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Building with CHIP

Project Readiness & Pre-Development Workflow

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Today's Topics

- What pre-development is and why it matters
- Pre-development activities
- VLCT's CHIP IN VT assistance program
- Panelists' perspectives and best practices
- Q&A





Pre-Development: What It Is & Why It Matters

Pre-development evaluates:

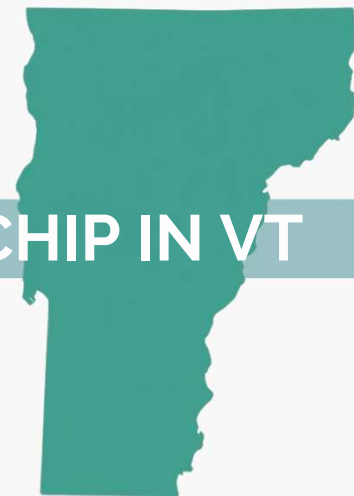
- Is a potential project feasible?
- Does it align with local goals?
- Is it eligible under CHIP?

Pre-development helps you:

- Identify risks early
- Clarify expectations with developers
- Build the foundation for a strong CHIP application

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Pre-development is due diligence to set you and the project up for success.



Pre-Development Activities

1. Project identification & early screening
2. Key roles and responsibilities for the municipality's project team
3. Early-stage data, analysis & baseline documentation
4. Evaluating financial feasibility & understanding funding gaps
5. Requirements for defining a project area and ensuring statutory compliance
6. Early community engagement & stakeholder alignment



VLCT's CHIP IN VT Assistance

Available Assistance

- Multi-year webinar series
- Drop-in office hours
- Online resource library
- Targeted assistance for applications
- Peer learning opportunities & small group support

Online Resource Library

- Best practices & case studies
- Checklists, guides & toolkits
- Grants and funding options
- Templates & models
- Study outlines & examples
- FAQs



Check out our growing resource library at vlct.org/chip.



VLCT's CHIP IN VT Webinars

Date	Topic
Feb 19	Introducing CHIP
Apr 8	Building with CHIP: Project Readiness and Pre-development Planning
June 3	Understanding Property Valuation and Tax Increment Projections
July 8	Generating Community Buy-in for Public-Private Partnerships
Sept 2	Risk Management for Public-Private Partnerships
Nov 11	Building Community Support



The recorded CHIP IN VT webinar series is posted in the VLCT Resource Library at <https://www.vlct.org/resource-library>.



Today's Panelists

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Executive Director, Addison County Economic Development Corporation

Samantha Dunn

Founder and Principal, All at Once, LLC.

Shannon Barsotti

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Town of Bennington



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