



## Upcoming Funding Opportunities

As of 10/10/23

We're giving you a heads up about upcoming funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and other programs so you can get a jump on framing your project! We've grouped grants and funding by topic so you can jump to the information you need. We'll update the opportunities monthly. You can set a reminder to check back regularly.

Our Federal Funding Assistance Program webpage has a list of [Open Funding Opportunities](https://www.vlct.org/federal-funding-assistance-program-ffaarpa#:~:text=to%20find%20out%3A-,Open%20Funding%20Opportunities,-Upcoming%20Grant%20Opportunities) at <https://www.vlct.org/federal-funding-assistance-program-ffaarpa#:~:text=to%20find%20out%3A-,Open%20Funding%20Opportunities,-Upcoming%20Grant%20Opportunities>.

To learn more about the \$1.2 Billion in federal funding Vermont has been awarded as of August 7, 2023, visit the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Maps Dashboard](#). Published by the General Services Administration, it depicts how much funding has been announced and awarded for work within states and describes the funded project and programs. You can hover over a project location to learn about individual awards or download the funding tables to review the breakdown by federal program.

### Funding by Topic

Hover your cursor over the topic below and use Ctrl + Click to jump to the topic's funding opportunities.

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#### BROADBAND

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				

#### BROWNFIELDS

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				



## CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
February 2024	<a href="#">Community Wildfire Defense</a>	US Forest Service	Grants.gov	Supports development or revisions to community wildfire protection plans and implementation of projects described within protection plans that are less than 10 years old
Early December 2023	<a href="#">Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program</a>	Federal Emergency Management Agency via Vermont Emergency Management	FEMA GO	Supports project scoping/alternatives analysis, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan development/update, direct technical assistance, and construction projects that reduce the risk from natural hazards
Early December 2023	<a href="#">Flood Mitigation Assistance Program</a>	Federal Emergency Management Agency via Vermont Emergency Management	FEMA GO	Funds projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Design and Implementation Block Grants</a>	State Natural Resources Conservation Council	Email	Supports design and implementation of stormwater and natural resource restoration projects that reduce sediment and nutrient pollution from runoff and soil erosion
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Wood Innovations Grants Program</a>	USDA Forest Service		Expands and creates markets for wood products and wood energy that support long-term, sustainable management of National Forest System lands and other forest lands
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Community Wood Grant Program</a>	USDA Forest Service		Funds installation of thermally led community wood energy systems or builds innovative wood product manufacturing facilities



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Winter 2023-24	<a href="#">Watershed Grant</a>	VT Fish & Wildlife Department	Email	Supports watershed related monitoring, education, conservation, recreation, or historic enhancement such as protection or restoration of aquatic habitat, water quality, and shorelines; phosphorus and sedimentation reduction; recreational use enhancement; identifying and protecting historic and cultural resources; educating people about watershed resources; or monitoring fish and wildlife populations and/or water quality.
October 2023	<a href="#">Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program</a>	US Environmental Protection Agency	Grants.gov	Funds environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges.
February 7, 2024 April 4, 2024	<a href="#">Clean Water Projects, Lamoille Basin</a>	Northwest Regional Planning Commission	Online form	Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality.
December 20, 2023 April 17, 2024	<a href="#">Clean Water Projects, Missisquoi Basin</a>	Northwest Regional Planning Commission	Online form	Supports project identification and assessment, project development, preliminary (30%) design, final (100%) design, and implementation/construction of best management practices or other programs designed to improve water quality.



## CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
April 2024	<a href="#">Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants</a>	VT Division for Historic Preservation	Email	Funds local preservation projects including surveys, oral histories, and historic sites inventories; National Register nominations; research; preservation ordinances; preservation plans; educational activities; design guidelines; zoning studies; walking/driving tours; training; architectural drawings and specifications; streetscape, façade studies, or condition assessments; and (in some years) property rehabilitation or restoration
Fall 2023	<a href="#">U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries</a>	VT Dept. of Libraries (State ARPA Funds)	Unknown	Addresses critical building improvements to ensure Vermonters have continued access to high-speed Internet to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at their local public libraries, including making public libraries more accessible to people with disabilities, improving ventilation and filtration of air, or addressing structural issues that threaten the integrity of the building
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants</a>	VT Dept. of Libraries	Unknown	Supports projects in small, rural public libraries that are vital to the functioning of the library, including those that address ADA, HVAC, the building envelope (roof, foundation, walls, windows, etc.) and new construction, with a focus on economically depressed areas
Winter 2023-2024	<a href="#">Animating Infrastructure</a>	Vermont Arts Council	Online form	Supports community projects that integrate art with infrastructure improvements. Infrastructure includes community facilities and services such as buildings, trails, water or sewer systems, roads, power systems, parks, and more.
Winter 2023-2024	<a href="#">Arts Project</a> (formerly Arts Impact Grants)	Vermont Arts Council	Online form	Supports adding vibrancy to Vermont communities through projects that provide equal and abundant access to the arts. Examples of fundable projects include, but are not limited to: events that focus on including new audiences; public art projects; creative experiences; and accessibility accommodations.
Winter 2023-2024	<a href="#">Arts Operating Grant</a> (formerly the Arts Partnership Program)	Vermont Arts Council	Online form	Supports arts organizations that offer year-round, high-quality arts programs and services.
Winter 2023-2024	<a href="#">Cultural Facilities Grants</a>	Vermont Arts Council	Online form	Supports enhancement, creation, or expansion of the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural activities for the public. Applicants must own a facility that is at least 10 years old, and it must be physically located in Vermont.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
2024	<a href="#">Catalyst</a>	Northern Borders Regional Commission	Email	Supports infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that promote economic revitalization and modernizing public infrastructure. Infrastructure includes transportation, telecommunications, energy, and basic public (water, wastewater, public health, community connectedness, solid waste, childcare, outdoor recreation, and public meeting spaces).

