” for Loans](#)
- [VCGI Map of Opportunity Zones and List](#)
- [VDH Heat Vulnerability Index](#)
- [VDH Social Vulnerability Index](#)

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# Have questions?

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