

ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

# GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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# To my fellow Vermonters:

From the day I learned Vermont would receive just over \$1 billion in federal aid to help recover from the pandemic, I've been committed to making sure we make the most of this historic level of funding.

My team and I knew this gave us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to solve long-standing challenges and put communities across the state on a path for recovery – setting course for a stronger economic future in every region.

To achieve these goals and tackle challenges like years of workforce declines and growing economic inequity from region to region, we've focused investments in the areas of economic development; housing; water, sewer, and wastewater infrastructure; climate change mitigation; and broadband.

We're prioritizing projects and initiatives that are tangible and timely, so Vermonters will see and feel the impact. With this focus, we can make transformative change for communities across the state – helping those towns and villages that have seen little or no growth for decades, restoring county economic centers, and revitalizing communities in all 14 counties.

I know every Vermont community is different, so “transformative” will mean something different in every region. Whether it's expanding a wastewater system to add housing and help businesses grow; installing broadband to support entrepreneurs, workers and students; reducing risk of climate change-induced flooding; or saving the town general store because it offers jobs, access to food and supplies and a place to gather – the priority is that these funds put communities in the best position to recover and thrive long into the future. This is how we'll see the most value from this unprecedented level of federal funding, benefitting Vermonters now and for generations to come.

As you'll see in this report, we're making progress investing these State Fiscal Recovery Funds, alongside billions more coming from the federal government and historic state budget surpluses, to make a difference for Vermont families and communities. You'll also see we have more to do to make sure these investments are truly transforming communities in every region, not just a few. And we must continue moving forward despite workforce challenges and inflationary and other economic pressures. I assure you we're committed to improving upon our work to meet these principles.

We've faced many challenges over the last few years, but Vermonters typically step up, prove our resiliency, and demonstrate compassion for our neighbors. With this spirit, and these historic investments, I have never been more optimistic about Vermont's future. And, I'm pleased to say, we are building toward that brighter future, together.

Sincerely,



Governor Phil Scott

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**Five years ago, I said, ‘when you are in a hole, stop digging.’ My friends, today I am happy to report we are out of that hole, and we are sitting on a pile of bricks, mortar, lumber, and steel.**

**So, let’s grab hold, and start building.**

Governor Phil Scott  
2022 State of the State Address

# Introduction

With the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021, Vermont was allocated approximately \$1.05 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) dollars. This offered an unprecedented opportunity to rebuild and strengthen our communities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the direction of Governor Phil Scott, Vermont is committed to leading the nation in navigating the path from pandemic management through to a full and transformative recovery. In the past year, our executive and legislative branches worked together to drive Vermont's recovery efforts and allocate all our SFRF funding toward historic investments throughout our state. These strategic investments are fundamental to building a stronger and more resilient foundation for Vermont's future.

## OUR ARPA VISION

The Governor's Vision for ARPA SFRF focuses on five strategic areas. The guiding principles for Vermont's recovery are to transparently invest in timely projects that produce transformative results and tangible impact in communities with the greatest needs.

**\$1.05 BILLION ALLOCATED — 58 PROGRAMS LAUNCHED**

**TRANSPARENT**

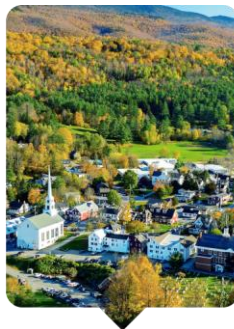
**TIMELY**

**TRANSFORMATIVE**

**TANGIBLE**



**Economic  
Development  
and Recovery**



**Housing**



**Water, Sewer,  
and Wastewater  
Infrastructure**



**Climate Change  
Mitigation  
Measures**



**Broadband  
Infrastructure**





At the onset of the pandemic, Vermont's focus on immediate COVID-19 response and relief was critical in maintaining among the lowest infection rates and the highest vaccination rates in the country. With earlier rounds of federal funding, we prioritized delivering a strong, swift public health response and helping communities weather the emergency.

As we've moved out of the emergency, our response has evolved to address emerging public health needs, like expanding mental health, suicide prevention, and substance abuse services. Moving forward, we are using our SFRF funds to invest in long-term recovery and deliver transformative change.

Investments in our five strategic areas will strengthen our economy, improve our affordability, boost our competitiveness, and contribute to a cleaner, safer Vermont.

