

ACRPC

update

October 2017

2017 Local Implementation Grant Programs

The Lake Champlain Basin Program, in cooperation with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, is pleased to announce the 2017 Local Implementation Grant programs, including the following groups of grants:

Grant Applications due November 15th, 2017

- Education and Outreach Grants (up to \$10,000 per award)
- Organizational Support Grants (up to \$4,000 per award)

- Pollution Prevention & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Grants (up to \$25,000 per award)
- Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention Grants (up to \$15,000 per award)
- Community Resilience Grants (up to \$20,000 per award),

Grant Applications due November 20th, 2017

- CVNHP Local Heritage Grants (up to \$2,500 for local or \$5,000 per award for regional projects)
- CVNHP Making of Nations Grants (up to \$5,000 per award)

Commission Calendar

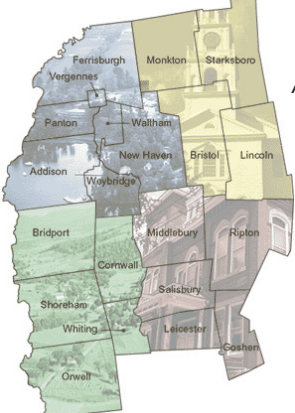
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11	7:00pm	Full Commission Meeting
18	7:00pm	TAC Meeting
19	7:00pm	ACSWMD Meeting
25	6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.

The LCBP anticipates awarding more than 50 grants, reflecting over \$500,000 to support local community involvement in the implementation of the comprehensive management plan Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin (plan.lcbp.org). Funds to support these awards are anticipated from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and the US Environmental Protection Agency through agreements with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

Grant Guidelines are available in the grants section on the LCBP website at <http://www.lcbp.org/grants> with more information about how the grant program works, to help you prepare a competitive application. Application Forms are provided in Microsoft Word format. Please review all of the materials provided within the Grant Guidelines carefully before beginning your application. Organizations with existing LCBP-funded projects are eligible to apply for new funding only if all project deliverables and obligations under the existing and past awards are fully up-to-date and the projects are in good standing. All grant proposals



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Funding Opportunities & Workshops

that have a fieldwork component must provide some assurance that appropriate invasive species spread prevention measures will be included in the project design. Please follow the grant application instructions carefully.

Applicants are encouraged to contact LCBP staff for assistance prior to the preparation of project proposals. LCBP staff do not make award decisions and can assist applicants in interpretation of the RFP instructions and guidelines. All completed applications must be received electronically at grants@lcbp.org by the appropriate deadline indicated in the associated RFP. Paper copies of proposals will not be accepted. Award notifications should be expected by January, 2018.

If you would like to receive a printed or email version of this RFP, or if you would prefer not to receive these notices from the LCBP, please contact us at 802-372-3213 or at grants@lcbp.org.

2018 VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Program Officially Announced

The FY 2018 Transportation Alternatives Program has been officially opened and will be providing funding to municipalities in order to assist in their efforts of improving the quality of state waters.

Grants funded through this program must have a transportation link. The enabling legislation that determines eligibility follows: “Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.”

The program will have \$2.2 million available to award, and federal funding will have a cap of \$300,000 per project with a 20% local match required. Informational workshops will also be provided to the public as webinars, and attendees may log on to vtrans.webex.com to fully understand the require-

ments associated with federal-aid projects. No password or pre-registration is required. Two sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Session 1: October 5th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session 2: October 10th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Applications must be received on or before November 22nd, 2017. More information regarding the program, eligibility, or application is available here: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt>.

If you have any questions, require application assistance, or wish to explore eligible projects with ACRPC staff, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki Boudah (nboudah@acrpc.org) or Josh Donabedian (jdonabed@acrpc.org). You may also contact Scott Robertson at VTrans with any questions or for additional information at (802) 828-5799 or by email at scott.robertson@vermont.gov.

Rivers and Roads Training Program

The Rivers and Roads Training Program targets a wide range of state, municipal and private sector transportation staff from general maintenance workers and equipment operators to Select Board members and design and construction oversight engineers. The free workshops are open forums for participants to share their experiences in flood recovery and discuss what worked well and what didn't in reconstruction efforts.

Participants will better understand physical river and floodplain processes and be better equipped to design and implement maintenance and repair projects that will enhance the stability of the adjacent river, increase infrastructure longevity, and minimize impacts to aquatic habitats.

Funding Opportunities & Workshops

The next workshop held by VT Local Roads will take place October 18-19, 2017 (Starksboro Town Garage). These trainings are open to municipal road crew staff, VTTrans staff, RPC, and those working directly with a town road crew (such as a conservation district).

To register, visit www.localroads.vermont.gov.

