

### **Flood Recovery Check-In** Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Douglas Farnham, Chief Recovery Officer Benjamin Knowlton, Financial Manager III





#### Today's Overview:





- What is MTAP?
- Eligible Activities
- Eligible Project Types
- Q & A

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#### What is MTAP?

#### <u>Created by the Legislature\* to address this problem:</u>

Vermont's smallest municipalities have projects that need help advancing. Sometimes it is *a lack of staff capacity* or *technical expertise* to create that big idea or get the project launched. Other times it is *access* to state and federal funding to get it across the finish line.

#### What does it do:

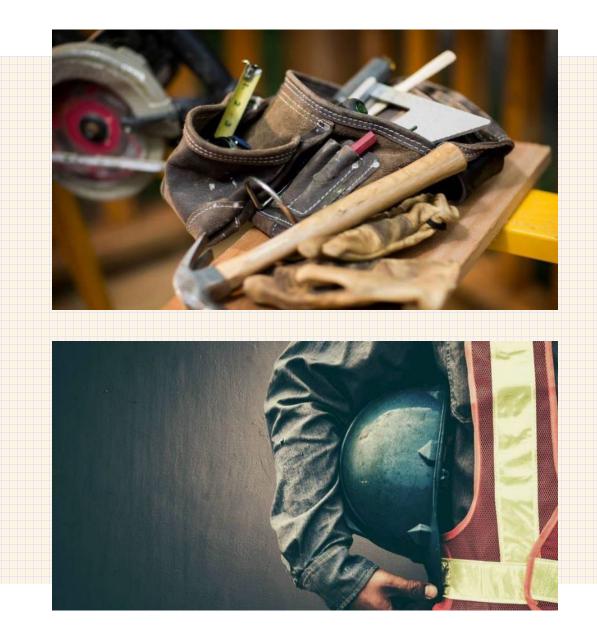
- Connects *eligible* ("preapproved") municipalities directly with technical assistance services to help them advance *eligible* projects.
- Services are provided by either the regional planning commissions or consultants subcontracted by the RPCs.
- Services are free and there is no formal application process, making it easy and accessible to all eligible towns.











#### What Types of Activities Does MTAP Provide?

Community needs assessments

✓Opportunity assessments

Funding application and permit assistance

- Project management & implementation
- Capacity building activities



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# Activity 1: Community Needs Assessment

CONDUCT A REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ASSETS AND NEEDS, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS, INCLUDING IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

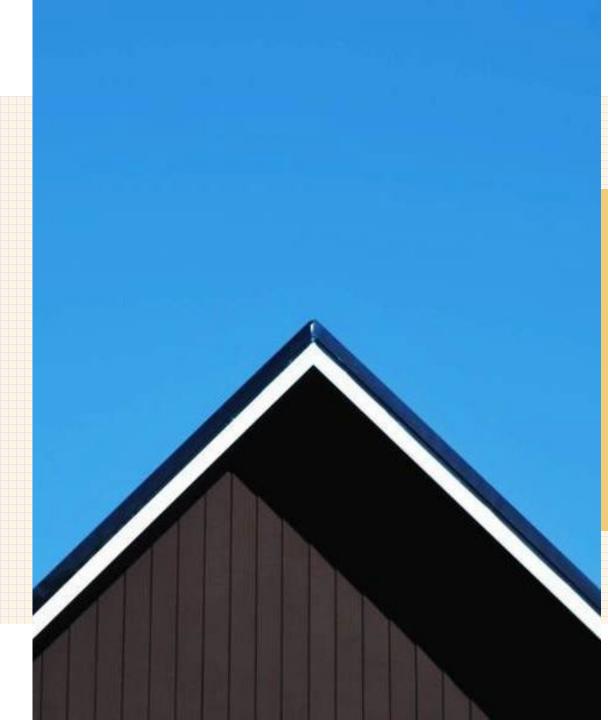
- Water supply and wastewater infrastructure
- ✓Housing
- Community recovery, workforce development, and business support
- Climate change mitigation and resilience

Other community economic development projects identified by a municipality

and approved by the Agency of Administration



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### Activity 2: Opportunity Assessments

- ✤ Assess the technical assistance
- Assess funding available from State, federal, and private sources
- Evaluate eligibility and compliance requirements
- Conduct a feasibility analysis of whether the municipality has, or can develop, the capacity to complete a project and meet applicable requirements.



# Activity 3: Application & Permit Assistance

- ✓Provide technical assistance
- Provide administrative assistance
- ✓Assist in drafting funding applications
- Assist in drafting permit applications, as applicable
- Assistance in complying with early-stage regulatory requirements



## Activity 4: Project Management & Implementation

Provide Ongoing Support To Successful Grant Recipients In The Areas Of:

- Project Management
- Funding Program Implementation
- Funding Program Compliance
- Grant Administration
- Regulatory Compliance Throughout Project to Completion



# Activity 5: Other Capacity-Building Activities

 Provide additional assistance, as needed or applicable, to advance priority projects

 $\checkmark$ Subject to approval by the Agency of Administration



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#### What Types of Projects Are Eligible for MTAP?





- Water Infrastructure
- Sewer Infrastructure
- Housing
- Community recovery, workforce development, and business support
- Climate change mitigation and resilience
- Community and economic development





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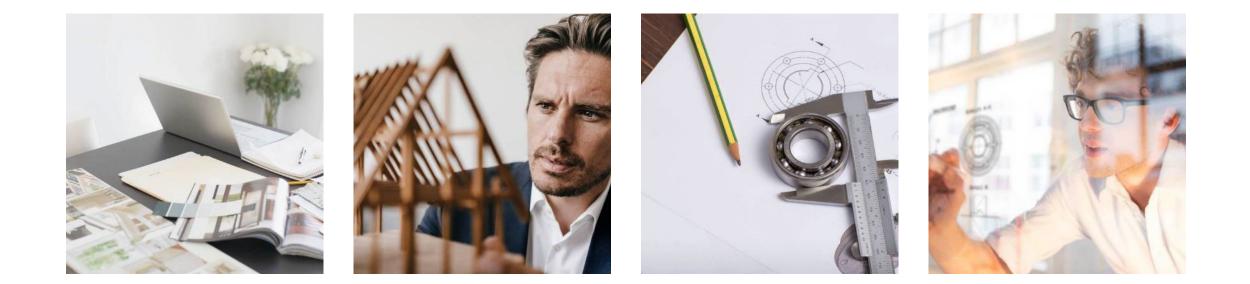
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>REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S MTAP LEAD:

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# Thank you