#### ALLOCATION OF FUNDS:

Economic Development and Recovery

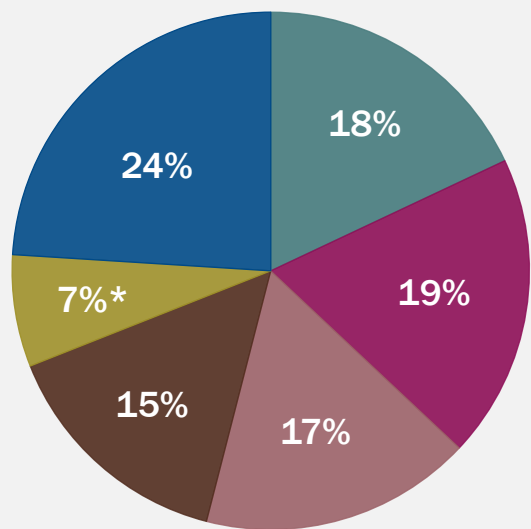
Housing

Water, Sewer, and Wastewater Infrastructure

Climate Change Mitigation Measures

Broadband Infrastructure

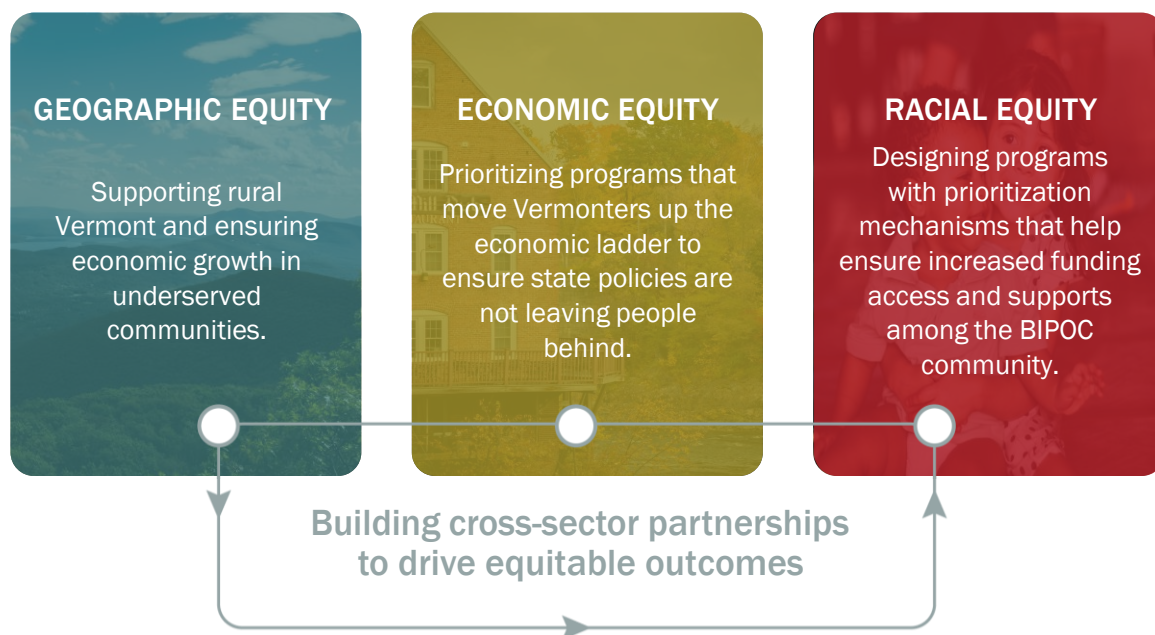
\*Administrative / Other



Governor Scott has made it a priority to invest SFRF funds in transformative projects that benefit all 14 counties in Vermont and ensure communities receive timely support to address our state’s most pressing needs.

One of Vermont’s primary objectives is that SFRF funds are used to advance projects that help build a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery. This is why we are working to focus on communities that have suffered the most job losses and economic decline, ensuring an equitable recovery that leaves no one behind.

To help ensure an equitable recovery, Vermont takes a multifaceted approach that considers:



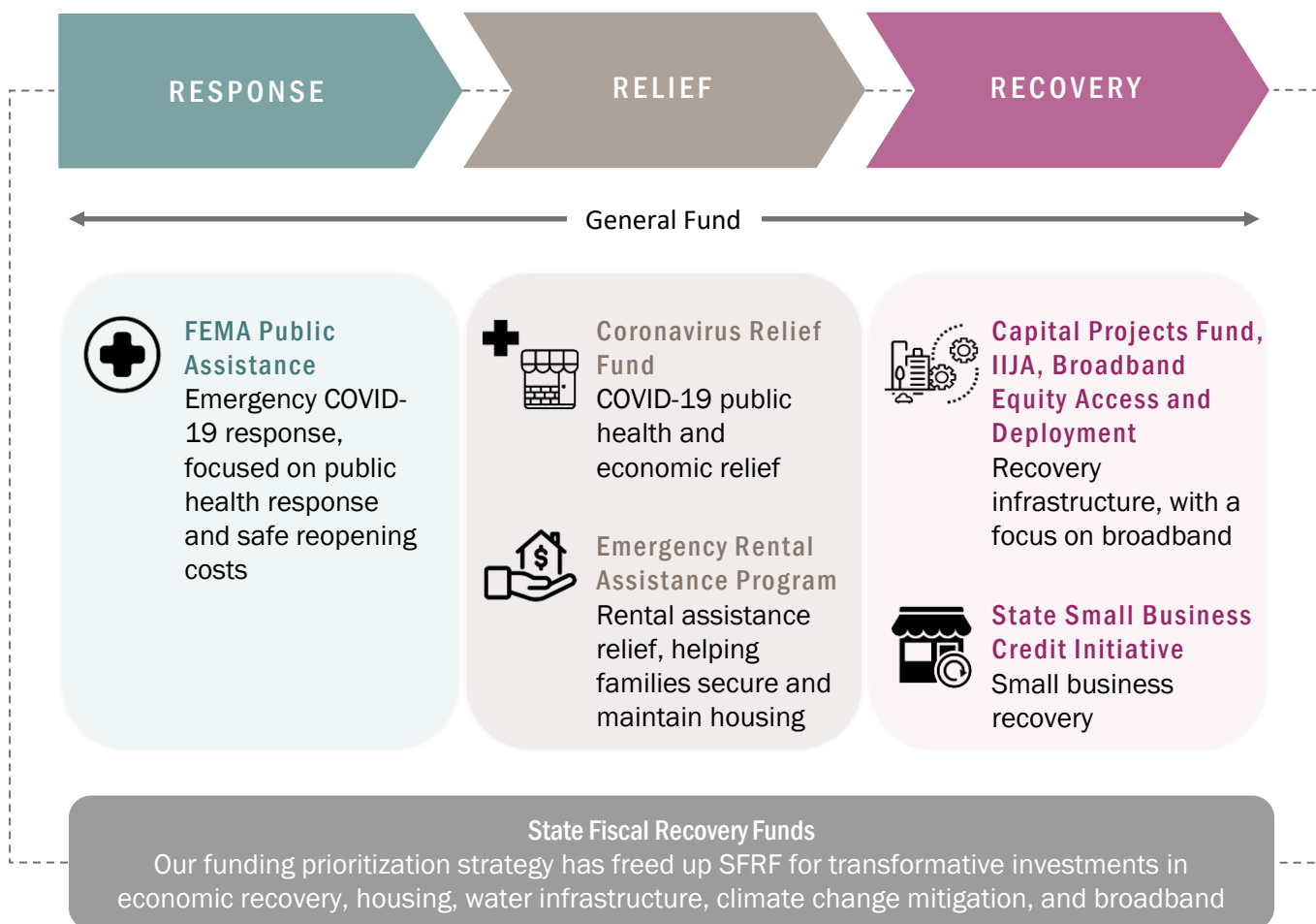
Executive cabinet members and leaders from the Administration have traveled throughout the state to meet with local businesses, municipal officials, and community members to better assess the needs of Vermont residents and identify ways to bring direct benefits to communities.

