

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by members and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff have exclusive access to the following range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services.

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members’ full online access and also filed Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont’s Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** VLCT’s Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/vlct-board.