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
January 2024	<a href="#">Operation Stonegarden Grant</a>	Vermont Homeland Security Unit	Unknown	Supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress (travel corridors and water borders)
January 2024	<a href="#">Assistance to Firefighters Grants</a>	FEMA	FEMA GO	Supports critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

## ENERGY

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Sustainable Energy in Schools and Public Buildings</a>	VT Public Service Department	Initial Proposal	Supports solar photovoltaics (PV) systems up to 15kW AC, advanced wood-fueled heating systems (pellet fueled or woodchip fueled), cold climate heat pumps, necessary electric service and electric panel repairs, and on-site wood pellet/chip storage systems. Installations of new systems and repairs/improvements to existing systems are eligible for funding.

## HOUSING

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				



## MULTIPLE/OTHER

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
January 2, 2024	<a href="#">Placemaking Grant</a>	National Association of Realtors	Your state or local realtor association	Supports projects that create new, outdoor public spaces and destinations in a community on unused or underused sites. Two levels: demonstration and temporary projects and creation of new outdoor public spaces and destinations.
January 2, 2024	<a href="#">Smart Growth Grant</a>	National Association of Realtors	Your state or local realtor association	Supports efforts to advance programs, policies and initiatives aligned with one or more of the <a href="#">10 Smart Growth Principles</a> . Example projects include hosting expert speakers, hiring a consultant to conduct a charette, conducting an analysis or study, support a conference, and update a plan.
2024	<a href="#">Catalyst</a>	Northern Borders Regional Commission	Email	Supports infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that promote economic revitalization and modernizing public infrastructure. Infrastructure includes transportation, telecommunications, energy, and basic public (water, wastewater, public health, community connectedness, solid waste, childcare, outdoor recreation, and public meeting spaces).

## RECREATION

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Early 2024	<a href="#">Recreation Trails Program</a>	VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation	Email	Supports development and maintenance of public recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreation
2024	<a href="#">Land and Water Conservation Fund</a>	VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation	Email	Acquisition of land for parks and public outdoor recreation, or development of new facilities and/or renovation of existing facilities for outdoor recreation.

## TRANSPORTATION

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</a>	Federal Highway Administration	Grants.gov	Supports rail grade crossing improvements that focus on improving safety and mobility of people and goods through grade separation or closure, track relocation, protective devices, and technological solutions.



## TRANSPORTATION

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Fall 2023	<a href="#">Better Roads Program</a>	VT Agency of Transportation	Email	Supports the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements</a>	Department of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Vermont Diesel Emissions Reduction Assistance</a> (DERA)	VT Department of Environmental Conservation	TBD	Provides technical assistance and incentive funding for projects that reduce diesel emissions from engines, vehicles, and equipment in Vermont. Eligibility includes all-electric, alternative fuel or new diesel options replacement, fuel conversions, emission control and idle reduction technologies, and certain resistance tires.
Winter 2023/2024	<a href="#">Vermont's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funds</a>	VT Department of Environmental Conservation	TBD	Supports projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions from diesel powered engines, vehicles, and equipment operating in Vermont. The priorities for Fall 2023 will be buses and medium- and heavy-duty trucks (gross vehicle weight rating 14,001 lbs. or higher). Vehicles to be replaced must be engine model year 1992-2009, and replacement vehicle must be all-electric.
Early 2024	<a href="#">Downtown Transportation Fund</a>	VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development	Email	Supports transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a Designated Downtown and eligible Designated Village Centers
Early Spring 2024	<a href="#">Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles</a>	US Environmental Protection Agency	Grants.gov	Supports offsetting the cost of replacing heavy-duty Class 6 and 7 commercial vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, deploy supporting infrastructure, and train and develop the necessary workforce.

## WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Winter 2023-2024	<a href="#">SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant</a>	USDA Rural Development	RDApply	Helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects



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Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Early 2024	<a href="#">Downtown Transportation Fund Clean Water Initiative</a>	VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development	Email	Supports green stormwater infrastructure and Tier 1 and Tier 2 stormwater management practice types as defined in the <a href="#">Vermont Stormwater Management Manual</a>