By connecting with organizations and individuals at all stages of a project, we are better equipped to ensure that SFRF funds are reaching all corners of the state. We have solicited both oral and written feedback directly from communities and leveraged partnerships with long-standing community organizations to ensure that our programs are thoughtfully designed and implemented.

For some of our infrastructure projects, we also implemented a municipal match component that further engrains our partnerships with communities and ensures that we are working together at the state and local level to achieve meaningful outcomes for Vermonters.

Importantly, we are integrating our SFRF investments within a broader strategy that both leverages and accelerates our other federally funded projects and our state project portfolio.

By understanding overlapping areas of eligibility and the unique, targeted uses of each fund, we are effectively navigating funding sources to maximize the impact of each dollar for the strongest possible recovery.



Vermont's success in responding to COVID-19 is a testament to Vermonters — people who watch out for their neighbors, care about their communities, and seek innovative solutions to the pressing challenges the pandemic has laid in our paths. We have a big job ahead of us, but together, we will use this unique opportunity to rebuild and come out of this pandemic stronger and more resilient than ever before.





# Economic Development and Recovery

Vermont's approach toward economic development and recovery is based on a holistic understanding that recovery is only possible with strategic investments that support businesses, incentivize growth, train and recruit our workforce, and revitalize communities that have been hard hit by the pandemic.

We have launched a variety of **SFRF PROGRAMS** that support this strategic area including:



**RECOVERY GRANTS** to support impacted industries, small businesses, and microbusinesses.



**CAPITAL INVESTMENTS** that incentivize business expansion and stabilize communities.



**COORDINATED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** programs addressing gaps in education, upskilling Vermont's workforce and providing career supports.

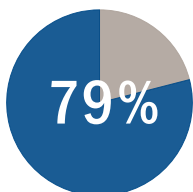
Photos courtesy of the State of Vermont and ThinkVermont

To directly support critical Vermont industries and businesses in their pandemic recovery, we funded a range of business assistance programs.

**Economic Micro-Business Recovery Assistance for the COVID-19 Epidemic (Embrace) Program:**

**418**  
**MICRO-BUSINESSES SERVED**

Provides counseling, training, and financial assistance to low-to-moderate income microbusiness owners that have struggled through the pandemic.

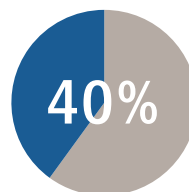


of micro-businesses served are disadvantaged or women- or minority-owned.

**Economic Recovery Bridge Program:**

**113**  
**SMALL BUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS SERVED**

Provides financial assistance to impacted small businesses, nonprofits and industries that have faced pandemic-related losses.



of small businesses and non-profits served are disadvantaged or women- or minority-owned.

Recognizing Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting as an impacted Vermont industry, we also invested SFRF to support our farmers in recovering from the pandemic.

## Promoting Racial Equity

To help ensure equitable funding opportunities that prioritize assistance to Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, which have historically been marginalized and therefore had less access to such assistance and opportunities, Vermont plans to implement programs that prioritize applications from BIPOC business owners and households, in addition to funding projects that are solely dedicated to serving the BIPOC community.



Early application access



Business owner supports



Language access and wraparound services



Partnerships with trusted community organizations

**FUNDING SUPPORT** to BIPOC business owners with business coaching, training, networking opportunities, paid internships, and other career supports.

## Transformative Capital Investments

We also allocated SFRF for transformative capital investments intended to support business expansion and growth.



The [Capital Investment Grant Program](#) and [Community Recovery and Revitalization Program](#) both aim to support small businesses, nonprofits, and heavily impacted industries with one-time capital investments that can help accelerate business recovery. Both programs will also serve communities in Qualified Census Tracts, given the disproportionate struggles they have faced recovering from the pandemic.



## Workforce Development Investments

Investing in Vermont's workforce is critical to strengthening our economy and building a stronger future for Vermonters. To reverse our workforce shortage, we deployed a significant share of SFRF to fund comprehensive workforce development projects that equip Vermonters to secure better career opportunities across the state.

