



\$36 Million Available For Hazard Mitigation

Vermont communities have access to more than \$36 million in state and federal Hazard Mitigation grants. These funds are earmarked for projects that will help protect life and property from future floods in Vermont.

Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF)

The Vermont Legislature has allocated an additional \$15 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to reduce future public safety and water quality impacts of flood hazards in Vermont. The program focuses on voluntary buyouts of flood-vulnerable properties and natural resource projects. This program prioritizes projects that are not eligible for FEMA funding.

Next Funding Rounds: Friday, October 28, 2022, and Friday, March 31, 2023.

State Hazard Mitigation Program Match: \$8 million was allocated by the Vermont Legislature in FY23 (pending the Governor's signature) to provide State match for FEMA funds to purchase properties identified for high flood risk.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Vermont will receive just over \$11 million in federal HMGP funds, this funding is tied to the COVID-19 federal disaster declaration. By statute, states receive HMGP funds equal to a percentage of costs incurred under a federal Public Assistance disaster.

State application deadline on June 30, 2022, deadline to FEMA August 5, 2022 (VEM has requested an extension from FEMA and anticipates a new State deadline of September 30, 2022.)

Eligible projects include property buyouts with flood or landslide risk; culvert or bridge upsizing; road relocation or elevation; floodproofing of non-residential structures; property elevations; planning activities; and generators for critical facilities.

A Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) is a requirement for most construction projects, although typically not for buyouts. VEM has hired a contractor to assist communities with BCAs in this round of funding.

A second, smaller HMGP round will be close \$1 million. State deadline: Friday, August 26, 2022. All projects under this funding round will have a 90% federal share instead of the standard 75% federal share.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

The BRIC 2022 set-aside will be at least \$1.5 million for planning and scoping work, e.g. to complete an alternatives analysis for a problem location, develop design plans for a preferred alternative, and develop a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA).

Next Funding Round: exact dates will be established when FEMA releases the notice of funding (typically in August) but anticipated mid-December State deadline.

For more information visit:

<https://vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation>.

Statewide Highway Flood Vulnerability and Risk Map

A Statewide Highway Flood Vulnerability and Risk Map has been completed to cover the entire state of Vermont and ready to use for hazard mitigation planning. The site includes important description of the methodology for determining flood vulnerable road segments and structures.

The map was piloted through a subgrant under the 2018 Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Plan in three Vermont watersheds. The map is an important tool for planners and local officials to identify road segments, bridges, and culverts that are vulnerable to the impacts of flood events, including inundation, erosion, and deposition. The mapping tool will help communities identify and prioritize sites in need of hazard mitigation to prevent costly and dangerous damages during flood events.

This is an invaluable tool and should be consulted for new and updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Contact State Hazard Mitigation Officer Stephanie Smith at stephanie.a.smith@vermont.gov for more information.

The map sites can be found through a link at: <http://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

2022 Atlantic Hurricane Outlook

Forecasters at the National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center are predicting above-average hurricane activity this year – which would make it the seventh consecutive above-average hurricane season.

The outlook for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

Fourteen to 21 named storms are (winds of 39 mph or higher) are predicted for the 2022 hurricane season, of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). The forecast provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. The names are:

2022 Atlantic Hurricane Names

Alex	Hermine	Owen
Bonnie	Ian	Paula
Colin	Julia	Richard
Danielle	Karl	Shary
Earl	Lisa	Tobias
Fiona	Martin	Virginie
Gaston	Nicole	Walter

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

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>

June 2022

ICS- 100 Prep- Introduction to Incident Command- In Person

University of Vermont Campus- Burlington

June 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

University of Vermont Campus- Burlington

June 15-16 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-100

MGT-324 Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery- In Person

St. Michael's College- Colchester

June 15- 16, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course- Virtual

June 21- 22, 2022, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Effective Facilitation- In Person

Agency of Human Services Central Office- Waterbury, VT

June 28-30, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A laptop is required to take this training

July 2022

SEOC Orientation- In Person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury

July 13, 2022, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100

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

September 2022

ICS 300- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – In Person

Hartford Fire Station- White River Jct, VT

September 27-29, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: ICS-200

October 2022

MGT 417: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers- In Person

Londonderry Rescue Squad, Londonderry, VT

October 4, 2022 8:00am- 4:00pm & October 5, 2022, 8:00am- 3:30pm

<https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person

Castleton Fire Station, Castleton, VT

October 11, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – In Person

Springfield Fire Station- Springfield, VT

October 25-26, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-300

Day of Learning—2022 Preparedness Conference

Vermont Emergency Management’s 2022 Day of Learning is in the books. The event at Lake Morey Resort on May 26th included 160 participants, 47 were virtual while 113 attended in person.

Twenty sessions were held in a variety of formats, including two multi hour courses, in person 45-minute sessions, and hybrid virtual sessions that were available on-line, and on-site for attendees at Lake Morey.

The virtual sessions were recorded and are available on the Vermont Emergency Management YouTube channel linked at <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>.

These include:

- “School Safety: A year in Review”
- “Everything You Need to Know About Training”
- “National Priority Areas and Homeland Security Grant Funding”
- “The Fire Service and Emergency Management working together for Community Risk Reduction”
- “Don’t Fear the Media Call”
- “Unmasking the Digital Violent Extremism Threat”

Please join us at the Killington Grand Resort on September 20 & 21, 2022 for our Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference. More details will be available this summer.

