



Building Capacity and Adapting to Climate Change Risks

Municipal Case Studies



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About VLCT

- All 246 Cities and Towns are Members
- Another 142 units of municipal government are Associate Members (villages, counties, etc)

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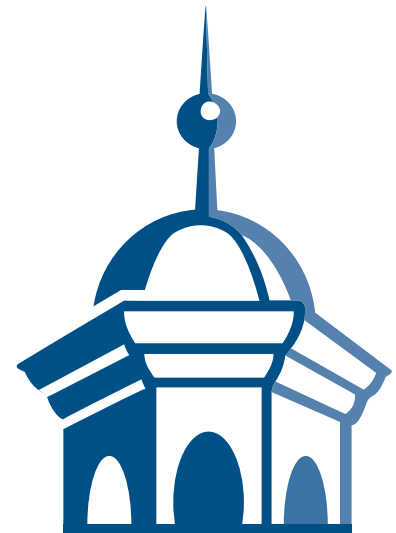
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5 CORE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Value of Belonging

Membership in VLCT provides one of the best returns on investment by saving you and your municipality time and money. Think of the League as an extension of your office, providing comprehensive and specialized expertise and support.

- SUPPORT**
Whatever your issue, you can call one number for all of your questions. Get answers and resources quickly from knowledgeable professionals, many of whom have firsthand knowledge from serving their municipalities.
- KNOWLEDGE**
Access specialized expertise, on-point training, vetted resources, and the latest data – all with a municipal focus and deep understanding of trends and issues across the state.
- REPRESENTATION**
Municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice through full-time, focused advocacy.
- INSURANCE**
Manage your risks and protect your taxpayers' assets with robust member-owned insurance programs with coverage and services that are tailored to municipalities.
- CONNECTION**
Whether you need to talk shop or shop for vendors, VLCT connects you to a variety of networks, agencies, organizations, colleagues, and experts.



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2021 TOWN FAIR

TRAINING FOR TOMORROW

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

FIVE THEMATIC TRACKS



ARPA



DIVERSITY,
EQUITY &
INCLUSION



INFRA-
STRUCTURE



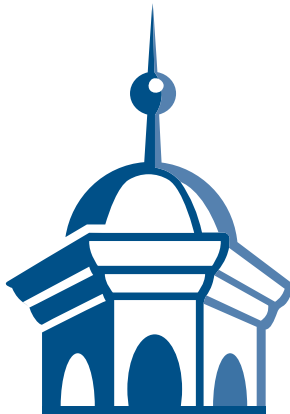
HUMAN
RESOURCES



CYBER-
SECURITY

- One-stop resource for timely municipal management training
- Networking (both in-person and virtual)
- Six days of training

Register online at vlct.org/townfair



Vermont Municipalities Received Nearly \$200 Million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from ARPA

Planning Framework for Maximum Impact and Best Use of Municipal ARPA Funds



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1. PRIORITIZE GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Convene all Stakeholders & Build Consensus
- Follow Allowable Uses Under ARPA
- Meet all Accounting & Reporting Rules
- Comply w/ all Local & State Laws/Ordinances
- Ensure Transparency Throughout
- Do Not Create Future Budget Deficits

2. LEVERAGE YOUR ARPA AID

- Use a Thoughtful Strategic Planning Process
- Leverage w/ ARPA, FEMA & Other \$ Fed Sources
- Coordinate w/ Other State & Local Programs
- Collaborate w/ Community Partners & Orgs
- Use Existing Delivery Systems for Efficiency
- Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Learn from Others

3. INVEST IN BEST USES FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Invest in Urgent Health and Economic Needs
- Prioritize Short-Term Investments w/ Lasting Benefits
- ID and Address Pre-COVID Inhibitors to Growth
- Move Quickly to Stimulate a Faster Recovery
- Measure Progress Throughout to Inform Ongoing Plans

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Email questions
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Building Capacity

in the Mad River Valley

Mad River Valley Planning District was created in 1985 by the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to carry out a program of planning for the future of the Mad River Valley.

Executive Director and Community Planner support a range of programs that serve the valley towns. Support includes:

- Flood Resilience
- Energy
- Natural Communities
- Municipal Planning Support



MAD RIVER VALLEY
PLANNING DISTRICT

Building Resilience in Brandon

- Following Tropical Storm Irene, the Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative (VERI) conducted a vulnerability assessment for Brandon, as a town where economic activity and associated infrastructure are at a high risk of flooding.
- Assessment resulted in a suite of recommendations for the town to implement which included:
 - Floodproofing downtown businesses
 - Removing berms downstream of Route 53
 - Install downtown Brandon overflow culvert
 - Replace Route 53 bridge
 - Stabilize or relocate wastewater treatment facility
- The Town of Brandon has been working over the past several years to implement those recommendations to reduce the risk of flooding to businesses, farms, residences and local infrastructure.



Flooding in Brandon during Tropical Storm Irene
(Janet Mondlak, 2011)

Adaptation in vulnerable communities

- Tri-Park Mobile Home Park sits along the Whetstone Brook in Brattleboro and lost 20 homes due to Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.
- 42 homes in the Park reside in the special flood hazard area; those homes are required to be removed by the Town of Brattleboro.
- In 2018, the Park with assistance from Brattleboro, developed a Master Plan that lays out how to adapt the Park to climate change risks, while still providing necessary affordable housing.



Mountain Home Park
flooding during 2019 ice jam