### Workforce Upskill Programs:



In partnership with the Vermont State Colleges (VSC) and University of Vermont (UVM), we launched programs that supported students in receiving the necessary education, training, and/or certifications to fill shortages in state occupations that are essential to our pandemic response and recovery, such as healthcare and early childhood education.

**2,682**  
PARTICIPANTS

received scholarship  
assistance through  
UVM and VSC.



The University of Vermont

### Adult Learner Supports:



We granted VSC additional funding to launch a program that specifically targeted adult learners to help ensure that they received the needed supports to continue their education and become well-positioned for the job market.

### Workforce Development Package:



The Legislature and Governor worked to pass and enact Act 183 of 2022, investing further in a comprehensive workforce development package. This is focused on addressing Vermont's workforce shortages in critical sectors and providing training and upskill opportunities that can help Vermonters advance their careers and earn higher wages.



Photo courtesy of VSC



# Housing

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated housing challenges for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. Roughly two thousand households are still living in temporary housing and homeless shelters, with the cost of both rentals and homeownership becoming increasingly difficult for Vermonters of all income levels. In this environment, it is especially difficult for low- and moderate-income Vermonters to compete for scarce housing resources. Several factors, including an aged housing stock, a lack of affordable housing, and decades of insufficient production of new units, have contributed to an already dire housing situation, made worse by the development pressures created by the pandemic.



**In the past year, we used SFRF to make the greatest housing investment in the history of Vermont.**

## Our housing programs are focused on:

- Increasing emergency shelter capacity
- Expanding affordable housing and developing permanent supportive housing
- Supporting private owners of vacant properties in housing repairs and rehabilitation to bring safe, affordable units back online
- Investing to spur development of “missing middle” housing for middle-income homebuyers to expand affordable homeownership, which will increase availability of units down market

**3,900+**  
UNITS

estimated to be brought  
to market by 2026.

**\$159M+**  
COMMITTED

to various housing  
initiatives using SFRF.



**ZEPHYR PLACE:**  
Converted motel,  
with services  
for individuals  
experiencing  
homelessness

**VISTA  
APARTMENTS:**  
Apartments leased  
to individuals  
experiencing  
homelessness and  
for transitional  
housing support



Photos courtesy of VHCB

“ These investments are critical to maintaining the physical and financial health of Vermont, reducing reliance on General Assistance Emergency Housing, and providing upward mobility for all.

– Governor Phil Scott, FY 2023 ARPA Proposal





## Program Spotlight: Vermont Housing Recovery Program

Vermont Housing  
and Conservation  
Board (VHCB)

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB)'s SFRF Housing Recovery response includes a number of coordinated initiatives that provide critical resources to reduce reliance on General Assistance Emergency Housing, while providing affordable and high-quality housing for impacted Vermonters.

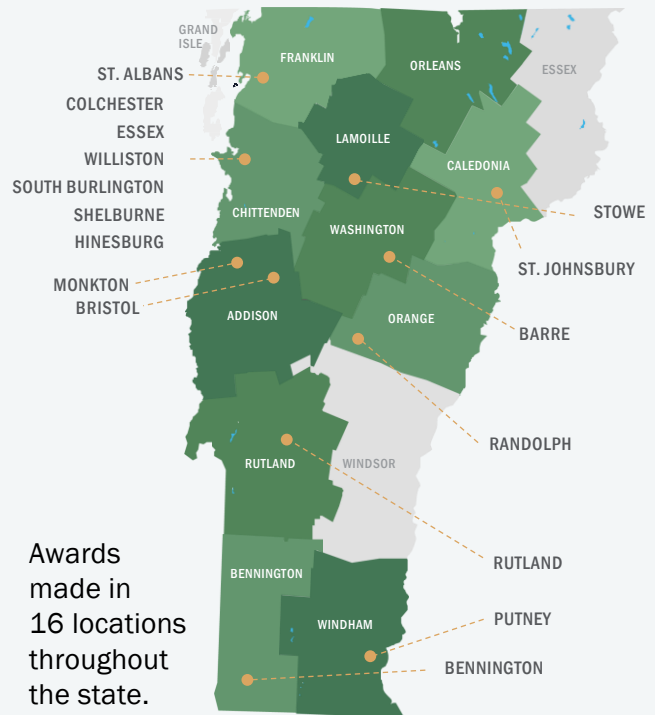
### The program focuses on expanding:

- Non-congregate emergency housing and transitional housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Multi-family rental housing serving households at or below 80 percent of AMI
- Permanent supportive housing to improve access to stable, affordable housing among individuals who are experiencing homelessness, including those exiting domestic violence
- Housing for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Perpetual Housing Subsidy Covenant for permanent affordability
- 15% units set aside for homeless families
- Plan demonstrating commitment to referrals, coordination, and partnerships with State and local housing authorities, social service providers, and developers

### HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM



### HOUSING RECOVERY WORKING GROUP

Ensures funded projects are well-coordinated and have adequate services and subsidies, in collaboration with housing authorities, social service providers, and developer partners on:

FUNDING

SUBSIDY

SERVICES

KEY  
HIGHLIGHTS:

**\$89M**  
COMMITTED

**744**

housing units and  
shelter beds created  
or preserved.

**344**

designated for households  
who have experienced  
homelessness.