Lake Champlain Basin Program Seeks Pre-Proposals to Fund Technical Projects

The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), in conjunction with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) is pleased to announce a Request for Technical Pre-Proposals for services to further the goals and objectives of the Lake Champlain management plan Opportunities for Action. The total request for each project may range from \$25,000 to \$300,000 for projects anticipated to begin in early 2019.

Through this request, the LCBP seeks pre-proposals for projects that address strategies outlined in Opportunities for Action. The LCBP is particularly interested in funding projects that address the following priorities:

1. Innovative pilot or demonstration projects that reduce nutrient loading to Lake Champlain
2. Research or implementation projects that use existing, LCBP-funded or other publicly available datasets to create outputs leading to improved water quality in the Lake Champlain Basin
3. Projects that improve diversity of native aquatic and riparian species in the Lake Champlain Basin
4. Projects that research or control sources of contaminants in the Lake Champlain Basin

“The aim of this new inclusive process is to invite a wide range of innovative and effective projects that will address the complex challenges facing the Lake Champlain Basin,” said Dr. Eric Howe, LCBP Program Director. “We anticipate awarding funds to complete multiple projects.”

This Request for Technical Pre-Proposals is a new process for identifying technical projects for consideration in the next LCBP budget. Applicants will be required to submit a two-page conceptual pre-proposal. After an independent evaluation, a subset of pre-proposal applicants will be invited to submit a ten-page full proposal this winter. Grant award recipients will be selected from the pool of full proposals, and will be notified of their anticipated award in late spring 2018.

Pre-Proposals are due to the LCBP by electronic submission on November 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

To view the Request for Proposals, visit here: <http://www.lcbp.org/about-us/grants-rfps/request-for-proposals-rfps/>.

For more information, contact Matthew Vaughan, LCBP Technical Coordinator, at (802) 372-3213. It is anticipated that these projects will be supported with funds awarded to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in support of the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

Opportunities for Action is available on the LCBP website at plan.lcbp.org. Further information about the Request for Technical Pre-Proposals is available at www.lcbp.org/grants. To receive a paper copy via U.S. Postal Service, contact the Lake Champlain Basin Program office at (802) 372-3213 or toll free in New York and Vermont at (800) 468-5227.

Events & Other News

VCDA Fall Conference: Changing Face of Retail in Vermont's Downtowns

Vermont's retail landscape is a critical building block for downtown economic development. It is also evolving along with our downtowns, shopping habits, and regulatory climate.

Join VCDA and VRGA on November 2 at the Vergennes Opera House to:

- Hear from a panel of downtown retail establishments and organizations on their perspective and experience navigating changes, challenges, and opportunity in the retail landscape
- Hear success stories from retail establishments across the state around successful marketing, collaboration, growth, expansion, and transition over time.
- Engage in deep dive discussion to capture key challenges, opportunities, and action/strategy for the work ahead to boost, support, diversify, and grow downtown retail throughout the state.
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Updated Mobile Home Park Guidance

Have you checked out the Planning for Housing Resources on DHCD's website lately? If not, you are encouraged to do so here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/housing/planning>.

The Department of Housing and Community Development recently updated its Mobile Home Park Guidance for Municipalities, which is a resource for your town planners when dealing with pre-existing mobile home parks or proposed new developments, and explains why free-standing "trailer park ordinances" are no longer allowed under State law. To download the PDF of the updated guidance directly, visit here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/DHCD%20Mobile%20Home%20Park%20Guidance.pdf>.

ACRPC Welcomes AmeriCorps Service Member Nikki Boudah

Joining the ACRPC team for the next 11 months is Nikki Boudah. Nikki was recently placed in our office through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's National Service program, ECO AmeriCorps. Nikki is a Middlebury native and recent undergraduate from the University of Vermont. While studying Environmental Science at UVM, Nikki became passionate about conserving and protecting Vermont's aquatic ecosystems. Through the ECO AmeriCorps program, Nikki will be serving our office and state as a Water Quality Planner. She will be assisting with various projects focused on hazard mitigation, as well as the protection and improvement of water quality in Addison County.





October
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6:30-9 pm

American Legion Post 27

49 Wilson Rd, Middlebury

Join us to help shape the future of Middlebury!! This session will build on ideas, challenges, and opportunities presented by residents at the Sept. 18 forums. Come to:

- ✓ Review Possible Action Items
- ✓ Discuss What's Most Important
- ✓ CHOOSE Community Priorities
- ✓ Line Up For Action

**Everyone is welcome.
Make sure your voice is heard!**



Vermont Council on Rural Development

The Greater Middlebury Climate Economy Initiative is a community-driven process with local leaders, the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), Green Mountain Power, and Efficiency Vermont to cultivate economic development, innovation, and affordability in the face of climate change. This event is produced by VCRD, a non-profit organization supporting the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. To learn more, visit us at <http://vtrural.org> or contact us at jon@vtrural.org or at 802-225-6393.