



Day of Learning POSTPONED to Spring 2022. Details on new date will be announced in January

Flood Resilient Community Fund Grants

Nine Vermont towns and non-profits will share in \$2.6 million for projects that will reduce the future public safety and water quality impacts of climate-related flood hazards. The projects funded under the Flood Resilient Community Fund program will improve the landscape, enhance community resilience to flooding, and improve water quality in Vermont.

Eleven projects awarded funding range in scope from purchasing properties in flood-prone areas to planting trees for a culvert project. All projects are designed to improve stream flows and water retention. All property buyouts are done with the mutual consent of the current property owner.

“This is an investment in Vermont’s future,” Governor Phil Scott said. “By taking these steps to mitigate the impacts of future floods, we make our communities safer, and avoid repetitive repair costs public infrastructure impacted by these hazards.”

The Flood Resilient Community Fund was established in the spring by the Vermont legislature. The \$4,880,000 program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). An additional \$2 million is available for a second round of awards in early 2022.

“We want cities, towns, non-profits, and other potential applicants to know that money is still

available,” Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann said. “We encourage towns to think creatively about what types of projects could make a difference in their communities.”

Funds will be awarded to:

Town of Berlin – purchase of flood-prone structure

Town of Brandon x3 – purchase of flood-prone structures

Town of Rockingham – purchase of structure threatened by landslides

Town of Randolph – purchase of flood-prone structure

Town of Johnson – purchase of vacant parcel for floodplain restoration

Brattleboro Housing Authority – floodplain restoration

Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission – floodplain restoration project

Friends of the Mad River – planning, scoping, outreach on development of priority projects

Town of Cabot – riparian tree plantings for culvert project.

Municipalities and other potential applicants should reach out to Vermont Emergency Management at 802-989-6793 or stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov. The application deadline for round two of funding is January 31, 2022.

Update on Disaster DR4621—July 29-30 Floods

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In late September, President Joe Biden signed a Major Disaster declaration for public infrastructure damage caused by severe storms and flooding from July 29-30, 2021. The declaration provides federal assistance for repairs to public infrastructure in Bennington and Windham counties.

Twenty-one towns and other eligible entities have applied for reimbursement of response and recovery costs over the past two-plus months. Most have completed their exploratory calls and the Recovery Scoping meetings are expected to be wrapped up by December 10th.

Applicants are reminded that as they move forward with disaster projects, it is important to respond to all FEMA requests as soon as possible to meet the timelines involved with funding recovery. Failure to respond in a timely manner may result in your agency/town missing out on funding.

Please work with your FEMA Program Delivery Manager (PDMG) and your State assigned Public Assistance Coordinator (PAC) to keep your recovery moving forward and for all questions related to the process. Vermont Emergency Management is still anticipating this disaster recovery to total approximately \$4 million in damages in the two counties.

Reminder to towns to follow their local and federal procurement requirements when contracting. You can find a link at <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links> with requirements to ensure you follow federal requirements. Any project over \$250,000 must be put out for full and open competition.

Those with questions should contact Kim Canarecci at kim.canarecci@vermont.gov.

Save the Date: Spring Flood Seminars

Vermont Emergency Management will once again host Spring Flood Seminars for local officials.

Representatives from VEM, the National Weather Service, VTrans, and others told community leaders about the latest forecast for spring flooding and ice jams, emergency response assistance available from state agencies, emergency planning, disaster recovery, hazard mitigation opportunities, and other topics.

More details, including registration and virtual meeting information, will be announced in January.

Spring Flood Seminar Schedule

January 31, 2022
1:00-3:30pm

February 1, 2022
9:00-11:30am

February 3, 2022
6:00-8:30pm

VEM Training Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, registration for courses is required via State Learning Management System:

<https://vermont.csod.com/>

On-Going

K0419- Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities – Virtual

February 28- March 1, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

March 29-30, 2022 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

April 26-27, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May 9-10, 2022 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

June 29-30, 2022 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

July 18-19, 2022 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

August 23-24, 2022 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

September 27-28, 2022 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Registration required via NETC online admissions system. A link can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

December 2021

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course

December 13 & 14, 2021, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Registration required via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

MGT-324 Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery

UVM Alumni Silver Pavilion

December 15-16, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Registration required via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

January 2022

EOC Orientation- In Person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury

January 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100

Registration required via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

SEOC Partner Training-Virtual

January 26, 2022, 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100 and SEOC Orientation

Registration required via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

February 2022

ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command Prep- In Person

Location TBD

February 1, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration required via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

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VEM Training Calendar—Continued

March 2022

ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents Prep- In Person

Location TBD

March 2- 3, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-100

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

ICS 300- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – In Person

DPS - Headquarters- Waterbury

March 15-17, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-100 and ICS- 200

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

April 2022

L0146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - In Person

St. Michael's College

April 2-3, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: IS-120

Must attend all sessions to receive credit.

Registration required via the State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

SEOC Orientation- In Person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury

April 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

SEOC Partner Training-Virtual

April 12, 2022, 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100 and SEOC Orientation

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person

Location TBD

April 14, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800

Registration required via the State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

MGT 346- Emergency Operations Center Operations and Planning – In Person

DPS - Headquarters- Waterbury

April 19-20, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Registration required via State Learning

Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>



Welcome New VEM Planning Staff

Kasey Delgado

Kasey Delgado joined VEM in September of 2021 as an Emergency Management Planner I. She received a B.S from Florida State University and an MSc from the University of Edinburgh in Sociology and Global Change. Her previous experience includes interning at the Division of Emergency Management in her home state of Florida.



Sean Farrell

Sean Farrell joined VEM in September of 2021 as an Emergency Management Planner. Sean is part of the team that is responsible for state emergency management planning and federal grant administration. Sean serves an emergency management non-commissioned officer with the USAF Reserve where he has experience in EOC operations, planning, training, exercise administration, and hazardous materials response. Prior to joining VEM, Sean retired from his career in the financial services industry as an accounting and compliance professional. Sean received a B.S. in Accounting from Rutgers, the State University of NJ.



Liz Rowell

Liz Rowell joined VEM in September of 2021 as an Emergency Management Planner II. Prior to VEM, Liz comes from the Vermont Department of Health as an Emergency Preparedness Specialist in the Burlington District Office. Liz also has clinical experience as a Paramedic serving both rural and urban counties in South Carolina. She has a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from the University of South Carolina and is currently finishing her Masters of Public Health from the University of Vermont.