# Water, Sewer, and Wastewater Infrastructure

The use of SFRF funds for water and sewer infrastructure is critical to address unmet needs and reduce future costs at the residential, site, and community level. It represents yet another investment that supports - and is critical to - public health, our environment, and our economy. Water and sewer infrastructure varies significantly around the state, with some residents served by municipal or regional water and sewer systems, and others served by private wells and septic systems. Further, severe weather events caused by climate change have given rise to flooding on a regular basis, requiring significant upgrades to stormwater systems.

We have invested funds to support clean water and drinking water projects. These funds will go toward technical assistance, grants, and contracted projects, and will be essential to protecting Vermonters, our environment, and the economy. Projects that are being implemented include:

## Sample Water, Sewer, and Wastewater Projects



Stormwater retrofit projects to manage stormwater runoff



Village wastewater facility projects to support rural communities in addressing local drinking and water quality issues



Household water and wastewater assistance projects to improve on-site water and wastewater solutions



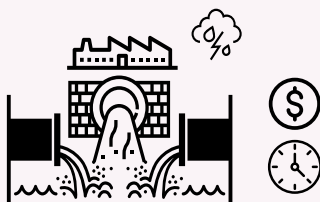
Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) abatement projects in municipalities with the highest incidence of sewer overflows



## Program Spotlight: Statewide Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination and Abatement

Agency of Natural Resources (ANR),  
Department of Environmental  
Conservation (DEC)

Certain wastewater treatment systems collect sewage and stormwater in the same system of collection pipes. This wastewater is sent to local wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs). When storms hit, the runoff from rain and snowmelt can overwhelm the combined system. To prevent sewage backups into households or onto roadways, some of the untreated wastewater is diverted into lakes and rivers via outfall pipes.



**CHALLENGE:** Combined sewer overflows (CSOs) from rain/snowmelt runoff. Abating overwhelmed CSOs is costly and time intensive.



**SOLUTION:** Funding and technical assistance to municipalities for projects that reduce overflow and refurbish water infrastructure.



**OUTCOME:** Reduced pollution, improved community resilience, and support for public access to streams and lakes.

### ANR IS DIRECTLY WORKING WITH:

- Municipalities and regional planning commissions
- Engineering consulting community
- Environmental and community stakeholders

ANR has awarded funding to four municipalities where the highest incidences of sewer overflows occur: **St. Johnsbury, Vergennes, Northfield, and Montpelier.**



### KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

Prioritization system to ensure areas with immediate need are funded first

SFRF part of larger, comprehensive financing package



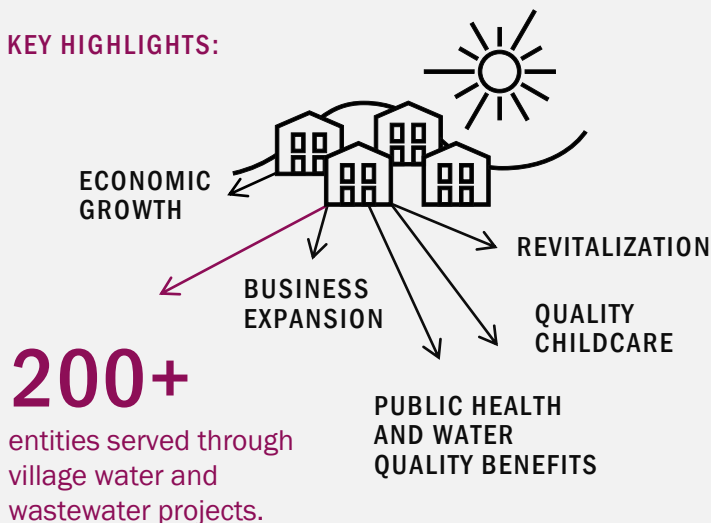
CSO Project  
in St.  
Johnsbury

## Promoting Geographic Equity

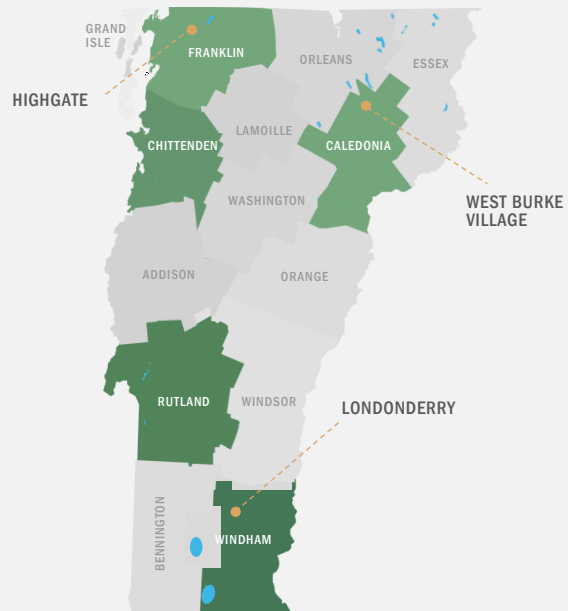
More than 200 Vermont villages lack community wastewater disposal systems and more than 100 Vermont villages do not have a public municipal water system. This lack of infrastructure hampers revitalization, limiting the community's ability to support quality childcare and other businesses and creating financial burdens for homeowners and businesses to address local drinking and surface water quality issues. While many communities have explored municipal water and wastewater solutions, most do not proceed with the projects because they are not affordable for residents. By investing SFRF in infrastructure that improves water and wastewater quality in rural communities, we can advance economic recovery in the small towns and rural areas that need it most.

