



Upcoming Funding Opportunities

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We're giving you a heads up about upcoming funding opportunities so you can get a jump on framing your project! State and Federal agencies are rolling out funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and other programs. We've grouped grants and funding by topic so you can jump to the information you need. We'll update the opportunities monthly so 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 \$9 Billion in federal funding Vermont has already received, 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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TRANSPORTATION

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Spring 2023	National Infrastructure Project Assistance (a.k.a Mega)	Office of the Secretary of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports highway or bridge projects, railway highway grade separations or eliminations, and public transportation projects of >\$100 million in cost
Spring 2023	Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (a.k.a INFRA)	Office of the Secretary of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports highway freight projects, highway and bridge projects, freight intermodal, highway-rail grade crossing or separations, wildlife crossing project, international border projects, and marine highway corridor projects of <\$67 million in Vermont



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Spring 2023	Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program	Office of the Secretary of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports highway, bridge or tunnel projects, highway freight projects, highway safety improvement project, rural economy transportation project, and mobility management systems that meet 5 criteria, one of which is ready to begin construction within 18 months
Summer 2023	Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (under development; no link available)	Department of Transportation	Grants.gov	Implements context-sensitive projects that improve walkability and safety and provide affordable transportation access; to mitigate or remediate negative impacts on the human or natural environment in disadvantaged communities from a surface transportation facility; and for planning and capacity building activities in disadvantaged or underserved communities
Late Spring 2023	Reconnecting Communities	Federal Highway Administration	Grants.gov	Restores community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development
June 2023	Municipal Highway & Stormwater Mitigation Program	VT Agency of Transportation	Online application sent via email	Supports projects that protect or improve water quality, including planning studies, salt/sand sheds, bank stabilization, culvert replacement/re-sizing, and stormwater treatment practices
Summer 2023	Bridge Investment Program	Federal Highway Administration	Grants.gov	Supports improving the condition of bridges in poor condition or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition and improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges
Summer 2023	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	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.
August/September 2023	Transportation Alternatives Program	VT Agency of Transportation	Email	Supports on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhancing mobility, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation (stormwater, habitat connectivity, salt sheds), trails that serve a transportation purpose, and safe routes to school projects



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September 2023	Better Roads Program	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	Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants	Department of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety
Fall 2023	Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	Department of Transportation/Build America Bureau	Grants.gov	Supports project development leading to future applications to DOT credit or grant programs. Legal, technical, and financial advisors help advance infrastructure projects through studies, revenue forecasting and funding options analysis , preliminary engineering and design, environmental review, etc.
Fall 2023	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	Department of Transportation	Grants.gov	Supports projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail
December 2023	Downtown Transportation Fund	VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development	Email	Supports transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a Designated Downtown and eligible Designated Village Centers

ENERGY

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				

WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Fall 2023	SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant	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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Fall 2023	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program (national pool)	USDA Rural Development	Via email	Provides funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Essential community facility examples include health care facilities, municipal offices, transportation improvements, childcare or community centers, housing, public safety services, museums, libraries, utility services, and local food systems.
December 2023	Downtown Transportation Fund Clean Water Initiative	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 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				

CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Spring 2023	Rural Energy Pilot Grants Program (REPP)	USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service	Grants.gov	Funds planning, installing, equipping, and maintaining community scale distributed renewable energy technologies, systems, and resources
Spring 2023	Community Wildfire Defense	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 Summer 2023	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Environmental Protection Agency		Supports financing and technical assistance for residential and community solar and associated storage and/or for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollution.
Summer 2023	Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems Research Projects	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Online application	Supports projects to further the mission of the LCBP and address the research tasks outlined in its management plan, <i>Opportunities for Action</i>



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Summer 2023	Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems Planning and Implementation Projects	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Online application	Supports projects that will improve water quality and directly result in the reduction of water pollution in the Lake Champlain Basin
Late Summer 2023	Communities Caring for Canopy Grants	VT Urban & Community Forestry Program	Online application sent via email	Supports tree inventory, planting, and maintenance; plan development; emerald ash borer or other pest preparedness; public outreach; staff or tree warden training; and program development
Late Summer 2023	Growing Urban Forests in the Face of Emerald Ash Borer Grants	USDA Forest Service	Online application sent via email	Supports tree planting in the public right-of-way or in public places and on private land, provided approved permissions and agreements are in place
Fall 2023	Climate Pollution Reduction – Implementation Grants	Environmental Protection Agency		Supports implementation of measures identified in plans developed with planning grants. Municipalities can apply to implement measures in their plan or in the State’s plan.
Fall 2023	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program	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
Fall 2023	Flood Mitigation Assistance Program	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	Design and Implementation Block Grants	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	Wood Innovations Grants Program	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	Community Wood Grant Program	USDA Forest Service		Funds installation of thermally led community wood energy systems or builds innovative wood product manufacturing facilities



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Late Fall 2023	Brownfield Cleanup Grants	Environmental Protection Agency	Grants.gov	Carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances comingled with petroleum).

CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
August 2023	Historic Preservation Barn Grants	VT Division for Historic Preservation	Email	Supports rehabilitation of historic agricultural buildings. Buildings must be at least 50 years old and listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places to qualify.
August 2023	Historic Preservation Grants	VT Division for Historic Preservation	Email	Supports rehabilitation of historic buildings, such as town halls, museums, theaters, libraries, recreation centers, and other municipal buildings. Repairs, maintenance, and accessibility improvements are eligible.
October 2023	Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants	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	U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries	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	Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants	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



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Fall 2023	Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Programs	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Online form	Supports projects and programs that highlight the Interpretive Themes and furthers goals, actions, and tasks described in the Heritage Partnerships' Management Plan. This opportunity includes multiple grant programs.

RECREATION

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
Fall 2023	Land and Water Conservation Fund	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.
Fall 2023	Recreation Trails Program	VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation	Email	Supports development and maintenance of public recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreation

BROADBAND

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
None				

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Opening Date	Program	Funding Entity	Apply Via	Brief Description
January 2024	Operation Stonegarden Grant	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)