The **Village Wastewater Program** is one of many strategic water infrastructure programs launched to fund water infrastructure projects in Vermont's villages, the heart of rural Vermont.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS:



### VILLAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS





## Program Spotlight: Healthy Homes On-site Program

Agency of Natural Resources (ANR),  
Department of Environmental  
Conservation (DEC)

**Clean drinking water and the safe disposal of wastewater are fundamental necessities for a healthy home.**

Yet replacing a failed wastewater system or a dry and/or contaminated well can cost tens of thousands of dollars. Many Vermonters cannot access the engineering services required to estimate the cost and design of a new system, let alone pay for the new system itself. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated costs to homeowners, including the cost of water and wastewater solutions. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) will use SFRF funds to provide technical and financial assistance to homeowners to alleviate pressures in remedying critical wastewater solutions and to ensure that all Vermonters have access to adequate wastewater systems and drinking water.

The program team met with community partners to understand the hurdles felt by low-income Vermonters and to gain an accurate sense of barriers to implementing wastewater solutions.



**1,200**  
APPLICANTS

**400** applications provided  
technical assistance and  
application support.

**100+** hours spent speaking with  
applicants to help them  
through the process.



### KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

Sliding scale for  
reimbursement based on  
income level.

Increasing access through:

- Application assistance
- Technical support

Governor Scott continues to prioritize water and sewer infrastructure for Vermonters. In the coming year, our investments will provide services to manage stormwater runoff, fund community water and decentralized wastewater projects, enhance pretreatment processes to address toxic waste, and assist in replacing on-site water and wastewater systems at risk of failure. These projects will be essential to maintaining high quality water systems in underserved areas throughout the state.



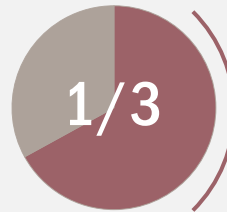


# Climate Change Mitigation Measures

Our SFRF funds present an unprecedented opportunity to invest in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and improving our resilience to a changing climate. Our climate change mitigation programs support communities with weatherization, affordable clean energy services, flood mitigation, and energy resilience initiatives. These investments are critical for driving our progress toward Vermont's carbon emissions reduction goals, while supporting the health, economic security, and affordability for Vermonters.

## Promoting Economic Equity

Low-income households have experienced disproportionate COVID-19 economic impacts and are also typically more vulnerable to environmental exposure. As part of our response to these environmental disparities, we have invested in weatherization programs that focus on historically underserved communities.



of Vermont greenhouse gas emissions are from building heating and cooling.



### SHORT-TERM BENEFITS

Reduce household energy costs and make households safer and comfortable

### LONG-TERM BENEFITS

Increase home energy-efficiency for years to come

### CLIMATE MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE



## HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program uses SFRF funding to weatherize multi- and single-family households with the greatest needs, that meet the following criteria:

**<30<sub>AMI</sub>**

Extremely low-income households.

**LIHEAP**

Households participating in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.



Households with an individual living with a disability.

The program leverages partnerships between state agencies, community-based agencies, and other entities to direct funding to affordable housing buildings and emergency housing shelters. Using a whole-home approach, the program supports households to ensure that home repair and asbestos insulation issues that would otherwise prevent weatherization are also addressed. Households are screened and referred to a variety of home health, human services, and energy programs to supplement this effort.





## CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION MEASURES—CONTINUED

Beyond our weatherization programs, we have invested SFRF in broader home rehabilitation initiatives that can help optimize energy efficiency and reduce cost for impacted families. These services include upgrading home electrical systems and installing energy-saving technologies for heating and cooling. To further mitigate the effects of climate change, Vermont has also implemented flood mitigation projects to diminish the number of flood-vulnerable parcels and eliminate flood hazards.

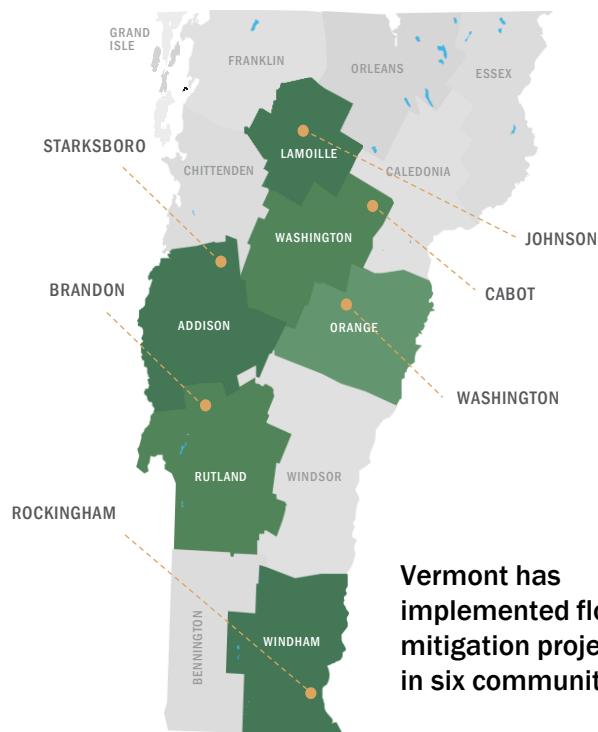
### FLOOD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES' FUND:

**60**  
ACRES

of land restored/ conserved  
through the Flood Resilient  
Communities Fund.

Bridge Abutment Removal  
on Hollow Brook | Starksboro

Given the importance of flood hazard mitigation in both addressing household-level impacts and improving climate resilience, we established the Flood Resilient Communities Fund last year to support communities with the greatest need by improving housing and landscape resilience and reducing impacts from climate-related floods on public safety and water quality.



Flood Hazard Mitigation Project,  
Rockingham Landslide



Native Riparian Tree Plantings with The  
Newton School, Strafford



## CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION MEASURES—CONTINUED

To further work toward our climate change mitigation goals, we invested in communities and municipalities throughout the state to help capture and share benefits of load control and management as well as to install back-up electricity storage. In the upcoming year, we will help municipalities convert to more efficient renewable or electric systems through assessments, technical assistance, and grants. We have also built on previous investments by investing more in Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure and to install public charging stations strategically throughout the state to encourage adoption of EVs. And our SFRF forestry programs improve air quality and reduce heat island effects in urban areas.



**BEFORE AND AFTER:**  
Brownfield site  
transformed into  
community gathering  
pavilion

195 Bay Street,  
St. Johnsbury

Our SFRF investments in climate change mitigation work in tandem with the climate resilience programs we fund using other sources. For example, our SFRF programs help accelerate our state-funded Brownfields Program, which aims to redevelop lands tainted by hazardous waste, pollutants, or contaminants. These properties are often vacant or underutilized and can have negative impacts on the health of our environment and our communities. Through our now-enabled Brownfields Program, we have supported redevelopment to mitigate greater environmental impacts and revitalize neighborhoods. These vital programs will together help us progress toward reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and building our resilience to the effects of climate change with the added benefit of supporting economic revitalization of our communities.



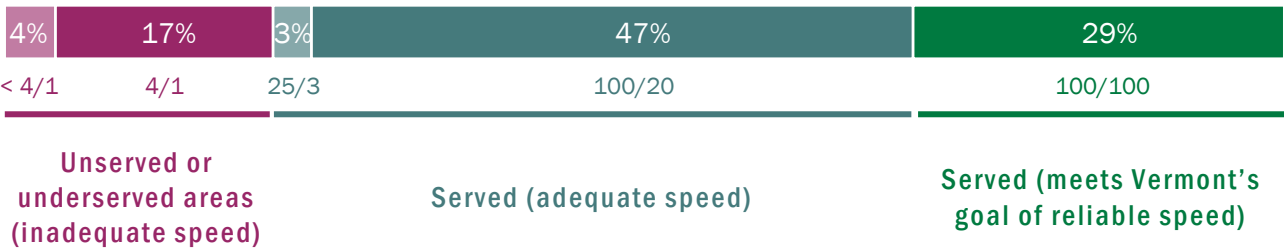
# Broadband Infrastructure



Universal access to reliable, high-speed internet is essential to growing Vermont’s economy and ensuring equitable access to jobs, business opportunities, and education. With our one-time SFRF dollars, we made the largest investment to date for broadband deployment. This historic investment will support and accelerate the state’s goal of achieving universal access to reliable, affordable broadband, expanding access to unserved and underserved households and businesses throughout the state.

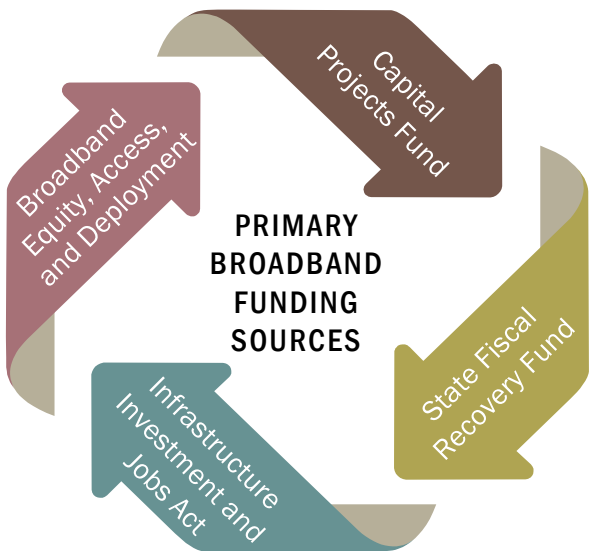
## Breakdown of Vermont Locations by Internet Speed Tiers (download/upload Mbps)

\*Funding targets unserved and underserved areas



**ONLY 29%** of state locations meet Vermont’s goal for reliable internet speed

**39%** of road segments in Vermont lack both fiber-optic technology and cable connections.



**\$152M** SFRF funds committed to achieve universal broadband



Photos courtesy of DVFiber



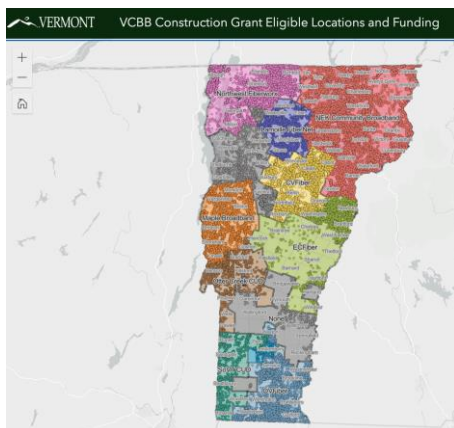


## BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONTINUED

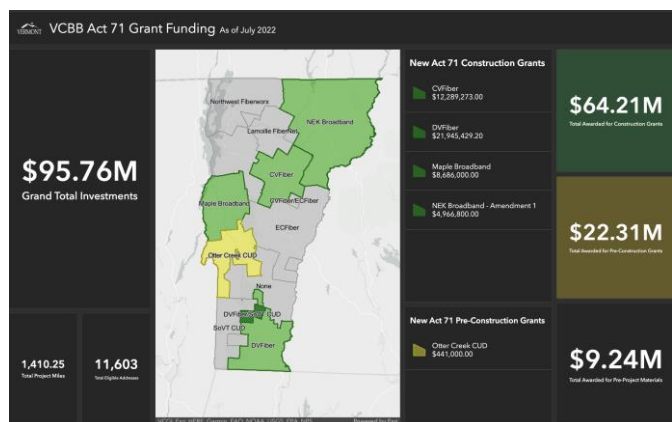
During the COVID-19 pandemic, with much of Vermont’s workforce and school-aged population working and learning from home, critical gaps in Vermont’s internet service and broadband coverage were highlighted, especially for rural Vermont families and businesses. The digital divide highly correlates with income, shedding light on the importance of affordable service. Our funding allocations aim to bridge that divide and provide affordable access to broadband. To this end, funded projects are required to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or otherwise provide access to a broad-based affordability program that provides commensurate benefits to low-income Vermonters.



**\$95M** grants awarded to cover pre-construction, constructions, and materials costs



[LINK: ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION GRANTS](#)



[LINK: BROADBAND FUNDING MAP BREAKDOWN](#)

Photos courtesy of DVFiber

## Promoting Geographic Equity

### COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT (CUD) MODEL:

To improve access to funds and implementation feasibility of large-scale broadband projects among small towns, Vermont has leveraged the **Communications Union District (CUD)** model.

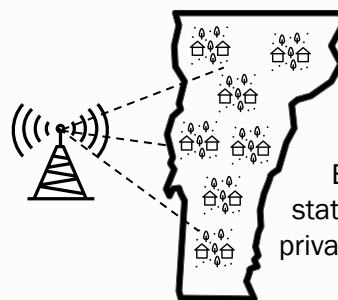
CUDs allow two or more Vermont towns to bond together as a municipal entity to build communications infrastructure together. They represent 91% of unserved locations in Vermont and are anchored in the interests of their individual member communities. Vermont's broadband projects rely on the CUD structure to ensure tangible connectivity outcomes across the state, especially for smaller Vermont towns and underserved areas, which would have faced significant barriers to implementing infrastructure projects of this nature as singular towns.

Through our partnership with the CUDs, we engage with community members across the state to ensure that broadband is implemented equitably and reaches underserved communities and smaller towns. This community-driven partnership model bolsters the statewide effort to achieve universal broadband and bridge the digital divide in underserved Vermont communities. The White House recognized Vermont's effort to advance equity through its broadband infrastructure projects in the [Advancing Equity through the American Rescue Plan](#) report.

**Vermont has partnered with 9 CUDs, tapping into 91% of unserved locations across the state.**



The Communications Union District (CUD) model connects two or more Vermont towns



Enabling a statewide public-private partnership



# 2022 Snapshot

## ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

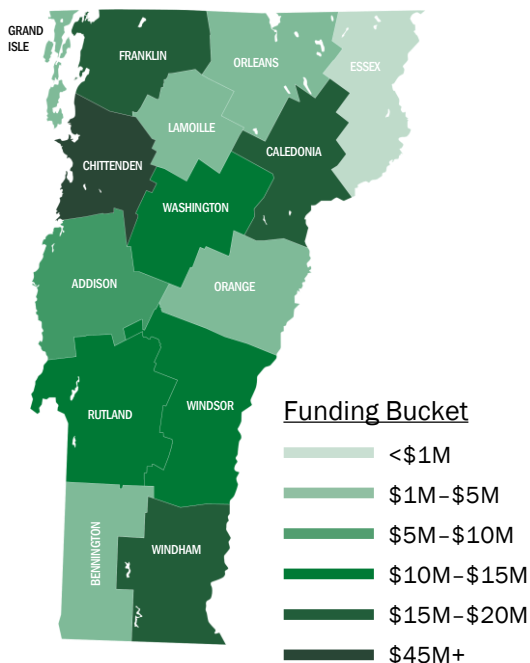
**\$1.05B SFRF FUNDS ALLOCATED\***

**150+ PROJECTS INITIATED**

Economic Development and Recovery	24%	39 projects initiated \$78.5M awarded
Housing	18%	18 projects initiated \$94M awarded
Water, Sewer and Wastewater Infrastructure	19%	43 projects initiated \$4.2M awarded
Climate Change Mitigation Measures	17%	37 projects initiated \$5.8M awarded
Broadband Infrastructure	15%	21 projects initiated \$95M awarded

\*Remaining amount appropriated for Administrative / Other activities.

## PLANNED CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:



Counties are listed in order of greatest need, based on declines in workforce, student enrollment, and grand list value. We are committed to better aligning these funds to this needs assessment.

County	Projects	SFRF Funding
Essex	1	\$60K
Windham	17	\$15.8M
Bennington	7	\$1.8M
Rutland	11	\$12.5M
Caledonia	12	\$19M
Windsor	8	\$11.4M
Addison	9	\$7.1M
Lamoille	7	\$4.5M
Orange	10	\$2.4M
Orleans	5	\$4.9M
Grand Isle	2	\$1.7M
Washington	20	\$10.6M
Franklin	13	\$16.2M
Chittenden	27	\$48.6M